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28th to 29th July
Silloth Kite Festival

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27th August
Free Pop Concert

6th to 9th September
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Skinburness Hotel



Good news, the Skinburness Hotel has been repossessed and has now been made secure prior to being put up for sale.

The Save Our Skinburness committee are still fighting the outline planning application, which is at

appeal. In addition, a member of Skinburness Residents Association sent a letter to Prince Charles through the Association. The Prince of Wales then consulted other bodies such as SAVE Britain's Heritage and has stated his concern about the

state of the Hotel and the development plans.

His Royal Highness states that he is fully in support of our campaign.

This landmark building has so very much going for it, we can only hope that it gets the owner it needs when it is finally sold.

Silloth Kite Festival

28th and 29th July 2007
12pm - 4pm
On Silloth Green

Kite Flying Displays

Kite Making and Circus Workshops
Parachuting Teddies and Sweet Drop
Live Entertainment

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For The Whole
Family

THE FLYIN RYAN

MOTORCYCLE STUNT SHOW

Supported by Silloth Festivals Ltd, Silloth Rotary Club and Silloth on Solway Community Shop

In Memory of Messer



A charity night was held in Silloth Social Club on 22nd June in memory of Messer. Messer was a long term visitor to Hylton Park and is remembered by many.

A total of £1,222 was raised and was split equally between Silloth

RNLI and the Army Cadets band. Nicola and Aiden presented the cheques to Mark Lease representing the Army Cadets and Derek Wilson on behalf of Silloth RNLI. A bench was also erected on Hylton Caravan Park in memory of Messer.



Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

The June Meeting began with a quiet moment in memory of Louie Rigby MBE, a long standing Member of Abbeytown WI as well as County Chairman from 1980-85 and was the last County President from 1989-90.

Audrey Harrison welcomed Eleanor Hodgson as a visitor and thanked Elsie Donald for the lovely flowers.

The visit to Grasmere was enjoyed by thirty members and friends. Congratulations were given to Isobel Hurst, Pam Taylor and Joyce Wilson, who came second in the County Bowling Competition held at Caldbeck.

The Abbeytown Road Run was a success again with our WI serving 165 teas. Gladys Temple, delegate to the A.G.M. at The Royal Albert Hall gave a report. The only resolution urges HM Government to stop the closure of Community hospitals. This was passed by 6461 for and 65 against.

Edith Knaption

was introduced to talk on Bead work. Edith opened a box, which was like an Aladdin's box of jewellery with beads of every colour made into ropes, necklaces and bracelets. Edith had also made an evening bag, a Father Christmas and a small round bag and a tassel. Each item was examined and wondered at the intricate colours, as no two were alike even from the same pattern. Edith then read two funny dialect stories and Elinor Roper thanked Edith for a very entertaining evening.

The competition for an evening bag was won by Elinor Roper, 2nd Audrey Harrison. The Flower Competition was won by Elsie Donald 2nd Margaret Moore.

The Raffle winners were Irene Irving and Elinor Roper.

Margery Dargie's Group organized the Card Bingo and as there was one prize left it was presented to Elsie Donald who had been a Member of Abbeytown W.I. for 65 years this month.

Free Pop Concert in Silloth

On Monday 27th August as part of Silloth Carnival the Carnival Committee with financial support from Silloth Festivals Ltd are holding Silloth's first ever free Pop Concert on Silloth Green.

Band playing from 1pm to 5pm will include SIDEWINDER, BRIGHTSIDE, RED SPIDER and others who have not yet been confirmed.

Race for Life



Dawn, Linda, Rachel & Carol from Silloth Spar competed in the 'Race For Life 2007' on 8th July. The girls

would like to thank all their sponsors for their generosity and help, they raised over £850 for Cancer Research UK.

Hair 4 U Zone

How to get the Spiral Waves look.

Scarlett Johansson often wears her hair in Spiral Waves and looks fab. To get this look you will need just below shoulder length hair, ideally with long lairs.

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Youngsters in Allerdale will again be able to take advantage of cheap entry to some of the borough's swimming pools during the summer holidays.

In a bid to get more children active and using the local swimming pools during the school holidays, Allerdale Borough Council has once again joined forces with its leisure contracts partner, Carlisle Leisure Ltd, to offer 10p entry to children at the council-owned pools in Workington and Cockermouth.

Pools at Wigton Netherhall and Maryport, are also participating in the scheme.

The 10p entry offer will run during the schools' summer holidays, starting on Monday 23 July and ending on Sunday 2 September. Children under the age of 16 can swim for just 10p during public sessions at the five pools.

Keswick Leisure Pool will not be participating in the scheme during the summer holidays due to the high volume of numbers expected. However Keswick Pool will be running 10p



swimming sessions on Monday evenings during term time, from 5pm to 7pm.

For opening times and other details, people are urged to contact the pools direct. Normal pool rules will apply and entry may be denied if the maximum bather loads are reached.

The pool numbers are: Workington 01900 61771, Cockermouth 01900 823596, Keswick 017687 72760, Wigton 016973 42412 and Ellenside, Netherhall 01900 812161.

Timetables are also available on the Allerdale Borough Council website: www.allerdale.gov.uk/leisure and follow the link to Allerdale Leisure Facilities.

Summer Playschemes

Barnardos Playschemes: There is no charge for these sessions, Parents who have not received a booking application form and would like their child to attend may obtain one by phoning Barnardos Wigton office 016973 49555.

Silloth School
2nd August 10-11.30am
8th August 1.30-3.00pm
15th August 1.30-3.00pm

16th August 10-11.30am
23rd August 10-11.30am

Dates and times for the Family Fun Sessions.

There is no need to book for these sessions just turn up on the day. These are free sessions where children ages 0 to 11 years are welcome to come with their mums, dads, grandparents and carers to, play games, do crafts, play in the sand and have fun together. A snack is provided for children and a drink for all adults.

Silloth School
1st August 1-3pm
22nd August 1-3pm

Parking Problems

A Plea On Behalf of the Disabled & Mothers with Prams report by G Wilkinson.

Please please would drivers within the town give consideration to the above groups of residents when parking on the streets at road junctions.

The Town Council are constantly requesting the Highways Authority to install dropped kerbs at junctions, only to find these crossing points constantly blocked by parked cars. We do not want to bring traffic wardens into the town, however I personally notice the offenders and constantly receive complaints.

My plea is please have a thought for those less fortunate than ourselves, just have a think when parking. One day you may have a mobility scooter and wish to cross at the designated crossing point only for it to be obstructed by a parked car.

A Trip Down Memory Lane



An interesting new item is now available at Silloth Lifeboat Station Shop which will be of great interest to local residents as well as visitors to our area.

Phil Watts of Skinburness owns a unique collection of postcards showing views of Silloth and Skinburness in former days. From them he has produced a DVD showing more than two hundred of these images with background music. Phil has produced a substantial stock of these DVD's and is generously

donating the entire proceeds from their sales to Silloth Lifeboat Station to aid crew training. The DVD costs £10.

These nostalgic images, including the pier and railway at Silloth, the pierrots at West Beach and many other fascinating views should bring back fond memories to older residents of the area as well as providing a superb memento for holiday visitors to take away with them. They will make an intriguing talking point for all.

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Mondays
Bingo – Silloth Social Club,
Waver Street @ 7:15pm
Domino Drive –
Recreation Hall, Eden Street
Playing Field @ 7:30pm

Tuesdays
Silloth Open Door Group,
Pop-In Lunch from 12–1pm @
St. Andrews Hall for donation
Bingo – Bowling Club,
Eden Street @ 7pm
Whist Drive –
Recreation Hall, Eden Street
Playing Field @ 2pm

Wednesdays
Coffee Morning –
Silloth Nursing Home @ 10am
Bingo – Silloth Social Club,
Waver Street @ 7:30pm

Thursdays
Market –
Criffel Street 10am to 4pm
Whist Drive –
Recreation Hall, Eden Street
Playing Field @ 7:30pm

Fridays
Bingo – R.A.F.A. Club @
7:30pm

Saturdays
Bingo – Silloth Social Club,
Waver Street @ 7:30pm
Music & Dancing –
R.A.F.A. Club, evening

Sundays
Market –
Criffel Street 10am to 4pm
Market & Car Boot –
Silloth Airfield 10am to 4pm
RNLI – Exercise @ 10am
Bingo – Bowling Club,
Eden Street @ 7pm

Silloth Library

Opening Hours:

Monday	2 p m – 6 p m
Tuesday	c l o s e d
Wednesday	11am–1:30pm 2:30pm–5pm
Thursday	11am–1:30pm 2:30pm–5pm
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This section is for your convenience,
so please, let us know what you want
included, also any changes to numbers.

**Do you have an event
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Silloth, Skinburness, if
so please let us know.**

Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	1pm-4pm
Wednesday	1pm-4pm
Thursday	1pm-4pm
Friday	1pm-4pm
Saturday	11am-4pm
Sunday	11am-4pm

Due to shortage of volunteers,
we may not always be open as
advertised.

Copy
Date



Dates for the Diary

July

20th Christ Church Mens
Choir Summer Concert @ 7pm
in Christ Church Hall

22nd Trinity Methodist
Church morning service closed
Circuit Service Wigton

24th Tea Dance in
Westnewton Village Hall
from 1:45pm to 3:45pm
contact Mary Pigg on 31553

26th Trinity Methodist
Church Sandwich Pop-In @
11:45am

29th Trinity Methodist
Church morning service @
10:30am, preacher Mrs D Hall

28th Kite Festival on
Silloth Green

29th Kite Festival on
Silloth Green

29th Trinity Methodist
Church morning service @
10:30am, preacher

August

2nd Pensioners Trip to
Morecambe, tickets £10

2nd Guided Birdwatching
Walk meet at Discovery Centre
at 11am

2nd Trinity Methodist
Church Sandwich Pop-In @
11:45am

4th Food Fair on Silloth
Green, enquiries to STAG

4th Christ Church
Vicarage Garden Party
from 2pm to 4pm

5th Trinity Methodist
Church morning service @
10:30am,
preacher Rev I Haywood

5th Food Fair on Silloth
Green, enquiries to STAG

2nd Guided Birdwatching
Walk meet at Discovery Centre
at 11am

9th Trinity Methodist
Church Sandwich Pop-In @
11:45am

9th St. Paul's Church
Afternoon Tea @ 2pm in
Christ Church Hall

Errors do occur in
Dates for the Diary
Please check before
attending an event

Silloth Tots & Toddlers

Silloth Tots & Toddlers
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and
Fridays: 9:30am to 11am

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refreshments
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Copy date for the
September issue

If your organisation has an
event to promote or you
have something to say,
please note that the next
copy date is:
7th August 2007

August continued

11th Crunch Service
Skinburness Road car park:
9am to 11am

12th Trinity Methodist
Church morning service @
10:30am, preacher Bill

16th Trinity Methodist
Church Sandwich Pop-In @
11:45am

19th Trinity Methodist
Church Sandwich Pop-In @
11:45am

23rd Guided Birdwatching
Walk meet at Discovery Centre
at 11am

23rd Skinburness
Residents Association meeting
in the Golf Hotel @ 8pm

24th Solfest

25th Solfest

26th Solfest

26th Trinity Methodist
Church morning service @
10:30am, preacher
Rev J Millard SAC

27th Silloth Carnival all
day with free Pop Concert on
Silloth Green from 1pm to 5pm

27th Charity Vintage
Ploughing Match at Mealo
Farm, Allonby @ 10am

30th Guided Birdwatching
Walk meet at Discovery Centre
at 11am

30th Trinity Methodist
Church Sandwich Pop-In @
11:45am

September

1st Silloth & District
Pensioners Coffee Morning in
the Recreation Hall @ 10am

2nd Guided Birdwatching
Walk meet at Discovery Centre
at 11am

2nd Trinity Methodist
Church morning service @
10:30am, preacher Rev Roberts

2nd Silloth Community
Craft Show in Silloth Social
Club from 11am to 4pm
Adults entry: 50p

6th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival on Silloth Green

September

7th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival on Silloth Green

8th RAFA Leek Club Show

8th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival on Silloth Green

9th Trinity Methodist
Church morning service @
10:30am,
preacher Mrs ME Millard

9th Mawbray Village Hall
Local food fayre plus
crafts & produce 10am–4pm

9th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival on Silloth Green with
Music Bus

10th Solway Coast
Neighbourhood Forum

13th Guided Birdwatching
Walk meet at Discovery Centre
at 11am

15th Crunch Service
Skinburness Road car park:
9am to 11am

15th Trinity Methodist
Church Harvest Festival
Weekend Concert by Seaton
Ladies Choir

16th Trinity Methodist
Church morning service @
10:30am, preacher
Miss Olive Cronies

20th Guided Birdwatching
Walk meet at Discovery Centre
at 11am

22nd Solway Plain Team
Churches Trail from 10am

23rd Trinity Methodist
Church morning service @
10:30am,
preacher Rev I Millard

27th Guided Birdwatching
Walk meet at Discovery Centre
at 11am

30th Trinity Methodist
Church morning service @
10:30am,
preacher Miss Betty Jigger

October

6th Silloth & District
Pensioners Coffee Morning in
the Recreation Hall @ 10am

20th Crunch Service
Skinburness Road car park:
9am to 11am

27th RNLI Fundraiser
Dance with Pie & Pea supper
70's & 80's music by The
Fogeys in the Golf Hotel

31st Brightest & Best
All Saints Children’s Party in
Christ Church Hall, including
fancy dress competition

November

3rd Silloth & District
Pensioners Pre-Christmas
Afternoon Tea in St. Andrews
Hall @ 2pm

17th Crunch Service
Skinburness Road car park:
9am to 11am

24th Silloth & District
Pensioners Annual Christmas
Party at Stanwix Park Holiday
Centre

25th Mawbray Village Hall
Christmas craft fayre plus
crafts & produce 10am–4pm

December

10th Solway Coast
Neighbourhood Forum

14th Christ Church Mens
Choir Christmas Concert

15th Crunch Service
Skinburness Road car park:
9am to 11am

January

19th Crunch Service
Skinburness Road car park:
9am to 11am

Anyone for Bird Watching
Guided bird watching walks on Thursdays throughout
August and September:
August 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th
September 2nd, 13th, 20th, 27th
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Embroidery could be
yours.



Masthead Bee Winner

This month the winner
is Abbie Williamson from
Holm Cultram Abbey
School with a bee called
“Ballerina Bees”.
Well done Abbie!

February

9th Crunch Service
Skinburness Road car park:
9am to 11am

March

15th Crunch Service
Skinburness Road car park:
9am to 11am

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Causewayhead WI

The June meeting of Causeway Head WI was held on the 13th.

President Mrs Pat Bell welcomed everyone and introduced the Speaker for the evening who was Mr Alan Norman. He gave a talk and demonstration on Oil Painting. His many anecdotes and demonstrations enthralled the members. He delighted the non-painters and inspired those who already paint. Mr Norman was thanked by Mrs Olga Hetherington.

The Business part of the meeting began with reading of the previous minutes, which were approved. The grant from the Neighbourhood Forum was acknowledged in the sum of £498 and we were pleased to report that the Public Address System was up and running. The members were delighted with the result.

The 80th Birthday Party was held on May 2nd and the theme of the Roaring Twenties was a huge success with visitors and members all dressing for the occasion. A Coffee Evening following the same theme was held on Friday 5th of May and as a result of this donations were made to the Northern Air Ambulance "Pride of Cumbria", Silloth Life Boat Station and funds

were also raised for bulbs and plants for the Heritage Centre garden which is looked after by Causeway Head WI.

Final arrangements were made for the outing to Floors Castle on June 30th.

The County News was read by the President, and various matters were discussed.

Mrs Olga Hetherington reported on her visit to the National Conference on 6th June at the Royal Albert Hall. The National Conference voted on the motion that "the WI urges Her Majesty's Government to cease the closure of Community Hospitals". The motion was carried virtually unanimously. She gave details of the various speakers for the day. The predominant theme being "reducing the Carbon footprint". Two special motions were passed unanimously concerning Sanitary protection for girls and women in Zimbabwe and Closure of Rural Post Offices. Letters are to be sent to the Government asking for action on the matter.

The Competition results were; Best Jam and Preserve Label: 1. J. Wilson, 2. F. Jackson Flower Comp: 1. J. Vorley, 2. A. Harrison Grocery Parcels: 1. D. Ross,

Arthritis Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

Chair Edna Marper welcomed everyone to the July Meeting and gave apologies from Anne Graham and Christine Smithson. She also welcomed a new member, Mr. Michael Riseley. Paul Gibson, a rheumatology nurse from North Cumbria Health Authority, was our Speaker for the afternoon. Paul is one of four nurses covering Cumberland Infirmary and West Cumberland Hospital. He has been a nurse for 19 years and has been in Cumbria for 6 years. The population covered by the Clinic is approximately 300,000 and of these 1,500 to 2,000 are affected by one of the 200 different types of arthritis bad enough to be referred for help. 70% of people over 70 years of age are affected by arthritis but only about 10% of these are badly affected enough to need specialist help however 1/3rd of days off work are caused by some form of bone pain. Part of Paul's job is to try and educate sufferers to keep as active as possible, to use pain

relief effectively and how to protect joints from damage, coping with pain and advice on attachments in the home to keep independence. The sooner patients are referred to the clinic the easier it is to help them before the damage is worse. He gave advice about various 'cures', which are available, and as there are so many different types of arthritis so one thing, which helps one sufferer, will not be suitable for another. Research is ongoing and it is hoped that a programme being looked into now will help to regenerate joints within the next 5-10 years and stem cell technology may help in the future. Gladys Temple thanked Paul for a very informative and helpful talk. Mary Harrison and Gladys Temple served refreshments and Norma Jamieson won the raffle. Everyone then settled down to listen to a relaxation tape. Residents of Loveday House were thanked for the use of their sitting room. The next meeting on 3rd August is an outing to Gretna Gateway and Blacksmiths Shop.

The Queen Bee by Ayesha Wise aged 8 from Holme St. Cuthbert School

Fined for Illegal Taxi

A brother and sister from Wigton have been prosecuted by Allerdale Borough Council for running an illegal taxi.

Carlisle Magistrates Court heard how Craig Thomason, 36, of Station Road, the proprietor of Thomason Travel of Wigton, was licensed to operate passenger carrying vehicles (PCV). However the removal of four seats in one of the minibuses meant that the vehicle was classed as a private hire vehicle. Mr Thomason was not licensed to operate private hire vehicles.

Mr Thomason's sister, Deborah Thomason, 44,

was witnessed driving the vehicle on three occasions. She admitted to Allerdale Borough Council officers to driving an unlicensed vehicle as a taxi on a Cumbria County Council contract and that she did not hold a private hire vehicle licence.

Mr and Ms Thomason both pleaded guilty to various offences in connection with the operation and driving of unlicensed vehicles. Mr Thomason was fined £1100 and ordered to pay £100 costs. Miss Thomason was fined £450 and ordered to pay £100 costs.

Prize Bingo Raises £121

Tots N Toddlers would like to thank local business for their support in our prize bingo, which raised £121.

Big thank you to the Golf Hotel, Huntsman, The Albion, Forget me Nots Flowers, Silloth Café, Winters, Essentials, Hendersons Heating,

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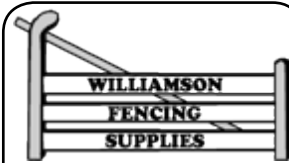
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Sarah Fee, Money Wise Project Co-ordinator, said:

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Music Bus

The Music Bus will be on the Green on Sunday 9th September supporting Silloth Music & Beer Festival.

It will be open from 12noon to 2pm for drumming, singing and song, games and music workshops. From 2pm to 5pm four bands will be playing live on the bus.

Inside the marquee the family day will be better than ever, kids entry is just £1, there are several live bands and a Karaoke competition with a first prize of £300.

Annual Sailors Service



There was a good turnout for the annual sailors service at Silloth Lifeboat Station

Solway Autograss

Sunday 24th June 2007 saw a day like so many in Cumbria lately, wet, miserable and cold. That was unless you were at Hay Close Farm in Calthwaite near Penrith where spirits were lifted by the grins of the grassers that were racing around the track for their fourth meeting.

This was a real tester day as in the past visiting drivers had a reason to come, firstly to see the new track and see what it was like and then to gain points for

the national qualifying rounds, but not this time. People were coming for fun, because they wanted to, because they like Solways new track.

All the classes had trouble free first heats it was the second heats that provided the entertainment today.

The finals were spectacular to watch with the class 1 final seeing SL22 Gavin Marks from Carlisle gain a good lead in



this race although this could've all gone to waste as he was given a green flag for driving over the cones, thankfully Gavin

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Holme St. Cuthbert's Sports Day

Saturday 30th June – it poured down! We had to hold our annual sports day in the church hall – maybe we should hold it in November!

Our competition this year was a decorated plastic bottle, kindly judged by Josephine and Malcolm Best - not an easy job as we had a good number of entries. Prizes awarded as follows:

Pre-School

1. Katie Irving
2. Matthew Irving
3. Toby McAvoy

Infant

1. Grace Wedgwood
2. Sophie Connolly
3. Lloyd Wise

Junior

1. Rowan Pierce
2. Amy Armstrong
3. Stacey Strick

Secondary

1. Laura Armstrong

16+

1. Rosie de Mello
2. Beckie Molyneux

After the ice-cream cornets had been eaten we attempted a few games in the hall, musical statues, egg and spoon (bat and bean



bag), potato race (bean bag), obstacle race (all sorts) rounded off with pass the parcel! Once again the competitors adapted to the unusual sports and everyone seemed to have a good time.

After tea (provided by the committee) Mrs Best presented the prizes to the winners of the decorated bottle competition, the winners of the 'guess the teddy's name competition' were presented with their teddy's – lucky winners being: Lloyd Wise,

Julie Tremble and Leah Pearson.

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I would like to thank publicly all of our sponsors who gave willingly this year to make the show a success. As this is a free venue, our money comes from sponsorship, programmes and grants. Our grants this year were from:
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Once again the task of programme selling was performed by the Army Cadets led by S.M.I. William Bilcliffe and a marvellous job was done by all. Lastly my thanks go to our wonderful First Responders who freely provide our First Aid Team.

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Solway Community Technology College ~ Art & Design Show

Report by: Emma Addyman
Head of Art & Design



Students at Solway Community Technology College pulled out all the stops at their annual Art & Design Show on Tuesday 19 June.

Every year, the College throws its doors open to give visitors the chance to see the diverse range of work produced by Year 11 students studying GCSE Art & Design.

One of this year's highlights was by Silloth resident, Victoria Robinson, 16. The sixties style shift dress, made entirely out of sweet wrappers was the culmination of eight week's of hard work including a final ten hour exam. Based on the



theme 'wraps', the work was a colourful creation! She said: "I'm really pleased how the final piece has turned out. It's taken a lot of effort but it's been worth it. Next year, I'm studying art at Carlisle Institute of the Arts. My GCSE Art has been good preparation for the next level".

A particularly thought provoking piece of art was created by Rachel Bewick. Her black and white paintings explored the issues of obesity and anorexia,

inspired by the work of artists Jenny Saville and Barbara Kruger.

In total, 16 students exhibited their work at the Art & Design Show, with a broad range of techniques, influences and outcomes on display.

Head of Art & Design, Emma Addyman, said: "The



Art & Design Show was the ultimate showcase of our students' work. It was a great chance for families and friends to see what they have achieved during their studies."



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Open Door Group at Vintage Rally

Report by:
Sarah Hansford

The Open Door Group was established in September 2006. More than forty people and children regularly attend our free lunch on Tuesday's at St Andrew's Hall 12 noon to 1pm. Only voluntary donations are accepted.

During the Vintage Rally Weekend, the Open Door Group had a stall on the green. We had some home baked bread &

cakes for sale as well as a tombola, a table top sale, and a competition to guess the number of Jelly beans in a jar.



Kia Jamieson receiving Jelly Bean Prize from Margaret Read

The winner of the jar of jelly beans was ten year old Kia Jamieson from Brampton. We raised £513 towards a

hot cupboard and had a great couple of days.

The Open Door Group sends a big thank-you to all who gave things for the stall and all those who helped on both days. We are very grateful to the Silloth community for supporting our group. Everyone please note we are closing for a two week break from 25th July to 6th August. We will be re-opening on 7th August. All are welcome.

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Many plants, including large established trees showed early autumn like colour showing the stress they were under. Many recovered with the August rains but this year there is a noticeable number of trees with leafless branches, which is a likely indication of the damage done. Water is essential in the garden but plants are often more tolerant than we think and will put down deep roots to search out water. Lawns may lose their colour but recover quickly when rain returns.



Hanging baskets and containers however are a different matter as we are putting them in an artificial environment which can dry out completely very quickly.



Such containers must be watered regularly either early in the morning or late at night. The garden in July can be quite spectacular as the garden is at its most lush. Annuals and perennial plants provide much of the colour, and grasses, trees, ferns and shrubs provide interesting form and texture. If your bedding plants have survived this far and have not been nibbled by slugs and snails it is likely they will now survive the season and should be well on their way to a magnificent show. Dead heading regularly and the occasional liquid feed will keep them

flowering until the first frosts.

July Notes
Scents of flowers are at their strongest after the sun has gone down, this is a good time to walk around the garden and appreciate them. Annuals such as Stocks Phlox and Nicotiana are particularly scented at night.

Cut back perennials that have flowered to encourage a second flush later in the year.

There is still time to



take cuttings of shrubs, particularly take cuttings of short lived shrubs such as Lavertera that you wish to replace. Keep an eye out for other pests and diseases in the flower and vegetable garden and take appropriate action.



Summer prune fruit trees.

Prune shrubs that have finished flowering like Weigelas, Deutzias and Philadelphus (Mock Orange), and large early flowering clematis.

roots, but emerging annual weeds can be hoed off and left on the surface.

Remove the runners of Strawberry plants if they are not required.

Pinch out the top of outdoor tomatoes at four trusses and snap off side shoots.

Keep an eye on trees and shrubs planted within the last nine months, give them a good soak if the soil starts to dry out

Inspect ties on trees, make sure they are not constricting growth and slacken any that look too tight.

Take notice of weather forecasts, apply fertilizer (particularly to the lawn) just before rain, spray plants when there is no likelihood of rain to wash your spray off.

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Ladies Sporting Opportunities

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Football

A weekly ladies 'kickabout' session will be held at Netherhall Specialist Sports Centre for both beginners and more experienced players. Groups are welcome but players do not need to be part of a team. The free football sessions start on Monday 2 July, 6pm to 7m for 8 weeks.

Cricket

Working in partnership with the Cumbria Cricket Board, Allerdale Borough Council is providing 10 weeks of cricket for ladies around the borough. All welcome.

The cricket sessions will be held at:

- Cockermouth School on Wednesday evenings, starting Wednesday 11 July, time to be confirmed

- Fitz Park, Keswick on Thursday evenings, starting Thursday 12 July, 6.30pm to 8pm

- Nelson Thomlinson School, Wigton on Thursday evenings, starting Thursday 12 July, 6.30pm to 8pm.

Rebecca Jackson, Allerdale Borough Council's Sports Development Officer, said: "It's great to see more and more women getting active and involved in sport and I think it's important that we can offer more than the traditional ladies' sports like hockey and netball.

"Girls are playing rugby, football and cricket in schools and it's important that those who want to continue it after they leave have an outlet to continue playing. It is hoped that once the summer is over we will be able to set up and sustain a ladies football team in Allerdale and even a district ladies' cricket team with some possibly representing the county. But for now it's about getting out and having fun."

Road to Sports Field

Report by:
Silloth
Rugby Club
Committee

As a result of many complaints to the Rugby Club, Silloth Rugby Club would like to make clear that it does not own, nor is responsible for either

the so-called road that leads from Station Road to the sports fields, Solway Fitness Centre, Silloth Rugby Club, Silloth Football Club, the childrens park and also the Pensioners Hut. We do agree the road is a total disgrace and we are sorry to inform the people from whom we have had complaints and enquiries that it is not our responsibility. Allerdale Borough Council tell us that Silloth Town Council are now responsible for the up-keep of the road.

The road is a disgrace



full of potholes and loose stones, someone could have a nasty accident. The Rugby Club committee can not recall any maintenance being done in the last 20 years.

Secondly, the old tennis courts / floodlight area is again a total disgrace and eyesore for local and visitor alike. The Rugby Club have no responsibility for the property thankfully, as it is another accident waiting to happen. If anyone has a complaint please contact your local town councillor.

42 Peaks in 24 Hours!

John Wise does Bob Graham Round Run.

John said "After years of talking about it, I finally decided to do the 'Bob Graham Round'. This consists of, running 72 miles over 42 of the highest peaks in the Lake District with 26,000 ft of ascent, all within 24 hours.

On Friday 29th June 2007 at 7pm, I set off from the Moot Hall at Keswick with three companions.

First it was up Skiddaw, then onto Great Calvo and finally up and down Blencathra, all in glorious weather, and we reached Threlkeld 15 minutes up at 10.40pm.

A quick bite of pasta, two new runners and up to Clough Head. Then over Dodds, Raise, Whiteside and Helvelyn, then on toward Fairfield and back to Dunmail Raise arriving at 3.24am where warm soup was waiting.

With 3 new runners it was up Steele Fell. By the time we had got to Pike O'Stickle it had started to rain, when we



John Wise on the run

got to Bow Fell the cloud was down, it was cold and miserable. Over the Scar Fell range we lost 1 hour because of the rain, poor visibility and mist, and very slippery rock's. At Broad Stand we had to climb using ropes over two Giant slippery rock steps. Eventually when I got down to Wasdale Head at 10.48am I was ready for calling it a day. But, my support team had other ideas.

Dry cloths, more food, and 8 minutes later I was on my way up Yewbarrow with three new runners. Over Red Pike we went, then Pillar and Steeple. We were starting to make time up. Due to the onset of hyperthermia after coming off Kirkfell I had to stop and put on dry clothes, as I was so cold and wet. By Great Gable I started to believe I could complete the course under 24 hours.

I arrived at Honister at 3.55pm to dry clothes, soup and 4 minutes later I was on my way up Dale Head with four new runners. Two peaks later it was all downhill to Keswick. I got back to the Moot Hall at 6.45pm, 23 hours 44 minutes 45 seconds after leaving. I was greeted in by most of my support team and family to whom I would like to say a Great big Thank You.

After I finished I sat on the steps of Moot Hall in the rain, tired, drained but, elated.

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3RD.FRI.	0219	7.7	1444	7.2	
4TH.SAT.	0303	7.5	1528	7.0	
5TH.SUN.	0349	7.2	1615	6.5	
6TH.MON.	0442	6.6	1711	6.0	
7TH.TUES.	0543	6.0	1820	5.5	
8TH.WED.	0700	5.5	1944	5.4	
9TH.THUR.	0827	5.5	2105	5.7	
10TH.FRI.	0940	5.9	2205	6.3	
11TH.SAT.	1035	6.4	2254	6.9	
12TH.SUN.	1122	6.7	2336	7.3	
13TH.MON.	****	***	1203	7.0	
14TH.TUES.	0015	7.4	1240	7.1	
15TH.WED.	0051	7.4	1315	7.0	
16TH.THUR.	0126	7.3	1348	6.9	
17TH.FRI.	0159	7.1	1420	6.6	
18TH.SAT.	0232	6.9	1453	6.4	
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20TH.MON.	0343	6.0	1605	5.6	
21ST.TUES.	0428	5.4	1655	5.2	
22ND.WED.	0526	5.0	1803	4.9	
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28TH.TUES.	1137	7.1	2350	7.7	
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On the Waterfront

Report by: Tommy Legs

June proved to be a quiet month with only four cargo ships visiting the port, however the dock gates are working again and we had a visit from the sailing ship GRAND TURK.

The FRI TIDE was the first vessel, followed by the JOHANN and the CELTIC PRIDE all with fertilizer.

The Russian ship VYG finished the month with a cargo of wheat from Germany.



Bee
by Abbie Brough
aged almost 9
from
Holm Cultram Abbey School

Silloth Learning Centre

On 19th April Silloth Learning Centre opened their new purpose built suite. Mr Dennison, Primary School Headmaster welcomed all who attended. The Mayor, Graham Wilkinson presented certificates to past learners who had completed courses.

The centre is working hand in hand with Kirkbride Learning Centre, Family Learning and Extended Schools, providing learning and recreation activities for all the family. The majority of our courses will start in September, but we have held a three hour taster for Family Tree and also a Child Psychology course which ran over two days. These will be repeated in

September if we have enough people interested, along with a full length Family Tree course. Other courses we plan to run include: Intro To IT Internet and E-Mail Desktop Publishing Touch Typing Wood Carving and many more in the pipe line.

If there is a course you would like in your local learning centre, please get in touch.

The centre will be open for a few sessions throughout August, these dates are as follows: Thursday 2nd 10 – 11.30, Wednesday 8th 1.30 – 3.00, Wednesday 15th 1.30 – 3.00, Thursday 16th 10 –11.30, Thursday 23rd 10 – 11.30.

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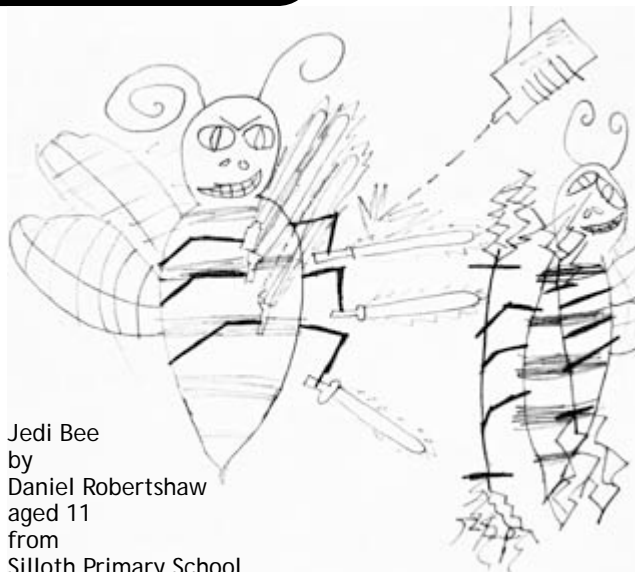
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Police Report

I met with Home Housing when they delivered an Elder Abuse awareness day at Pennine View. The event was well attended and the guest speakers gave some very useful information. For information please contact your local Home Housing Office.

On 16th June I delivered Key Individual Network surveys to 20 people. The aim is to gather information which will allow the police to schedule their policing around the needs of the town. If you would like to know more about a KIN survey or become one of our personal Key Contacts please call me. If you are passing the Fire Station at any time feel free to leave me a note through the letter box with your name and address and I will pop around to meet you and explain about KIN.

One main issue that was raised was speeding cars. We have put some Speed Indicating Devices (SID's) on Skinburness Road this has proved to be a success. We would also like to have a SID on Wigton Road and Causewayhead as well. To do this we would like some more volunteers to help us with the scheme.

We would like to kindly request that if you are a smoker and are having to smoke outside of a local pub that you please take into consideration any houses that are situated nearby the entrance or exit to the pub who may

Community Steward



We know that it's difficult and convoluted to get the council to do anything. A broken road sign, a pothole, a faulty streetlight and an overgrown roadside verge build up frustrations.

A trial scheme is hoping to help change things. The parishes of Silloth, Holme Low, Holme East Waver and Holme Abbey will have a Community Steward for

a three-month trial period until the end of September.

Joe Wattleworth from Silloth is to trial the new post and brings a wealth of local knowledge. His role will develop and evolve during the trial period, but his goal is to cut through bureaucracy and make a difference on the ground.

Joe will be checking the condition of roads, pavements and street lights and carrying out

Mayors Report

I have attended seven events including the Vintage Rally, The Grand Turk, the Civic Service at Cockermouth and the Pensioners Strawberry Tea Party.

On the 5th August we will have a Civic Service

be indirectly affected by the smoking ban. Please be aware that there may be young children in their garden (which overlooks the pub yard) playing and it would not be appropriate for them to be able to overhear offensive language. Contact me at: Lindsey.noblet@cumbria.police.co.uk 0845 33 00 247 Wigton Police Station, Station Road, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 9AH.

in Christ Church.

Mr David Foulkes from Solway C.T.C. attended the Council meeting to discuss the sports centre, he agreed to take up our concerns and report back and ensure it is publicised around the town.

Permission was requested to place a memorial seat on the Green, this was agreed. All the allotments are now let. The BBC Bus has requested permission to attend on the Green between 7th and 9th August.

The Youth Club building was discussed 'Mobex' a group from West Cumbria expressed an interest and may use the building for meetings.

Letters

Dear Buzz,

I closed on Fioria on Station Road on Saturday 14th July after three happy years. I would like to thank all my customers for their valued custom and support.

Fiona at Fioria

Dear Buzz,

I would like to thank the Skinburness Residents Association, they have dealt quickly with one small but important problem, namely the litter and suspicious smell in our bus shelter. There was no official cleaner and over the years the work had been carried out by two local people voluntarily, who are now deceased. Thanks to Silloth Town Council the shelter is now being maintained. A big thank you from a local traveller.

(Name supplied)

Dear Buzz,

Freda Monkhouse would like to thank all of her friends and family for their flowers, cards and kindness following her recent hip operation, and hopes to be back to normal soon.

Dear Buzz.

A big thank you to Philip Irving and Willie Minnican, who due to me complaining about the state of the back lane behind Waver Street and Petteril Terrace. They have got stuck in and done a marvellous job as it was a disgrace, I appreciate their labour very much for the good of the community. My grateful thanks,

Olga M Wood

Dear Buzz,

A big thank you to all who sponsored us in the Abbeytown Road Race on 3rd June. A cheque for £135 has been handed over to Cancer Research. Thank you,

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Silloth Tennis Club

Silloth Tennis Club were delighted to welcome Eva Stepanova and her son 10 year old Martin from the Czech Republic on Tuesday the 19th of June. Here as part of an exchange visit with Netherhall Sports College, Eva, as well as being a teacher is also a Tennis coach and has coached Martin into the top 100 under 12 players in their country and both were keen for Martin to play during their holiday.

The first part of their day was spent in Silloth Primary School, where they sampled lessons and lunch with the afternoon dedicated to a Tennis tournament alongside some of the local talent from the school. With umpires supplied from the Young Leaders programme at Solway School the afternoon was very enjoyable as Martin edged out Gareth Davenport in the final to round off his day perfectly.

After the event Martin was presented with a special "Welcome to Silloth" plaque as well



as his winner's medal.

Our thanks go to Jonathan Dennison and staff from Silloth

Primary as well as Pauline Middleham and the Young Leaders from Solway.



Birthday Bee
by
Alicia van Rotterdam
aged 8 from
Wiggonby School

England Bee
by Sarah Barwise
aged 10 from
Holm Cultram Abbey School



Young players from Silloth Tennis Club followed up last year's success at the Cumbria Youth Games by becoming champions for the second year running.

Consecutive 5-0 victories over Carlisle, host borough Eden and Copeland suggested an easy ride, but easy it wasn't with many matches being very tight and it was the sheer tenacity of Gareth Davenport, Kirsty Girdler, Adam Story, Georgia Wilson, Greg Ramsay and Vicky Stanwix expertly coached by the injured Emily Wise that saw them through.

The event was greatly enhanced by the presence of former



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County Champions



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Having seen off challenges from Hayton "B", Dane Ghyll, and Black Coombe, the team



of Gareth Davenport, Patrick Brough, Adam Story, Sophie Harrison and Dionne Blake had to fight all the way against the much fancied Hayton team, who had already seen off Silloth's "B" team of Robbie Harrison, Ross Jefferson, Georgia Wilson and Carmen Neilly, who, through lack of experience at this level were knocked out in the group stages, but the sheer fighting qualities and high experience of the A team players was enough to see them through to more success.

Fishing Trip

Report by: T.T.

Saturday 30th of June saw the Cumberland Inn's Weight Wangers 2nd annual fishing trip to the North East.

After a bright early start and a couple of fag stops later, as no one could smoke in Neil Garners hired 4 wheel drive, we arrived in Amble. It was time for breakfast and the quayside burger van was serving up sausage, bacon or egg rolls, which everyone enjoyed, even Matt Parslow - Silloths own burger man. He said they were the best he had ever tasted and his girlfriend Sandra Robson thoroughly agreed with him. Fed and watered it was along the jetty to board the Solitaire.

With light winds and calm seas within 30 minutes we were at our first fishing mark. With baited hooks in the water it was Tom Stalker who caught the first of many cod landed that day. Enthused by the sight of fish all had their eyes on there rods except young lovers Chris Hale & Sarah Collier, they only had eyes for each other. But with a little boat fishing tuition from Neil Fearon he soon had them in the right frame of mind for catching fish. In no time at all everyone was filling their buckets with North Sea cod and mackerel.

By now the boat was getting quite full. It was Dave Eland (elu) who would off-load some excess weight by getting rid of the bacon

sandwich he'd eaten earlier that morning, he soon felt better when he saw Chris (Karaoke) Wilson turn several shades of green and he also decided to feed the seagulls. With time getting on and big Andy Carr lacking weight to hit the seabed, he attached enough lead to his line to cover a church roof but with good effect to bag him three nice cod. It was time to head back to port and with it now raining everyone was soaking wet, except that is joiner David Read. He was the only one that could be bothered to put on his ex Carlisle County Council oilskins and stay dry for the weigh-in.

Ash Stalker had the biggest bag of the day by a long way (lucky boy), he won that last year as well. But a dispute erupted between Dougie Fearon and Tom Stalker for the biggest fish. Neil Fearon intervened saying it was visible to see that Tom's was the biggest and that Dougies next trip should be to Specsavers.

Back on the jetty it was a mad rush for the toilets, Ash won that as well. With everyone having a fantastic day and a few laughs along the way it was a fresh fish supper at the quayside chippy before that long boring journey back home. Thanks to Dougie and Sarah for organising the day out and to skipper Kevin Irwin for coping with such an unruly mob. So until next year, bye.

Fishing Lessons Pay Off



Ross, Grant, Jonathon and Robbie
Four of Silloth Finest Fishermen

Report by: Jimmy Lettice

Four Silloth youngsters enjoyed an excellent days fishing course with top angling expert and professional angler Mr Chris Bowman at the peaceful surroundings of Crofton Lake near Thursby.

Firstly, Chris showed the four Silloth lads the creatures that the fish and other wildlife (Otters and Kingfishers included) live on. Secondly, the dangers and safety aspects of the sport, also the do's and don't's. The lads were shown four different methods of

how to course fish. It was very enjoyable and educational, certainly a bit better than sitting playing playstation games, thankfully.

Chris passed on a few of his many secrets on how to catch fish which paid off for the lads with many small fish being caught. The prize fish of the day was a 3lb bream which was a fine specimen. The fish were quickly put back in and swam happily away.

The lads enjoyed their fishing course and are busy planning their next excursion to try their luck elsewhere.



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