

## Pop-In for Soup at Trinity Methodist



Report by: Diana Shaw

On January Thursday 17th 2008 the Ladies Activities Committee at Trinity Methodist started their POP-IN for delicious home made soups. This was well

supported, in fact a full house even though the weather was not so good.

It was lovely to see everyone enjoying the morning and having a good chat, the sun may

not have been shining outside but it was certainly shining inside.

Thanks goes to everyone who supported the morning which raised £70 for the Chapel funds.

## Support for Local Businesses

**Cumbria Chamber of Commerce & Industry has much more to offer businesses in the North Allerdale Area with the launch of its new Business Forum.**

The North Allerdale Business Forum holds its first meeting from 12:30pm to 14:30pm on Tuesday 29th January at the Wheyrigg Hall Hotel.

A free buffet lunch is provided, membership of the Forum is open to all businesses in Wigton, Aspatria, Silloth and the surrounding areas. The Chamber has put in place a team based in West Cumbria, to set up and support Business Forums. This has been made possible by funds from the Northwest Regional Development Agency, via West Lakes Renaissance, and ERDF.

The Forum will provide support and a voice to represent the common interests of businesses in North Allerdale to help overcome the issues

facing them and improve performance and increase efficiency. The idea of Business Forums is that local business people come together to network, share best practice, and create solutions to common concerns. The project team is there to provide support to make this happen.

Business Forums have already been set up in: Workington, Whitehaven, Ulverston, Millom, and Cleator Moor. Others to follow are Maryport, Barrow, Egremont and Dalton-in-Furness. The Workington Business Form recently had a very well attended meeting at which the main topic of discussion was the significant investment being made into the area by the Eatonfield Group. The group purchased the Corus Site and has a development budget of £100 Million. Rob Lloyd of the Eatonfield Group outlined future plans

and explained how they would positively impact on businesses in the area.

Other panel members were Workington MP Tony Cunningham, Rob Johnston, Chief Executive of Cumbria Chamber of Commerce & Industry and David Martin, Director of Regeneration and Partnerships at ABC.

A virtual business network website has been developed for use by businesses in West Cumbria and Furness to establish a virtual business network. The goal is to provide a 'home' for networking which allows co-ordination of the groups, exchange of information and ideas and a one-stop portal to all groups and resources. The website lists all events, as well as a visible member list - further information on businesses



Busy Bee  
by Molly Nattrass  
from  
Holme St. Cuthbert School

## Mayors Report by Graham Wilkinson

Belated seasons greetings to one and all, the Council hope everyone had a lovely festive season.

As we start 2008 the council are busy putting projects together, one scheme which should start very soon is the upgrade of the area between the RNLI boat-house and the dock entrance, alongside the fairground which due to funding must be completed by April. At which time the Lottery bid for the Green must also be submitted, this has taken a lot of work not only by Councillors but many other people in the town. It must be remembered that all this is voluntary work no one is paid for all the hours spent putting the details together.

There are hopes of raising funds for the upgrade of the access road to the pensioners hut, changing rooms, Rugby club and fitness centre who will all benefit, plus it is hoped to tarmac the footpath from the station to Links Close at the rear

can only be accessed by registered users. It also provides a platform to post topics and continue discussions after the meeting. The website can be accessed via the Chamber website, [www.cumbriachamber.co.uk](http://www.cumbriachamber.co.uk) and clicking on the West Cumbria and Furness Business Forums button.

This is a great opportunity for businesses in North Allerdale to come together and give voice to their concerns and issues.

To reserve your places contact Anke Gross on 01946 592329 or email [anke@cumbriachamber.co.uk](mailto:anke@cumbriachamber.co.uk)

of the Brewery.

Finally may I remind everyone that all Council meetings are open to the public on the first Monday in the month. If a member of the public wishes to discuss an item on the agenda prior notice must be given to the Town Clerk.

Report on the January meeting:

Following the advertisement of a vacancy on the Town Council two applications were duly received for which a secret ballot was taken. The successful candidate being David Wilson of Lawn Terrace.

David moved to Silloth in November 2006 having lived in the Aspatria area where he served the Town Council for seven years. He also stands as a Councillor on Allerdale B.C. for the Aspatria area, plus being a Governor at Silloth Community Technology College.

The Chairman has attended five carol services over the Christmas period along with attending the First Responders thank you evening and the Christmas Light switch-on.

The Police Report covered several reports of anti-social behaviour around the town, several youths have been spoken to by the police.

Correspondence included a suggestion that the Council provide lunch for the officers and crew of "HMS Biter" on their visits to the town for the Remembrance Day service in future, (this will be discussed nearer the time). A letter regarding the legal position re-the practice of the sale of motor vehicles on the streets - this will be passed to the police

for clarification together with the parking of motor homes on the streets over night when they are occupied. Further information was noted regarding the extension to the recycling centre on North House Car Park. Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting were noted in respect of the state of several plots which have been under used whilst we have nine people on the waiting list, letters are to be sent to the present tenants. Following the flooding of the area in 2007 it was agreed the rents should remain at the present rates. Other reports noted were the Sports Club, representatives of outside bodies together with Allerdale and County Councillors. These included the upgrade of the Sea Front area which is now with Allerdale B.C. planning, Longcake Education Trust have made donations to the schools. The County Council have allocated an extra £1 Million for highways repairs in the next financial year when it is hoped the position of Community Steward may return to the area highways.

Following the winter conditions prior to Christmas when the footways around town were like glass, it was agreed to request a supply of rock salt be provided, whereby if the conditions return, Silloth ground staff could attend to the main shopping area and possibly the areas around the pensioners bungalows. This is not within our remit as a Town Council but we are offering the service to the County Council if they will supply the salt for the benefit of the residents of Silloth.

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