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Abbey Roof Trusses Replaced



While there has been a lot of preparatory work being done to the Abbey since the fire in 2005, there has not been much to see until now.

The photo on the left was taken by Mike Faulkner on 18th December at dawn and shows how the large crane required to lift the roof trusses now dominates the village.

The photo below was taken by Bill Allan on 13th January when various timbers were being lifted onto the roof. The crane was initially used to place new cap stones on the walls, these were required to give the roof trusses a solid seating.

More photos and story are on page 8.



Silloth Green Do You Use It?

Silloth Green: Make your view count!

Silloth Town Council and Silloth Regeneration Partnership are beginning an exciting new project conserving and enhancing Silloth Green.

We are currently in the early stages of a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund that will enable us to protect and improve the Green, making it a more functional and involving space for everyone.

But we need to know what you want! Over the

next week, every house in Silloth will receive a questionnaire intended to help us find out what you use the Green for and what you would like it to become in the future.

Please take the time to fill this questionnaire out and have your say on our town's most important feature. Completed questionnaires can be returned to Winter's Newsagent or popped through the letter box at The Albion.

Many thanks for your support.

Cumbria Business Awards local Company & Employee of the Year Award for local Girl

The Cumbria Business Awards 2007 were recently held at a formal ceremony in Cockermouth's Hundith Hill Hotel.

Local accountancy practice David Allen & Co were announced as the winner of the Employer of the Year award.

In the ten years since the firm was established by David Allen, they have grown to over 70 employees and recognise that their staff are an extremely important asset that have contributed to the success of the firm.

David Allen & Co are committed to their staff and by investing in their ongoing training they encourage all employees in their development. They also understand how vital it is to look after their employees and the excellent team spirit and staff morale is just as important in developing a successful team.

David Allen & Co were also delighted when Tax Consultant Sarah Reilly from Silloth won the award for Employee of the Year.

Sarah has been with



the firm for over five years and is an inspiration to other employees. She has developed her role and built up fantastic relationships with her clients who see her as a valued advisor looking

after their affairs. Winning the Employee of the Year award is a reflection of all the hard work and dedication that Sarah has shown to David Allen & Co.



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Discounted Activities

Local disadvantaged kids are to get free access to leisure facilities in the area in a scheme from Allerdale Borough Council and its leisure partner Carlisle Leisure Limited working in partnership with Children's Services.

This new scheme provides free Leisure Access Cards to children who are being looked after, in care, or who have learning difficulties and also their carers and families. This will enable them to enjoy sport and leisure activities at the facilities operated by Carlisle Leisure at half the normal price. Leisure Access Cards are usually priced at £2.50* for a 12 month period (*50% of cost sponsored by Allerdale Borough Council, normal price £5) but thanks to additional sponsorship from Allerdale Borough Council the card will be provided free of charge to those who qualify.

Participants in the scheme will be able to access the leisure facilities which are owned by Allerdale Borough Council and operated, managed and developed by Carlisle Leisure Limited. These facilities

include Cockermouth Leisure Centre, Keswick Leisure Pool and Workington Leisure Centre and Pools.

In addition the cardholders will also be able to use all of the leisure facilities operated by Carlisle Leisure Limited. This currently includes The Pools, The Sands Centre, Sheepmount Stadium, Stony Holme Golf Course, Swifts Golf Course and Driving Range, Morton Pool and Fitness Centre and Trinity Leisure Centre.

Peter Haley, Leisure Partnership Officer for Allerdale says. "We are very pleased to offer this scheme through the Leisure Partnership with Carlisle Leisure Limited and our work with Children's Services. Improving services and opportunities for children and young people is a key issue for the Council, this scheme will provide many benefits."

Martin Horne, Business Development Manager for Carlisle Leisure Limited adds: "As part of our ongoing commitment to the residents of Allerdale we're delighted to be able to offer this scheme."

Monday Luncheon Club Christmas Lunch

A very enjoyable Christmas lunch was held at Silloth Golf Club on Monday 17 December for members and helpers of the Monday Luncheon Club. The food was excellent and a very good party spirit prevailed.

The club meets throughout the year for lunch at the Community Centre on Mondays. The Community bus driven by volunteer drivers, collects the diners. We are grateful to the town council for the use of the Community Centre.



Photo by: Bill Allan, Article by: Lawrence Marshall

Throughout the year the meals are supplied by the Primary School in term time and the Good Companions during holidays.

This Christmas the

diners were invited by the headmaster Mr Dennison and the kitchen manager Mrs Val Hutchison to join the children for a Christmas dinner. This was appreciated by

both the senior-citizens and the children. The organisers, Betty Walton and Lawrence Marshall, thank all the volunteer drivers and the ladies who serve the meals.

It's All About Rubbish

Report by: Patricia Froggatt

The first meeting of Causewayhead WI for 2008 took place on Wednesday 13th January with a talk about Recycling.

The President, Pat Bell introduced the speaker,

Mr Mark Studholme of Allerdale Borough Council, who gave a very informative and interesting insight into Recycling of Waste in the Borough.

Mr Studholme explained the changes that had taken place from

ash bins to the current system of recycling, which included paper, cardboard and garden waste. Since the introduction of the scheme there had been a significant reduction in the amount of refuse collected.

Recently trials had commenced in Keswick of a collection of plastic bottles, etc. in an attempt to supplement the current system, and this was proving to be a success. It was hoped to extend this gradually to other areas of the borough.

The paper and cardboard that was currently being recycled was sent to companies such as Kimberley Clark for producing goods that would be back on the shelves for consumers. Glass was sent to Scotland for recycling and re-using, and garden waste was being composted locally. Members were

interested to know where batteries and light bulbs containing Mercury could be recycled, and Mr Studholme gave a number of points with the facilities for this to be done.

Leaflets were handed round to members giving details of the Recycling of Waste and also anyone interested in purchasing Compost bins from the Council, were given a leaflet on information regarding this.

Margaret Durham gave a vote of thanks to Mr Studholme on behalf of the members. Supper was served by hostesses P Nixon, O Hetherington and F Jackson. Competition winners on the night were: Grocery Parcels: M Johnson, M Dockeray Bottle: F Jackson Flower: J Wilkinson Raffle: J Wilson, A Harrison.

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 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

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Do you have an event in the area bounded by Abbeystown, Mawbray, Silloth, Skinburness, if so please let us know.

Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Hours

Sunday	11am-4pm
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The shop re-opens at Easter. Thank you to all our customers who have supported us throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you again in 2008.

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Dates for the Diary

January

29th Launch of North Allerdale Busines Forum at Greenhill Hotel, call Anke to book on 01946 592329

February

2nd Gincase re-opens Open Daily Tues-Sun 10:30am to 4:30pm, closed Mondays, Admission Free

4th Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Centre @ 7pm

5th Tea Dance at Solway Community College 1:45pm to 3:45pm, tel: 31528

5th Playhouse Creatures at Wigton Theatre Club Tel: 016973 44620

6th Playhouse Creatures at Wigton Theatre Club Tel: 016973 44620

7th Lent Lunches @ 12 noon in the Abbey, Abbeystown

7th Playhouse Creatures at Wigton Theatre Club Tel: 016973 44620

8th Tea Dance in Solway Community technology College 1:45pm to 3:45pm

Football Training

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 Contact Kevin Dixon 31954

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 Contact Derek Wallace 32050

Under 14's
 Friday 5:30 to 7pm
 Contact Colin Baty 32969

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Men's Training in the new Sports Hall
 Wed 8pm to 9:30pm
 Contact John Slack 31449

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Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in Christ Church Hall, Silloth and is open to all children aged from 0 to 4.

Sessions are on:
 Wed: 9:30pm to 11am
 and
 Fridays: 9:30am to 11am

Entry is £1 per family and this includes refreshments
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Copy date for the April issue

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

February cont'd

8th Playhouse Creatures at Wigton Theatre Club Tel: 016973 44620

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

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9th Artists Studio on Silloth Green

10th Artists Studio on Silloth Green

14th Lent Lunches @ 12 noon in the Abbey, Abbeystown

16th Richard Anderson sings in The Albion supported by Blueberry eyes @ 8pm free entry

18th Silloth Festivals Ltd AGM in Golf Hotel approx 9pm

19th Tea Dance at Solway Community College 1:45pm to 3:45pm, tel: 31528

19th Holme Low Parish Council Meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

21st Lent Lunches @ 12 noon in the Abbey, Abbeystown

22nd "Walk down memory lane" with videos and slides from 1990 onwards in Christ Church hall at 7:30pm in aid of church funds"

23rd Silloth Rotary Club Fundraising Dance at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth

26th Skinburness Residents Association AGM in the Golf Hotel @ 8pm

28th Lent Lunches @ 12 noon in the Abbey, Abbeystown

29th Country Western Festival at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth, see www.stanwix.com for Group Line-Up

March

1st Silloth Darts League charity darts evening, The Michael Wilson Memorial Trophy, in Silloth Social Club @ 7:30pm, entry £2 contact Martin Slack on 07854 753517 or 016973 31381

1st Country Western Festival at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth, see www.stanwix.com for Group Line-Up

2nd Country Western Festival at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth, see www.stanwix.com for Group Line-Up

3rd Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Centre @ 7pm

7th Women's World Day of Prayer (interdenominational) service to be held in Christ Church

7th Pop Rock Weekend at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth, see www.stanwix.com for Group Line-Up

8th Pop Rock Weekend at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth, see www.stanwix.com for Group Line-Up

March cont'd

9th Pop Rock Weekend at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth, see www.stanwix.com for Group Line-Up

13th Lent Lunches @ 12 noon in the Abbey, Abbeystown

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

22nd KINGS OF QUEEN (Tribute To Queen) at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre Silloth

April

7th Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Centre @ 7pm

22nd The Odd Couple at Wigton Theatre Club Tel: 016973 44620

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May

12th Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Centre @ 7pm

20th Holme Low Parish Council Meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

24th Top Glam Rock Band KOO KA CHOO at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth

June

2nd Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Centre @ 7pm

21st Silloth Vintage Rally on Silloth Green. all free

22nd Silloth Vintage Rally on Silloth Green. all free

July

7th Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Centre @ 7pm

12th Top Sixties Group THE NIGHT RIDERS at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth

19th Top Harmony Group SALVADOR at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth

26th Silloth Kite Festival on Silloth Green, entry free

27th Silloth Kite Festival on Silloth Green, entry free

August

2nd Top Tribute Group THE BRYAN ADAMS EXPERIENCE at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth

9th Tribute To The World Of Pop featuring Faith at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth

16th Top Harmony Group SALVADOR at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth

August

19th Holme Low Parish Council Meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

23rd HIGHLY SPRUNG (Tribute To Spandau Ballet) at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth

25th Silloth Carnival

September

1st Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Centre @ 7pm

4th Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2008 The Searchers

5th Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2008 John Otway plus The Hamsters

6th Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2008 Blues Brothers

7th Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2008

October

6th Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Centre @ 7pm

November

3rd Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Centre @ 7pm

18th Holme Low Parish Council Meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

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Wigton Theatre Club

Wigton Theatre Club's forthcoming production is "Playhouse Creatures".

This bawdy historical drama is set in Restoration London and the story tells the fortunes of five women, the first actresses to take to the stage legally, and is at times very funny, and others extremely moving.

The play runs from Tuesday 5th March to Saturday 9th March and starts at 7:30pm. Admission is £5.00/£4.50, tickets from Station Road Garage (opposite the Theatre), or call 016973 44620.

The AGM OF Abbeytown WI in December began with President Audrey Harrison thanking Isobel Hurst for the Christmas arrangement on her table.

Freda Garner reported that 19 members had enjoyed a lovely evening at Wheyrigg Hall for Christmas dinner. Seven members had visited Newton Arlosh and five West Newton, all having a warm welcome and a lovely supper.

Several items were read from the County News and the birthday party in March was discussed. Joyce Wilson agreed to bake and decorate the

cake while Elinor Roper agreed to cut it.

Freda gave an interesting report on our activities over the past year. We had several excellent speakers, celebrated our 85th birthday, visited seven different WIs, and sent a delegate to The Albert Hall. Our Bowlers came second at Caldbeck and members helped with the Road Run Teas, the Strawberry Teas at the Abbey and the Autumn Fair for the Hall.

Audrey thanked Freda for such an interesting programme, Margaret for keeping the financial affairs in order and the rest of the Committee for their support. The Flower Cup for the most points was won by Elsie Donald, 2nd was Freda Garner, 3rd Elinor Roper. Best Trier was Audrey Harrison. There was a tie for the General Competition Cup between Freda Garner and Gladys Temple, 2nd Elsie Donald, 3rd Joyce Wilson. Best Trier being Margaret Moore. Elsie Donald, Vice President took the chair while nomination papers were distributed to vote for a new President.

Mrs Harrison won the nominations and took over the chair again. Elsie Donald and Gladys Temple; Vice Presidents, Freda Garner; Secretary and Margaret Moore; Treasurer, Elsie Donald;

Abbeytown WI

Competition Secretary, Muriel Mattinson; Sport Secretary, Elinor Roper; Bulb Secretary and Margaret Mynes; Flower Secretary, Freda and Margaret; Outing Organisers and receptionists Elinor Roper, Elsie Foster and Isobel Hurst while Mavis Graham will continue to sell the raffle tickets. M.C.O. Irene Irvine.

Freda has made the programme for 2008 but a new programme secretary is required to organize the speakers for 2009.

The raffle was won by Margaret Ackerley and Elsie Foster while the competition for Christmas wrapping paper was won by Joyce Wilson and Freda Garner, Margaret Ackerley won the Flower competition with Freda Garner second.

At the January meeting President Audrey Harrison wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Margaret was kept busy taking the £27 subscriptions for 2008. Unfortunately the programmes for 2008 have still not arrived and we still need a Programme Secretary for next year.

A list was passed

Baggy Bee
by
Milly Henderson
from
Holme St. Cuthbert School

around for visitors to go to Kirkbampton in March and the Community Bus will be booked. Caldew Accordion Band will be the entertainers and the competition will be a musical ornament.

A letter of thanks was read out from Irene Irving she hopes to join us next month. A team has been entered for the Darts Competition at Silloth on March 25th.

Everyone was given draw tickets to sell for our annual large raffle to be drawn at the Birthday Party in March. The Craft Items in the Cupboard at WI House had not been ready for collection so everyone who had entered items was asked if they would be willing to leave them for another two months.

Audrey introduced Norman Godfrey with his slides 'The Splendour of Trees' showing us beautiful slides of trees beginning in Autumn with the variety of colours the leaves produce through Winter with bulbs producing carpets of flowers among the trees. The blossoms in

Spring were many and varied while in Summer the leaves were again of wonderful colours. Freda Garner thanked Norman for his usual splendid show, which had taken us from a dark, wet, windy miserable night to the delights in store throughout the coming year.

Norman judged the competitions organised by Margaret Brown.

Winner of the Christmas cake was Joyce Wilson, 2nd Muriel Mattinson while Gladys Temple won the Christmas Card, 2nd Margaret Moore. Freda Garner's flower was 1st and Elise Donald 2nd. The raffle winners were Mavis Graham and Gladys Temple. Joyce Wilson's group organised the social time. Next month we have visitors and Cranstons are the demonstrators and competitions are salt and pepper pot and a flower.

Bee a Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered sports shirt to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and £5 Gift Voucher.

So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Send them in to the address on this page and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered sports shirt from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.



Masthead Bee Winner

This month the winner is Megan Marie Kendall from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee called "Lover Bee". Well done Sadie!

Arthritis Group

Chairman Edna Marper welcomed 21 members to the Annual Lunch.

Anne Graham organized a raffle ticket for everyone then we settled to enjoy a lovely meal pleasantly served. Anne drew out the tickets and everyone received a prize. Edna thanked the committee for all the help she had received over the past year she thanked Peggy Bray for arranging the meal and the staff of the Joiners Arms for serving it so pleasantly. The next meeting is on 1st March at Loveday House with Lyn Hardie from Age Concern North West giving advice on independent living.



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Christingle Services



Joan Winter completing the Christingles

Holme St. Cuthbert Church held its annual Christingle on Monday 24th December with the Rev. David Tembey taking the service. The organist was Winifred Allan.

The service was well supported by up to three generations of families in

the Congregation.

Also that day at Abbeytown the Rev. David Tenby held the Christingle in the school, owing to work having started to repair the Abbey, this was also well supported, the children performing a Nativity.

Rotary Donations

Silloth-on-Solway Rotary Club have made their annual christmas donations to the following groups.

President Charlie and members of the club would like to thank all that have donated or sponsored events in 2007.

- Abbeytown Pre School
- Able To Play Scheme
- Alzheimers Association
- British Heart Foundation
- Calvert Trust
- Chrysalis
- Cumbria Deaf Association
- Darion House
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- Holme Culthram School
- Jaipur Limb Project
- James Cook Hospital
- Jigsaw Appeal
- John Homan Appeal
- Jubilee Sailing Trust
- Macmillan Nurses
- Riding For The Disabled
- Sightsavers
- Silloth First Responders
- Silloth Junior Football Club
- Silloth Lifeboat
- Silloth Nursery
- Silloth Nursing Home
- Silloth Open Door Group
- Silloth Primary School
- Silloth Technology College
- Wateraid

Indoor Bowls

Abbeytown Indoor Bowling Club played away at Bothel Village Hall. Bobby Watson welcomed the visitors.

Five ends for each team before the Bothel members served a delicious supper. Five more ends were played and the home team were the victors. Donald Foster, Joyce Edwards and Joyce Wilson won raffle prizes and Audrey Harrison thanked Bothel for a very enjoyable evening and a lovely supper.

Abbeytown were hosts to Ireby for a friendly Indoor Bowls Match.

Malcolm Temple welcomed Ireby. Each team played five ends before a delicious supper was served, followed by a further five ends. It was a very friendly evening with lots of chat and banter. The raffle prize winners were Johnny Bedford, Dick Smithson and Eva Wilson from Ireby and Norman Foster, Elsie Foster, Robin Hurst and Malcolm Temple from Abbeytown. Brenda thanked Abbeytown for a very enjoyable evening.

We were pleased to welcome Bothel Indoor Club to the Assembly Rooms for a friendly match. Each team played five ends then everyone enjoyed a delicious supper provided by Abbeytown members. Another five ends resulted in Abbeytown gaining

Lighting the Green

On 9th and 10th February there will be a temporary mobile studio on the Green where Kirsty Claxton and Pip Woolf, two artists, will be making artistic responses to the Green including turning it blue!

Come along and join them to express your hopes, dreams and desires for the conservation management plan of The Green, currently being prepared by Chris Burnett Associates for Silloth Town Council and Silloth Regeneration Partnership.

They will be celebrating Silloth, its landscape, community, history and local industry offering tea and of course Carr's biscuits.

revenge by winning 46 to 30.

The raffle winners were Peter and Jean Bradley from Bothel and Mary Mattinson, Michael Faulkner and Sylvia Asbridge being lucky for Abbeytown.

The Abbeytown members meet every Monday of the winter at 7pm and would welcome more members.

Car Bee by Joe Gilroy from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Hair Zone 4U

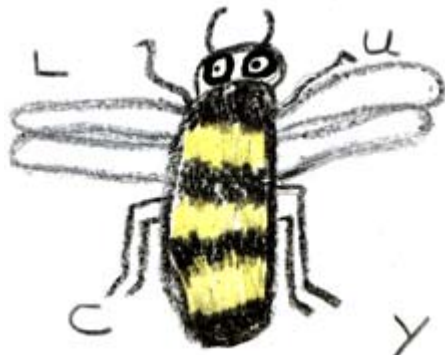
Are perms on the way back?

On a recent TV makeover programme 'Ten Years Younger' stylist of the year Andrew Barton permed a viewers hair. To even out the texture and control the movement of the hair, he created a soft natural wave. She was absolutely thrilled, and the phones never stopped ringing for weeks. Is it the power of the TV? Or are we seeing the revival of the perm?

One thing we do know for sure is curls and waves are the look this season. Whether they are tight or loose, long or short, curls are in. So, if you have the Leona Lewis look in mind a loose permanent wave might just be the answer for you. You will still have to use styling products to get the best from a perm, but you have to do that with any style.

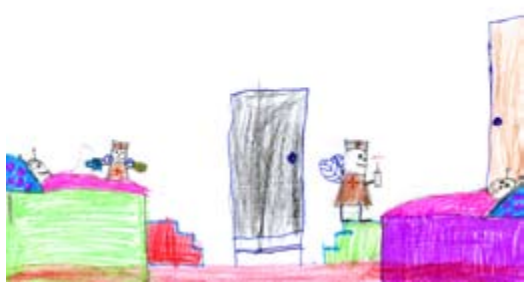
If you are not convinced, come in and have a chat any time, there are many ways of achieving the same look.

Sammy at Peter Josef



Spelling Bee by Lucy from Silloth Primary School

Bed Bug Bees in Hospital by Samantha Casson from Holme St. Cuthbert School



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Garden Projects for Late Winter

Series by: Nadia Bunner
Tel: 016973 52024
gardens-by-nadia.co.uk

Home Made Compost

Late winter is a good time to apply a soil conditioner to your borders when many plants are dormant and you can access the soil. There are very few plants which do not benefit from being mulched. At one time peat was used quite liberally but these days peat is considered unacceptable when used in this way. Home made compost is an excellent alternative as a mulch and soil conditioner. It costs virtually nothing to make and is immensely satisfying to spread on the borders. If you haven't made compost previously now is the perfect time to start. There is a lot of mystique surrounding compost when in fact making it couldn't be easier.

Compost needs some kind of container which let air in, and as long as it's big enough, virtually anything will do. I use a very old dustbin with hand drilled holes as I don't have the space to have a heap the size

I would like, but any contained area will do. Instruction books often show a compost heap made from four old pallets.

Compost pretty much makes itself, but the secret of good compost is in the quality of the ingredients. In theory anything that has been alive can go onto the heap including woollen pullovers and books. In reality I have found home composting is best limited to healthy plant material from the garden and kitchen. The larger the heap the hotter it gets and heat is needed to speed up the decomposition and to kill seeds, disease and fungal spores. Small domestic compost heaps do not usually get hot enough to do this. For this reason I do not put diseased material, perennial weeds or annual weeds with seed heads onto my heap. Cooked food and animal waste should never be added. Egg shells and peach stones take forever to rot down. Too many lawn clippings will go slimy unless shredded paper is mixed with them,

and leaves should be composted separately.

Start the heap of with a small quantity of garden soil which will provide some bacteria to start things off. Next add alternate layers of cut plant material followed by layers of uncooked fruit and vegetable material from the kitchen. Long stems will decompose quicker if snipped into short pieces. I empty my vac into the compost bin and the compost from old flower pots. If you don't have a lid on your heap cover with old carpet to keep off much of the rain and if you have a lid on your compost bin add water if it gets too dry. About every six weeks stir or turn the compost. Proprietary products which are supposed to speed things up, are not necessary. Just give the compost more time. I reckon twelve months are needed to produce good compost. Start now, and you will have you own free soil conditioner ready to use early next year.

Three must have plants for late winter
Hellebores

(herbaceous perennial)

They are virtually problem-free, hardy, evergreen plants which will bloom over several months in late winter and early spring. They prefer rich, moist soil with good drainage and part to full shade. Several species are available growing up to 60cm (2')

Viburnum bodnense (shrub)

Long lived, upright, deciduous shrub growing up to 3m(10') has clusters of pink fragrant flowers throughout the winter months on bare stems likes moist, well-drained, deep, rich loamy soil and will grow in full sun to partial shade.

Iris reticulata (bulb)

An early flowering iris, growing just 15cms (6") usually appearing from late winter to early spring. The blooms vary from pale blue to deep violet with central yellow splashes down the middle of each petal. It likes moderately fertile soil and will grow in sun or partial shade.

For more information visit my website www.gardens-by-nadia.co.uk
Enjoy your gardening.

Christ Church Nativity



Photo by: Sharron Stanwix, Article by Rev Alan Byrom

The annual Crib Service on Christmas Eve in Christ Church attracted larger numbers than ever this year.

The crib scene was built up through the service as the children came forward at different stages in the Christmas story, which was read for us this year by Tim Barker. Firstly, a lovely phalanx of angels took the stage and sat very patiently in the straw for nearly all of the service. They were followed by Mary and Joseph, and a very contented baby Jesus (many thanks Angela for loaning us Matthew!), by a few shepherds and one

or two wise men, along with a couple of very impressive donkeys! As the scene was completed we turned down the lights and held part of the service by candle light and as always that was a very atmospheric moment.

We sang some Christmas songs and carols. The service was done through Powerpoint and words and pictures could be seen up on the screen and that seemed to work well. Many thanks to all the children who took part and to all the parents who dressed them so well, and to everyone who came!

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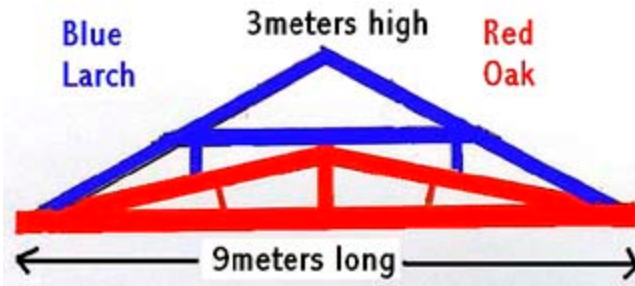
Photo by: Mike Faulkner



On Friday 11th January the last roof truss was set in position at the Abbey, this follows the fire which destroyed the roof, causing much damage to the whole building.

To mark the occasion Holm Cultram Abbey School walked the short distance to view the occasion, they thoroughly enjoyed the event with large cheers when the huge crane lifted the last truss. In attendance were the Vicar, Rev David Tembey who was interviewed by Border TV and our local interviewer Gilly Fraser.

A few facts: The Trusses, 15 in all, weighing approximately 1.6 tons, are 29ft 3in long, by 9ft 9in high. Consisting of two angles. The Red being made of Oak this was probably the original angle and may have had a Lead or Copper finish. The Blue is Larch (Steeper) for a Slate or Flag finish. The Purlins are 8ft long, 5 in all, (which go horizontal between the Trusses) are Oak for the lower angle Larch for top Angle, 6 in all.



The Crane stands 88ft high with a beam of 130ft long, it is controlled by radio, a workman carrying the controls on the scaffolding, which surrounds the building, and is used as a platform inside, reached by a staircase inside the Abbey. With thanks to Ronnie Clark Site Agent.

Clockwise from top left:
 Oak purlins being lifted on to the roof.
 Crane towering over Abbeytown at dawn.
 Lifting a whole truss.
 The maze of scaffolding inside the Abbey.
 TV filming the work and Abbeytown children spectators.
 The different woods used to make the roof trusses.



The Port of Silloth - Past & Present

Article by:
Captain Chris Puxley,
Harbour Master & Port
Superintendent

The original access to the sea, as a means of transport for the busy merchants of the growing city of Carlisle, was via a small canal completed in 1823.

The eleven mile long canal ran from a dock basin in the city, to Fishers Cross, which was grandly re-named Port Carlisle. However, just thirty years later, it was becoming increasingly clear that access to the canal was growing ever more difficult due to siltation in the upper reaches of the Solway Firth. Larger vessels of that time which berthed at Port Carlisle were being forced to sit on the mud at low water and the canal was no longer large enough to accept economically sized vessels for transit to the city. The canal was finally closed in 1853 and the route converted to a railway, to continue to serve the diminishing traffic calling at Port Carlisle.

In 1855 an Act of Parliament (The Silloth Dock Act), allowed a 13 mile branch railway line to be constructed, which would spur off the Port Carlisle line at Drumburgh and eventually reach the coast further south and west near a sparsely populated farming hamlet called Silloth. It was known from Admiralty surveys that there was relatively deep water close offshore in this area. The Act also permitted the construction of a pier and dock, within which ships could be kept afloat at low water by a pair of gates to retain water within the dock.

Construction work began in August 1855 and the railway reached the coast twelve months



Following the Pier into Silloth Dock

later. By the middle of 1857, the timber pile pier was usable by shipping and work then commenced on the construction of the dock. The dock was completed and officially opened on 3rd August 1859, when it was formally named "Marshall Dock", after the local Member of Parliament who was one of the main supporters of this venture and a major shareholder in "The Carlisle & Silloth Bay Dock and Railway Company".

In addition to opportunistic trading, regular shipping services were established from Silloth to Liverpool, the Isle of Man, Dublin and Belfast. There were also freight and passenger services across the Solway Firth to Annan, Dumfries and Carsethorn. Trade at that time consisted of imports of raw cotton for the Carlisle spinning and weaving industry, phosphate fertilisers, timber, slate, livestock and manufactured items. Exports included coal, agricultural produce and a wide variety of manufactured cotton goods. Business grew steadily over the next few years, with ownership of the dock and railway transferring to "The North British Railway Company".

That was until disaster struck the dock during a

storm on 6th April 1879. Possibly undermined by a series of winter storms, the dock entrance and gates collapsed, trapping about twenty vessels inside at that time. Temporary repairs were soon completed allowing a resumption of shipping but the dock remained tidal. It was decided to build a new dock behind the existing Marshall Dock, which would therefore be afforded more shelter from the seas. The "New Dock" was completed and opened in June 1885.

Two year later, in 1887, Carrs opened their new flour mill alongside the dock, resulting in large volumes of wheat being imported, much of it arriving in great sailing ships from Australia. Other trades continued to flourish, especially coal exports to Ireland and cattle imports from Ireland. Shipping trade continued throughout both World Wars, where Silloth was considered to be a 'safe port', despite occasional U-boat activity in the Irish Sea.



SS Yarrow entering Silloth Docks

From the early 1920's, the condition of the 1000 foot long pier that extended into the Solway from the south side of Marshall Dock entrance started to deteriorate, with a noticeable subsidence at the outer end. Over the following years, sections of the pier gradually collapsed into the sea. The last remaining 100 foot stump was finally demolished in 1973. It was then replaced by a short groyne and rubble breakwater, built to try and prevent the dock entrance from being silted up by the northward drift of beach material.

After the Second World War, ownership of the port and the associated railway connections changed from the Scottish Regional Railways to the LNER and then to London Midland Railways. In 1950, the railways were nationalised and management of most of the railway ports, including Silloth, was transferred to the Docks



Discharging cattle in the 1980's



& Inland Waterways Executive, as part of the British Transport Commission. Trade in those days consisted of imports of grain, cattle, potash, phosphates and perlite, with occasional shipments of sugar, slag, and steel billets (ingot moulds). Exports consisted of coal, fertilisers and bran.

Immediately post-war, large quantities of munitions were taken by sea from Silloth, for dumping in the Beaufort Dyke, a deep trench within the North Channel between Ireland and Galloway. In 1963, the British Transport Commission was dissolved and management of Silloth Docks, along with several other railway ports, was passed on to the British Transport Docks Board.

Thanks to Transport Minister Dr Beeching's heavy axe, 1964 saw the unfortunate closure of the railway to Silloth. In 1983, the BTDB was privatised by the Conservative

government and became Associated British Ports, encompassing new and demanding duties to shareholders and the stock market.

The Port of Silloth remains busy and profitable today, handling ships of a size up to the physical limitations of the dock infrastructure. Trade includes a wide variety of agribulks from Russia, the Baltic States and Tunisia. Wheat is imported from Germany, France and North America, liquid molasses is transhipped from Europe and wood-pulp for the cellophane industry arrives from Spain. 2007 saw a record cargo deadweight of 3,901 tonnes arrive in one shipment.

A small local shrimping fleet operates from the outer dock. The port is still operated today by ABP, although now a privately owned consortium, with 21 ports located around Great Britain, handling more than a quarter of all the UK's sea-borne trade.



"Tammerack" and "Gretchen Weston" discharging goods 31st January 1972

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 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

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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Letters

Dear Buzz,

Through your highly valued newspaper, could I express my very deep thanks and gratitude to Mrs Johnstone of "Johnstone's Private Hire" for her great kindness to me when I desperately needed a taxi to take me to Carlisle Railway Station a few days before Christmas.

My train was due to leave at 3:03pm and the 1:32pm bus from Silloth was late arriving and then broke down completely with no chance of an early replacement.

On the advice of a kind lady fellow passenger, I went to Winter's Newsagents where they were more than helpful, the owner rang "Johnstone's" for me and Mrs Johnstone was there within minutes. We had a very good journey until we reached Carlisle, where the traffic was almost at a standstill.

However Mrs Johnstone got me to the station on time and not only did she insist on coming onto the platform with me to make sure I was alright, but because we were both short of change she waived part of my taxi fare. She really was quite wonderful. I have only lived in Silloth for a short time and I must say that Mrs Johnstone's great great kindness only endorses what has been shown to me by so many others since I came here.

I do not know the address of "Johnstone's" but through your pages may I wish them all a very happy and prosperous new year and a BIG "Thank-you" Mrs Johnstone.

Mrs J. Quinlan

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Dear Buzz,

Yet again Sarah and her merry team of helpers did a marvellous job providing approx. 120 residents and friends with a full Christmas dinner. All for the price of a donation, no fixed price's here just sign the book and place a donation in the box.

The proceedings started with Charlie Rossumund playing the cornet in conjunction with taped carols, grace was said and lunch was served with all the trimmings. There then followed a nativity scene by Sarah and her team, which ended with Sarah thanking everyone for the support given over the past year and the donations received.

A vote of thanks was given in return by the Town Mayor Councillor Graham Wilkinson. Then to everyone's surprise in came two Santa's with a present for each person attending. Ending with three cheers for Sarah.
 ps. Please support the effort made by the team every Tuesday 12:00 to 13:30pm.

G. Wilkinson

Dear Buzz,

Thanks to Bill Aymes and friends for all their work assembling the Christmas lights round Christ Church.

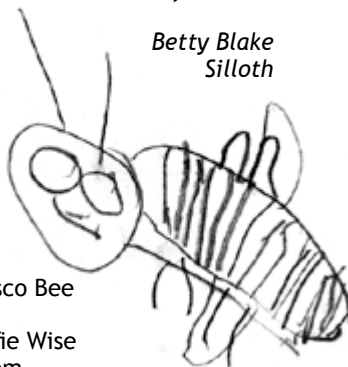
Lawrence Marshall

Dear Buzz,

Myself and my family would like to thank most sincerely all of my friends, neighbours, (and many others) for the beautiful Flowers, Cards, and Letters of sympathy I received, on the death of my Dear mother (Mary). Thank you also, to the Good Companions, the Nurses and Doctors who cared for her.

Betty Blake
 Silloth

Disco Bee
 by
 Alfie Wise
 from
 Holme St. Cuthbert
 School



Dear Buzz,

I would like to say a big thank you to all my clients for being patient and sticking with me after my recent accident, when I broke a bone in my hand and was unable to work. Sorry for the inconvenience it caused for everyone. Anyway, I'm back fully in the swing of things and looking forward to seeing you all in the new year. I now have a new home phone number, 01228 522283. But you can still contact me on my mobile 07754 523451. Thanks once again, and best wishes for 2008 to you all.

Clair Todd
 Hair At Home

Dear Buzz,

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the members of the First Responders, for their prompt and excellent attention on the occasion of Ron's recent accident. Also special thanks to friends and neighbours for their great help and support.

Ron & Margaret Markley

Dear Buzz,

We would like to thank all who sent cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes on the occasion of our Golden Wedding, it was very much appreciated. We made a donation to Silloth Lifeboat Station as a thank you to our brave crew and staff for all their hard work.

Ted and Margaret
 Studholme



Warbee
 by Brendan
 from Holme St. Cuthbert School

Poem

Editors note:
 I found this poem and story on the web site www.PoeticExpressions.co.uk, where it is one of the most visited pages. I have tried to contact David Harkins who apparently now lives in Harraby looking after his disabled wife but couldn't find him.

Included by the Queen on the order of service for the Queen Mother's funeral on Tuesday 9th April 2002, the poem 'She Is Gone' was credited to 'Anon'. Her Majesty was said to have encountered the work at the funeral of the late "Dowager Viscountess De L'Isle, whose family had found the poem in a small anthology published in 1999.

After the Queen Mother's funeral much effort went into attempts to identify the author, with attributions going to, among others Immanuel Kant and Joyce Grenfell, before the author was discovered to be former Silloth baker David Harkins.

Following the Queen Mother's Funeral both the BBC and The Times contacted www.PoeticExpressions.co.uk but we were unable to help. We did have the poem of that title on our site from late 2001, but we had no idea at that time who had written it. We had found the

untitled poem on an order of funeral service sheet that a kind friend had sent in. We titled it 'She is Gone'.

As it turns out David Harkins had written the piece in the early eighties, though not as a funeral oration, but in homage to an unrequited love.

David Harkins wrote to The Daily Mail on Tuesday January 14th 2003 as follows: I was 23 when I first met Anne Lloyd, my inspiration for the poem I called Remember Me.

She was 16 and didn't know me, but I had seen her about and knocked on her door one evening in November 1981. Anne answered, and I introduced myself as a painter (painting was a hobby of mine back then) and asked her to pose. She agreed, and I returned on the Thursday evening, when I made feeble attempts to sketch Anne. This proved difficult as her mother was present throughout.

Anne posed for me about eight times, and we met regularly for a couple of years and talked a great deal, though we never

She is Gone (Remember Me)
 by David Harkins, written 1981

*You can shed tears that she is gone
 Or you can smile because she has lived
 You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
 Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left
 Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
 Or you can be full of the love that you shared
 You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
 Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
 You can remember her and only that she is gone
 Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on
 You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
 Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on*

even kissed, which is probably why I poured all my feelings about her into my poetry.

I completed Remember Me in about March 1982, but until last year none of my poems received any recognition. Shortly afterwards I met Jayne, my wife, and I have not seen Anne since. My writing has dried up and I'm now a painter selling my works on the internet.

David said "I sent the original copy to Prince Charles and got a lovely letter of reply."

The reply from Prince Charles' then private secretary, Stephen Lamport, thanks Mr Harkins for providing the history of the "passage which captured the hearts of so many people when it was published as part of Queen Elizabeth's funeral service".

The reply from the Prince of Wales's office continued: "I have no doubt that it will be reproduced on many occasions over the years to come. The Prince of Wales has asked me to send you his very best wishes."

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Rev David Tembey lead the service for the end of the year and enrolled two new members.

Joan Winter and Margaret Thompson were welcomed into the Holm Cultram Branch and were presented with certificates and badges.

It was a lovely service and while everyone was pleased to welcome the two new members the members who could not be with us because of illness were remembered. The members had prepared a lovely supper and several members read poems or readings. Lynne Tembey told of the busy time she has had since becoming the Provincial President of York. She has visited all 14 Diocese in her care but remembers her home branch when she is unable to attend the meetings.

The next meeting will be the AGM on 28th January 2008.

Silloth Tide Tables

February 2008
TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT SILLOTH
(Courtesy of A.B.P. Silloth)
Times in GMT

		Heights in metres		
	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
1st.FRI.	0638	4.9	1910	4.8
2ND.SAT.	0803	5.0	2038	4.9
3RD.SUN.	0914	5.4	2143	5.4
4TH.MON.	1004	6.0	2229	5.9
5TH.TUE.	1046	6.5	2309	6.4
6TH.WED.	1124	7.0	2346	6.7
7TH.THU.	****	**	1200	7.3
8TH.FRI.	0021	7.1	1236	7.5
9TH.SAT.	0058	7.2	1314	7.7
10TH.SUN.	0136	7.4	1354	7.8
11TH.MON.	0215	7.3	1434	7.7
12TH.TUE.	0255	7.2	1516	7.4
13TH.WED.	0337	6.7	1604	7.0
14TH.THU.	0427	6.2	1659	6.3
15TH.FRI.	0531	5.6	1812	5.6
16TH.SAT.	0654	5.2	1941	5.3
17TH.SUN.	0828	5.4	2110	5.7
18TH.MON.	0940	6.1	2212	6.3
19TH.TUE.	1033	6.9	2301	7.0
20TH.WED.	1117	7.4	2343	7.3
21ST.THU.	1157	7.7	****	**
22ND.FRI.	0020	7.4	1234	7.8
23RD.SAT.	0057	7.4	1311	7.7
24TH.SUN.	0131	7.3	1346	7.5
25TH.MON.	0204	7.1	1419	7.2
26TH.TUE.	0235	6.9	1452	6.9
27TH.WED.	0309	6.4	1527	6.3
28TH.THU.	0345	6.0	1608	5.6
29TH.FRI.	0430	5.3	1659	5.0

NEW MOON - THUR.7TH.
FULL MOON - THUR.21ST.

On the Waterfront

Report by: Tommy Legs

December was quite busy with eight cargoes entering the port, most arrived in the second half of the month due to bad weather in the English Channel.

The Irish ship the ARKLOW SPIRIT brought two cargoes of fertilizer from Liverpool.

The ISLAY TRADER and the FALCON arrived together with fertilizer from Holland after many days sheltering from severe weather.

The NORDSTRAND also brought fertilizer from HOLLAND and the BEN VARREY brought wheat from Liverpool.

The POTOSI brought fertilizer all the way from Sfax in N. Africa but unfortunately had to sail early on Christmas morning and finally the SWEDICA HAV brought wheat from Rostock, Germany sailing before the New Years celebrations began.

We wish everyone a Happy 2008.

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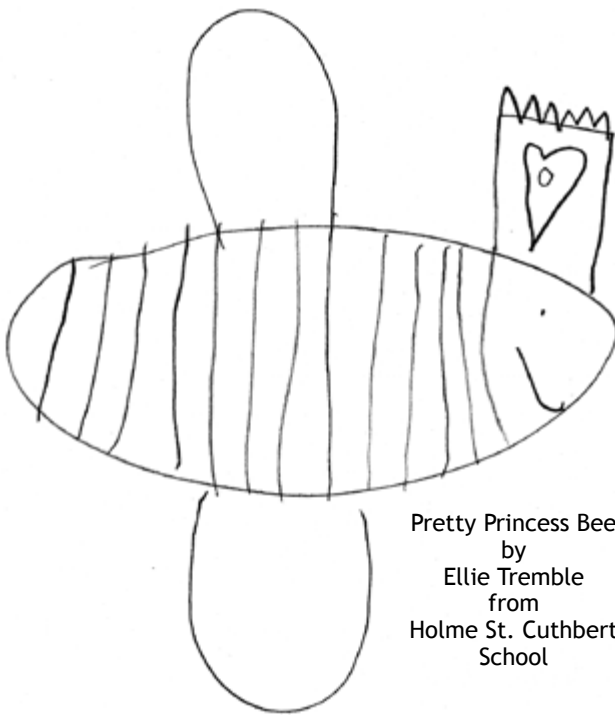
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Junior Tennis Christmas Party



Above: waiting for Santa
Below: Max Paton meets Santa

The Tennis Club held its usual Christmas parties in the sports hall.

Once again we were delighted to welcome a surprise visit from Santa himself. He was on hand again to listen to what the children wanted for Christmas and to give out a special present to everyone who was there.

On behalf of the club we would all like to say a big thank you to Santa and we hope to see him again next year.



Shelly Bee
by Carl Lightfoot
from Holm Cultram
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Shopping Bee
by Daisy Graham
from Holm Cultram
Abbey School

Sporting Grants

Allerdale Borough Council has a grants scheme to help top sportsmen and women to train and compete.

It has already helped 11 talented locals in this financial year on the road to reaching their sporting ambitions, but we could be helping more. If you are a budding sports superstar, then there is still money available in the Council's Grants to Individual Sports People scheme.

The grants are awarded to individuals of all ages who participate in sport at regional, national and international level. They can be used for:

- Training costs, including travel to and from regional camps or squads and any coaching fees
- Purchase of special equipment or specialist clothing or footwear
- Entry fees to regional or national competitions and events
- Hotel expenses for training sessions or competitions

Applications have come from a range of

sports as diverse as orienteering, swimming, rugby league and supermoto.

Rebecca Jackson is Allerdale Borough Council's Sports Development Officer. She wants to hear from any sports people who think the grants could help. "The Council is keen to support sporting excellence. This is a great opportunity for the people of Allerdale. If anyone is interested, please get in touch."

If you compete at a level mentioned above or would like more information about the grants, contact Rebecca Jackson, Sports Development Officer, on 01900 702711.



Rainbow Bee
by Ella Feltham
from Bouncing Babies Childminder

Correction

The Editor would like to apologise to both Chris & Scott Whittle for transposing their achievements on page 15 of last month's issue.

While they are both gifted sportsmen, it must be galling to find your brother recognised for your achievements instead of yourself. I can only apologise.

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Stag-Do at Brunton Park



They were lucky enough to meet their man-of-the-match, Joe Garner at full time.
L-R: Joe Garner, Bo, Sloany, Walshy, Gibby, Myself, Dooley And Owen Garner

Following his recent letter in the December issue John Slack (jnr) is delighted so many of his friends took up his invitation to go to his stag-do.

They sponsored the match-ball at the Carlisle United v Gillingham game and had such a fantastic day! They all arrived at Brunton Park at 12 o'clock, where it was straight to the bar in the sponsors lounge. After a couple of pints they were then taken on a tour of Brunton Park, getting to see what goes on behind the scenes on a match day (this was a truly unforgettable experience John will treasure

forever).

Then they all went back to Foxy's Restaurant where they were served a beautiful meal. At kick-off time they took their seats in the Executive Box and were then treated to a magnificent ninety minutes of football with the "Blues Army" running out 2-0 winners. Some of John's friends were lucky enough to sit with a couple of injured stars from the first team throughout the match. After the final whistle it was back to the bar for more drink and a good banter.

John would like to thank all at Carlisle United Football Club for

the fantastic hospitality he and his friends received. He had the perfect day, a three point win and Reggie even bought him a pint.

Charity Darts Competition

Silloth Darts League is hosting a charity darts evening, the Michael Wilson Memorial Trophy.

All proceeds will be divided between Silloth Junior Football, Rugby and Tennis clubs. Donations have previously gone to the Great North Air Ambulance and Silloth RNLI.

If anyone would like to donate raffle prizes they would be gratefully received.

This event is not restricted to Silloth Darts League it is for anyone who would like to come along.

Any queries contact Martin Slack on 07854 753517 or 016973 31381.

Silloth Tennis Club



Above: Mary & Anna with boys finalists
Below: Shona with boys finalists



Greg Ramsay spent much of the Christmas holidays continuing his fine tennis form of the summer.

First off was an under ten event at Chatsworth Tennis Club in Carlisle. Despite being only eight and the youngest player there he powered through the field to take the title with a battling final victory over another Sillothian: Reece Blake.

His second tournament success was for the whole of the

County and another set of gutsy performances gave him the winners medal and the chance to represent Cumbria at the regional event in Edinburgh at the end of January.

We wish him well. Another player in good form was Emily Wise who also played some good tennis as she made the final of another event held at Chatsworth.

Also, in a series of mini tennis events held at Silloth and Maryport

another bunch of young club members showed that they too are beginning to show similar skill levels.

Good performers included: Shona Little: Semi finalist at Maryport in first event.

Mary Hollick: Finalist at Silloth in first event. Liam Lightfoot: Semi finalist at Silloth and Maryport in first events. Macy Baker: Finalist. Anna Middleton: Winner.

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Fishing Competition



Jonathon Tallontire with dad and prize winning fish

Report by: Jimmy Lettice

Silloth Rugby Club held its first ever fishing competition on Sunday 30th December 2007.

The competition was held along the Silloth sea wall and was a great success. It was targeted at the youngsters and the response was superb with 24 young people aged from 9 to 15 years old taking part. A handful of parents and grandparents also took part in the entertainment. The oldest competitor was just as eager as the youngest one.

It was obvious to see that Santas Christmas Tackle Shop had been very busy with new rods reels and tackle boxes shining in the Silloth sun-filled skies.

Over 70 fish were caught (and quickly put back) with a fine selection of dab, plaice, flounder, codling, whiting and rockling being landed.

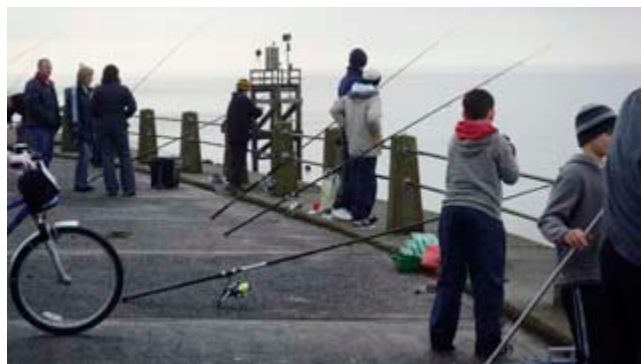
The pick of the catch was a fine dab caught by 12 year Jonathon Tallontire from Silloth measuring 29cm.

The prize winners on the day were
 12 year old and under: Robbie Harrison.
 13 year and over: Gareth Hart.
 Over 18 years old: Jim Blake.
 Longest fish: Jonathon Tallontire.
 Most species: Gareth Hart.
 Overall winner for 2007: Gareth Hart.

Due to the success of the event and the enjoyment all competitors had on the day Silloth Rugby Club are already planning the next competition, again with the children in our community being our main target.



Gareth Hart overall champion 2007



Competitors on the Sea Wall



Football Frenzy Bee
 by Annabelle Brown from Bouncing Babies Childminder

Silloth Tennis Club



Above: Greg with fellow competitors
 Right: Losing table tennis finalist Reece Blake

Having missed out on its usual summer berth, the annual David's Cup event was played out in the sports hall over the festive period.

The big 'un/little 'un event, which is now in its 6th year had a new format of Badminton, Mini Tennis and Table Tennis and proved to be a great success

with 24 people taking part.

The winners were as follows:
 Mini Tennis Doubles: Brian & Adam Story
 Badminton Doubles: Dawn Graham & Emily Wise
 Table Tennis Singles: (Over 12) Leigh Neilly
 Table Tennis Singles: (Under 12) Dionne Blake



SILLOTH DARTS LEAGUE

MICHAEL WILSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

Saturday
 1st March 2008
 in
 Silloth Social Club



All Proceeds To Be Divided Between
 Silloth Junior Football, Rugby And Tennis Clubs

You Don't Need To Be A Darter To Play

Only £2 Entry Per Person
 Register By 7:30pm
 Darts Start At 8:00pm

Blind Doubles Format
 501,
 Double Start, Double Finish

