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## Joint Schools Choir



The 4th Annual Cumbrian Joint Schools' Choir Concert was hosted by Silloth Primary School at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre on 13th March.

The choir originated from a shared passion by teaching staff for music and singing. For example, staff quickly saw the benefits to children's self-esteem, giving them a shared sense of purpose and unity in an educational and enjoyable way. Staff and junior children from Broughton, Dearham, Distington, Grasmere, Silloth and Threlkeld Primary Schools comprise this exciting and innovative venture, taking singing to new heights, across differing social and cultural boundaries.

The Easter Musical



Host Jonathan Dennison, Head Teacher, Silloth School

Extravaganza ranged from African chants to an adaptation from Queen! A further highlight of the performance was the Blues section which involved improvisation.

This was the first time they had used a venue like

the Sunset Inn at Stanwix Park and everyone was absolutely delighted with the facilities, their normal venue is a School Hall.

Many photographs of the evening can be viewed on the Solway Buzz web site.

## Forthcoming Events

**Festival of Art 20th June to 5th July**

**Kite Festival - 26th & 27th July**

**Solfest - 22nd & 24th August**

**Silloth Carnival - 25th August**

**Silloth Music & Beer Festival  
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**The Hamsters and John Otway**  
Advance Tickets £15 / £17 on the door\*

**Saturday 6th Sept**

12pm - 4pm Silloth Pensioners Tea Party : The Nightriders  
Tickets £6  
7.00pm - Midnight

**SOUNDS of the BLUES BROTHERS**  
Supported by A.W.O.L.  
Advance Tickets £15 / £17 on the door\*

**Sunday 7th Sept. 12.00pm - 6.00pm**

12pm - 4pm Cash Prize Karaoke  
**The Jamm** A Tribute Show

Tickets - Adults £9 / Children £1 accompanied by an adult.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM**  
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**No Admittance to U18's after 7pm**



## Silloth Children's Centre Progress



As a regular reader of the Buzz you probably live in the Silloth area and you may have noticed the building being constructed adjacent to the Primary school.

This is to be a North Allerdale Children's Centre and will be known as 'Silloth Children's Centre'. With the Children's services being provided by Barnardos, who were successful with a major bid to provide these services in Allerdale from the 1st April this year. Other areas that were successful in the bid were Carlisle and Eden.

There will be other children's centres in the area at Aspatria and Wigton, providing information and opportunities for families in the towns as well as in the surrounding rural areas.

We have produced a questionnaire to find out which services will be of interest to parents, listed are the following:

- Information on: Adult health and lifestyles
  - Baby and child health
  - Baby and childhood behavioural development;
  - Counselling
  - Courses for parents
  - Parents wanting to return to work
  - Becoming a volunteer then
- Support for:
- Volunteers
  - Breast-feeding,
  - Antenatal and post natal times

- Families.
- Activities like:
- Play sessions
- Toy Library
- Family Fun Days.
- Parent groups

These questionnaires are kindly being distributed throughout the schools: Silloth Primary school, the surrounding village schools and Baby/Toddler groups. If you would like to complete one please contact 016973 71741 and we will send one to you directly.

We will be working in partnership with: Silloth Community School, where some of the courses will be accommodated, Jobcentre Plus, to advise parents of any job opportunities. Also Health Visitors/Workers are part of our plan, with other services still to be arranged.

The work was supposed to be complete by mid April but unfortunately we have hit a problem, the electricity supply for the new Centre needs a new cable, as it is also used by both the Junior and Senior schools. The supply needs to be switched off for at least two weeks to do the necessary replacement work. Due to prior commitments of the schools, this will not be possible until the summer holidays. We are really disappointed about this delay but are hoping to run some activities using other venues until the building is completed.

One date to look out for is the 'Walk in the Woods' taking place on the 21st May.

Hannah Davison, is the Local Service Coordinator who is responsible for Silloth and Aspatria, her contact details are 016973 71741 at the George Moore Estate, Fletchertown. Alternatively you can e-mail her on Hannah.davison@barnardos.org.uk.

If you would like to complete a questionnaire or would like any further information please do not hesitate to call 016973 71741.

## Headstone Inspections

Allerdale Borough Council would like to advise members of the public that there are ongoing headstone inspections in the Council's cemeteries.

Cemetery visitors are advised that any headstone found to be dangerous will immediately be laid on the ground to make it safe.

Memorials that have been laid down must not be re-erected until the Council has given permission for this work to take place, which should be carried out by an approved memorial mason.

The Council has responsibility for eight cemeteries throughout the borough. Robert Deacon, Allerdale Borough Council's Bereavement Services Officer, said: "The checks are part of the Council's regular programme of

cemetery inspections. While the Council sympathises with the relatives of loved ones whose headstones are laid down and appreciates the sensitivity of the issue, the safety of visitors to the cemetery has to take priority. There have been incidents elsewhere in Britain where children have been killed and adults seriously injured due to unstable headstones."

Information signs are permanently displayed in the borough's cemeteries explaining what is happening and why, and who to contact for more details on what to do next.

Cemetery visitors who find that the headstone of their loved one has been laid down should contact Allerdale Borough Council's Bereavement Services department on 01900 702620.

Shopping Spree Bees  
by  
Annabelle Brown  
from  
Holme St. Cuthbert School

The Three Bees  
by  
Darci Slack  
from  
Silloth Primary School



## Over 55's Coffee & Chat

New for over 55's is an opportunity for a coffee and chat at Past and Present, Allonby.

This will be happening on every Thursday morning from

10:30am and starts on 24th April.

For further details contact Alison Andrew at Age Concern Northwest Cumbria on 01900 819087.

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## Abbeytown Bowling Club

Members of Ireby Bowling Club were visitors to Abbeytown Assembly Rooms on a cold night but fortunately the heating was working and everyone was warm and comfortable.

Malcolm Temple welcomed the visitors and explained the format for the evening. Four games were played with Elsie Foster, Brian Richards, John Wood and Malcolm Temple having an excellent start winning their game 11 to 1. This gave Abbeytown a good lead into the second half.

A delicious supper was enjoyed and the lucky raffle winners were Robert Lightfoot, Donald Foster, Audrey Harrison, Gladys Temple, Brian Richards and Robin Hurst from Abbeytown, Gladys Strickland and Tim Holborn from Ireby.

The games after supper were very close but Ireby were just able to catch up so Abbeytown were winners on the night ending winners at 41 to 33.

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## Silloth Docks Smash Record



**The Port of Silloth has set a new record for tonnage handled in a single shipment, with the arrival from Holland of m.v. Arklow River.**

The Irish-registered vessel delivered over 4,150 tonnes of agribulks to Silloth's New Dock on behalf of port customers, Carrs Fertilisers Ltd. The load was discharged by the port's resident stevedores, DA Harrison, in under 18 hours, certainly a job well done.

The shipment is the

first in the port's history to exceed 4,000 tonnes, but is merely the latest in an ongoing trend of increased shipment volumes to pass through Silloth, with new records being set five times in as many years. 2007 saw the port handling over 100,000 tonnes of agribulks, eclipsing all previous records.

Paul Jervis, ABP Port Manager, North-West Ports, commented: "This shipment highlights Silloth's ability to deliver large quantities of bulk

materials to serve the agricultural community, both in Cumbria and further afield. A vessel of this size is relatively large for the port, but certainly not exceptional, and was managed comfortably with careful planning from Silloth's operational staff."

Agribulk products have been imported through Silloth ever since the docks were built in 1859, with products originating in Europe, the Baltic States and North Africa.

## Coining It In for the Kids' Hospice



L-R: Carol Carr, Daniel Whitmore, Louise Hinde and fundraising coordinator, Toddy Winter

Staff at the Spar shop in Silloth hand over a cheque for £500 to mascot Joe Jigsaw for Eden House Children's Hospice, which is part of Eden Valley Hospice in Carlisle. The money was raised in the Spar's collection tins on the counter, initiated by Toddy Winter.

## Causewayhead WI

At the March meeting of Causewayhead W.I., President, Pat Bell welcomed members and asked the Secretary, Jean Vorley to read the minutes of the previous meeting. These were accepted as a true record and signed. The date of the birthday meal was confirmed as the 7th May and would take place at The Gin Case.

Members were

informed that the two darts teams unfortunately did not make it through to the finals, but certainly didn't disgrace themselves. Both teams won 2 games and the A team only lost on their play-off match against Kirkbride W.I.

After the general business was concluded the President welcomed Barbara Ruddick who gave a demonstration of her jewellery making techniques. Barbara started by painting jewellery but now concentrates on assembling her gem stones. A large selection of pieces were on display and she proceeded to go through the months of the year showing the gems which represented each month and also their alternative stones, i.e. Garnets are the main gem stone for January, and the alternative stone being rose quartz. Barbara also

had a piece of rock which contained garnets that had been found at Shap.

The whole demonstration proved to be a fascinating experience and afterwards members were able to purchase pieces of the jewellery on display.

A vote of thanks was given by Diane Shaw on behalf of all members.

The social half hour consisted of two quizzes, one being 'Put A Name to the Face' and the other 'The Worlds Easiest Quiz' - which was not what it seemed. The whole half hour proved to be great fun.

The winners of the competitions on the night were:

Humorous Mug:

J. Day and J. Graham

Flower: J. Wilkinson

and R. Brooks

Raffle:

J. Davies and J. Vorley

Grocery Parcels: J. Vorley and J. Wilkinson.

## Cumbria Cancer Support Group

Cumbria Cancer Support Group are there for people who have been affected by any type of cancer and are coping with its effects and for their family, carers and friends.

They meet on the third Thursday of every month at 7pm in the

Education Centre, the Cumberland Infirmary, Infirmary Street, Carlisle. (Next to the Ambulance Station).

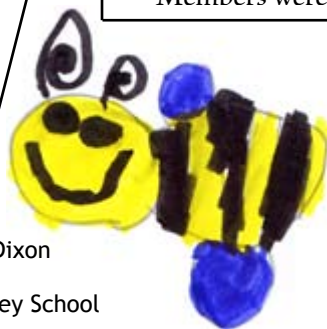
In a relaxed atmosphere, they have speakers and social events, giving one another support and friendship.

ALL WELCOME.

For further information, please contact:

Patrick Laing  
013873 71756 or  
Carol Maughan  
01228 814283.

Liz  
by Elizabeth Dixon  
from  
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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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Saturday	10am-12noon

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

Production Team

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Abbeytown Library

Abbeytown mobile library service to the village starts on Monday 7th April 2008

The mobile will stop outside the Wheatsheaf Inn at 1pm for an hour every Monday

Silloth RNLI Shop

**Shop Opening Hours**

Saturday	1pm – 4pm
Easter Sunday	11am – 4pm
B.H. Monday	1pm – 4pm

Our shop is staffed entirely by volunteers and occasionally we may not always be able to open at the advertised time. We do apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Useful Tel Numbers

Chemist, Silloth:	016973 31394
Community Grants:	01900 325013
Crime Stoppers:	0800 555 111
Dental Emergency:	01228 603620
Dentist, Buchanan:	016973 31270
Dentist, Steel:	016973 32042
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First Responders can only be called by the Ambulance service, call:	999
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Holme St. Cuthbert School	
Mawbray:	01900 881242
Holm Cultram Abbey CofE School	
Abbeytown:	016973 61261
MP, Tony Cunningham:	
	01900 65815
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Silloth Library:	016973 32195
NAP	01900 702898
Neighbourhood Forum:	01900 325013
Police:	01900 602422
Quakers, Wigton:	01228 523174
Register Office, Wigton:	01228 223447
Samaritans:	01228 544444
Silloth Community School:	
	016973 31234
Silloth Nursery & Junior School:	
	016973 31243
Silloth Town Clerk:	016973 31128
Allerdale B. Council	01900 702702
Silloth Tourist Information Centre:	
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Waste Disposal Dept:	01900 702800
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This section is for your convenience, so please, let us know what you want included, also any changes to numbers.

Silloth Tots & Toddlers

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  
All Welcome  
Call in for a friendly chat

Dates for the Diary

April

19th Silloth Golf Club Open Day - all welcome from 11:30am onwards

22nd The Odd Couple at Wigton Theatre Club, 7:30pm  
Tel: 016973 44620

23rd The Odd Couple at Wigton Theatre Club, 7:30pm  
Tel: 016973 44620

24th The Odd Couple at Wigton Theatre Club, 7:30pm  
Tel: 016973 44620

25th The Odd Couple at Wigton Theatre Club, 7:30pm  
Tel: 016973 44620

26th The Odd Couple at Wigton Theatre Club, 7:30pm  
Tel: 016973 44620

29th Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College, Silloth, 1:45 to 3:45

May

3rd Coffee Morning in Silloth Recreation Hall @ 10am

7th Causewayhead WI meet at The Gincase @ 7:30pm, Birthday Party  
Tel: 016973 31447

10th Abbeytown Methodist Church Coffee Afternoon with Sales table in Sunday School Room, 2:30pm to 3:30pm

11th Spring Plant Sale at Mawbray Village Hall 10am to 4pm, refreshments  
contact Karen: 01900 881353

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

Football Training

**Silloth Football Club**

**All training takes place at Eden Street Playing Fields**

**Training Times 2008**

Under 8’s  
Monday 5:30 to 6:30pm  
Contact Melanie Irving 32850

Under 10’s  
Monday 4:30 to 5:30pm  
Contact Kevin Dixon 31954

Under 11’s  
Thursday 4:30 to 5:30pm  
Contact Derek Wallace 32050

Under 14’s & Under 16’s  
Friday 5:30 to 7pm  
Contact Colin Baty 32969 & John Gibson 32627

Girls Under 12’s & Under 14’s  
Tuesday 5 to 6pm  
Contact Jennifer Bell 32291

Open to boys and girls. Membership forms available from all coaches.

**Men’s Training at Eden Street Playing Fields**  
Wed 6:30pm to 8pm  
Contact John Slack 31449

Over 35’s matches Mondays 6:30pm kick off  
Contact Stephen Hart 31517

**Copy date for the June issue**

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

**5th May 2008**

May continued

13th Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College, Silloth, 1:45 to 3:45

13th Abbeytown WI, meet in Assembly Room, Abbeytown @ 7:30pm, tel: 016973 617667

14th Causewayhead WI meeting @Trinity Methodist Church Schoolroom 7:15pm  
Resolution Meeting and Beetle drive. Tel: 016973 31447

15th Abbeytown Flower Club meeting, 016973 61055

15th Cumbria Cancer Support Group meeting at 7pm, Education Centre, the Cumberland Infirmary, Infirmary Street, Carlisle

17th Silloth AFC Junior Football Presentation in the Rugby Club at 7pm, Karaoke by Jazzy Jim

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

22nd Skinburness Residents Association meeting in the Golf Hotel @ 8pm

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

29th Annual Town Meeting in the Discovery Centre, Silloth

June

1st Abbeytown Road Run, 1:30pm start, enquiries to: 016973 61105 or 016973 61798

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

7th Coffee Morning in Silloth Recreation Hall @ 10am

8th Abbeytown WI, meet in Assembly Room, Abbeytown @ 7:30pm, tel: 016973 617667

9th Solway Coast Forum

10th Abbeytown WI, meet in Assembly Room, Abbeytown @ 7:30pm, tel: 016973 617667

11th Causewayhead WI meeting @Trinity Methodist Church Schoolroom 7:15pm  
House of Fraser Pamper Night. Tel: 016973 31447

14th Wigton Choral Society SUMMER CONCERT playing Faure Requiem @ 7:30pm in St. Mary’s, Wigton

19th Abbeytown Flower Club meeting, 016973 61055

19th Cumbria Cancer Support Group meeting at 7pm, Education Centre, the Cumberland Infirmary, Infirmary Street, Carlisle

20th Silloth Festival of Art

20th Silloth Vintage Rally Red Spider playing in the Albion Inn at 8pm

21st Silloth Festival of Art

21st Silloth Vintage Rally on Silloth Green. all free

21st Silloth Vintage Rally Brightside playing in the Balmoral Hotel at 8pm

22nd Silloth Festival of Art

22nd Silloth Vintage Rally on Silloth Green. all free

23rd Silloth Festival of Art

24th Silloth Festival of Art

25th Silloth Festival of Art

June cont’d

26th Silloth Festival of Art

27th Silloth Festival of Art

28th Silloth Festival of Art

29th Silloth Festival of Art

29th Local Craft & Produce at Mawbray Village Hall 10am to 4pm, refreshments  
contact Karen: 01900 881353

30th Silloth Festival of Art

**July**

1st Silloth Festival of Art

2nd Silloth Festival of Art

3rd Silloth Festival of Art

4th Silloth Festival of Art

5th Silloth Festival of Art

5th Silloth & District Pensioners, Strawberry Tea in St. Andrews Hall, Solway Street @ 2pm

6th Cumbria Cancer Support Group meeting at 7pm, Education Centre, the Cumberland Infirmary, Infirmary Street, Carlisle

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

9th Causewayhead WI meeting @Trinity Methodist Church Schoolroom 7:15pm  
Eileen Wilson: What the Judge is looking for Tel: 016973 31447

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

17th Abbeytown Flower Club meeting, 016973 61055

17th Cumbria Cancer Support Group meeting at 7pm, Education Centre, the Cumberland Infirmary, Infirmary Street, Carlisle

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

20th Abbeytown Methodist Church, Concert by Seaton Ladies Choir

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

3rd Local Craft & Produce at Mawbray Village Hall 10am to 4pm, refreshments  
contact Karen: 01900 881353

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

17th Charity Ploughing Match and Car-Boot Sale at Mealo House, Allonby  
Tel Ian: 07732 619819 for info

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

August cont’d

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

21st Cumbria Cancer Support Group meeting at 7pm, Education Centre, the Cumberland Infirmary, Infirmary Street, Carlisle

22nd Solfest

23rd Solfest

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

24th Solfest

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, The Jamm

9th Abbeytown WI, meet in Assembly Room, Abbeytown @ 7:30pm, tel: 016973 617667

3rd Solway Coast Forum

10th Causewayhead WI meeting @Trinity Methodist Church Schoolroom 7:15pm  
Visit to Carlisle Mail Centre  
Tel: 016973 31447

13th Coffee Morning in Silloth Recreation Hall @ 10am

14th Local Food & Produce Fair & Crafts at Mawbray Village Hall 10am to 4pm, refreshments  
contact Karen: 01900 881353

18th Abbeytown Flower Club meeting, 016973 61055

18th Cumbria Cancer Support Group meeting at 7pm, Education Centre, the Cumberland Infirmary, Infirmary Street, Carlisle

28th Abbeytown Methodist Church Harvest Festival Service @ 6:30pm

29th Abbeytown Methodist Church Sale of Produce @ 7pm

October

4th Coffee Morning in Silloth Recreation Hall @ 10am

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

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## Mayors Report by Graham Wilkinson

The Mayors Report for March & April 2008.

The Chairman attended several events these included: The Civic Dinner for the Mayor of Allerdale, the Junior School Choir night at Stanwix Park and the Pool League presentation night in the Social Club.

PC Andy Robertsons' report included: drunk and disorderly conduct, door to door fish salesmen from the North East who should not be entertained, vandalism and theft from vehicles, the use of mini moto's within

the town and arrests for common assault. He was questioned on when will PCSO Noblet will be back on duty in the town, she returns at the end of June. A new inspector has been appointed to cover the area. The Town Council has made a request for cover until then, this will be discussed.

Mike Philips gave a report to Council on the transition of the North Allerdale Partnership into the North Allerdale Development Trust, which will come into action over the next three

months. This is the body whom we work with on regeneration projects such as The Green and the facelift schemes which business properties have taken up over the past year.

Correspondence dealt with: a letter to Cumbria County Council regarding the possible purchase of the sports area, this matter is ongoing. A request for financial support from Mencap a donation of £100 was agreed. A letter of request for the sports pitches to be declared a dog free area due to the dog fouling, this was discussed with Allerdale B.C. and refused as the area has no secure fencing to all boundaries so cannot be included in the Act. However a request will be made to Allerdale for the Dog Warden to make regular visits in hope that the offenders will be dealt with. Silloth Festival Ltd and Silloth Vintage Rally Ltd requested the use of The Green for their annual events, this was agreed. Proposals are being discussed for illuminated road signs at Maryport and Stanwix Park corner when Dubmill is closed.

Other reports came from S.T.A.G. who have distributed 30,000 publicity leaflets via the Tourist Information

Centres. Sea Dyke Charity, the Chairman John Graham has been re-elected and work goes on. The County Council work at Dubmill has held up the work on a zebra crossing at West Silloth but it will be done shortly. Silloth Football Club requested funding to purchase tracksuits or rain jackets at a cost of £650, this was agreed with the proviso that the garments endorse the support by the Town Council. Funding was also requested by the Vintage Rally in support of a sheep shearing demonstration by Australian clippers, a donation of £500 was agreed. Mobex have started talks with youngsters re-youth provision. The Highways department will be approached with a view to making the top end of Esk Street one way from the junction of Raglans Court to Solway Street due to the lack of parking provision.

A report re the HLF bid for The Green project was given, the bid is nearing completion and full details will be available soon, watch this space.

Outstanding matters from Allerdale B.C. were discussed i.e. Toilets at North House car park these have now been re-opened. The cemetery bridge, a contract of work has been awarded but

Report by: Gladys Temple

### The Annual General Meeting of the Arthritis Group was held at Loveday House.

Chairman Edna Marper welcomed everyone especially Mary Heslam who would entertain us with some tales. Secretary Peggy Bray read the minutes.

Edna gave her report and we had a very interesting and informative year with slides from Norman Godfrey and Leo Holden, speakers Paul Gibson (rheumatology nurse) Jackie Barker (Alexander Technique), Jackie Herbert (herbalist), Lyn Hardie (Age Concern) and Mary Heslam. We had trips to Gretna and Grasmere and New Year dinner at Newton Arlosh. Treasurer Mary Harrison gave a comprehensive financial report and it was agreed that the annual subs remain at £6 with the meeting fee being £1. The appointment of officers took place and as Chairman Edna

awaits agreement from the Environment Agency. Missing Street lighting at the rear of the Bowling Club and on the road to the Convalescent home will to be taken up with Allerdale along with the missing street nameplates which are outstanding from 2005, we await the outcome.

Marper and Secretary Peggy Bray both wished to resign it was proposed that Christine Smithson be Chairman, Mary Peile Vice Chairman, Gladys Temple Secretary, Mary Harrison Treasurer, Anne Graham Refreshment Organiser, Joan Gilbertson Auditor and Peggy Bray a Committee Member. These appointments were passed unanimously.

Peggy had already organised the programme for the coming year subject to adjustments. Edna asked Mary Heslam to read some of her poems. She began with a one about Walton followed by The Wigton By-pass. As she is writing a book we requested a flavour of chapter 2 as we had enjoyed chapter 1 last year. More poems followed with one on an ear of corn, Ian's Effluent and The forgotten Army.

Joan Gilbertson and Mary Thompson served refreshments. Mary Harrison was kept busy collecting the subs and Mary Peile was the lucky raffle winner.



Happy Feet Bees  
by Archie Winter  
from Silloth Nursery

## 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.

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Masthead Bee Winner

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## Motocross at High Tarns



A field at Tarns Farm has found a new type of diversification from farming.

A group of local and County Motocross enthusiasts have made it one of their venues. The field has two courses, one for minors from the age of 6, this is on level ground, with corners of varying angles. The other which is on light and sandy ground is ideal for Motocross, has man-made hillocks allowing the riders to jump into the air depending on their speed.

The main course is used for the Riders to Practice for the Northern Centre Motocross events which has four Clubs, these being held at Brampton, Great Salkeld, Millom and Whitehaven.

At the end of the year all the Clubs meet at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre for an evening of celebration and presentations.

Above: the adult course with views across the Solway  
Below: The adult course is designed for high jumps



A six year old burning up the juvenile course

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yes/no.
2. Are your roots slightly darker than the ends? (This is how natural hair looks. Hold ends against roots



Baz the Bumble Bee  
by Sophie Lily Graham  
from  
Silloth Nursery School



Elephant Bee  
by Ella Feltham  
from  
Silloth Nursery

- to fairly compare.)  
yes/no.
3. Does your colour stay intact for at least four weeks before it starts fading?  
yes/no.
  4. Is your colour dimensional as opposed to a flat, single shade? (Check it out in sunlight.)  
yes/no.
  5. Is maintaining your hair colour within your beauty budget?  
yes/no.
  6. Do you have highlights or lowlights that seem to work with the way your hair moves, or with the way your hair cut is shaped?  
yes/no.
  7. Compared to a celebrity's colour whose shade is about the same, does your hair colour look just as good as the star's? (Compare hair colour only, not your total images. Picture your heads from behind if you find the comparison difficult to make.)  
yes/no.
  8. Does your hair colour make your eyes pop?  
yes/no.
  9. Do you visit your salon as often as you like in order to maintain your colour, or as often as you get a cut? Give yourself double points if your colour requires

- retouching with every other haircut visit. (If you colour at home, does the maintenance work with your lifestyle?)  
yes/no.
10. Does your colour suit your personality and self-image?  
yes/no.
  11. Does your hair look and feel healthy after you get colour, as well as two weeks later?  
yes/no.
  12. Do you think your colour is stylish and up-to-date?  
yes/no.

Score 10 - 12  
congratulations you have perfect colour.

Score 8 - 9 your colour suits your taste but it could be better.

Score 5 - 7 something is wrong your colour doesn't match your skin or your eyes. Come into the salon and try some swatches up close to your eyes to get it right, consultations are free and can be very enlightening.

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## Gincase Exhibition



Karen Embleton's unusual and soulful art on display at The Gincase very much reflects the moods and atmosphere of her surroundings as well as her passion for art and design.

Brought up in the north of England, Karen now lives in Cockermouth. My first love is painting and photography", says Karen, "and, more recently, I was inspired to use my knowledge of art and the local area to create textured scenes on canvas."

The Giclee prints produced by Karen reflect the colourful and moody images of the Lake District, and Karen also combines her interior design and artistic skills to create unusual original prints on canvas which

can be tailored to suit individual homes.

"The use of canvas creates a more textured finish", says Karen, "blending with softer fabrics associated with the home, and I enjoy creating something unusual and unique for each individual client". Happy to work on a wide range of commission pieces, Karen will also create individual pictures from photographs for clients. These might be a favourite spot, a beloved pet or family member where Karen will print your own photograph onto canvas to create a beautiful gift for someone you love.

Karen Embleton's exhibition at The Gincase runs from Saturday 26 April until Friday 30 May.

## Abbeytown WI 81st Birthday

Report & Photos by:  
Gladys Temple

**President Audrey Harrison welcomed members and guest to the 81st Birthday of Abbeytown WI.**

She gave out several notices then invited our special guests Amy and Thomas Williamson, who audits our books every year to help themselves to the buffet, everyone followed and enjoyed a delicious supper. Joyce Wilson cut the cake and wished the WI many more birthdays.

A free table draw meant everyone received a prize. The tables were cleared and Elsie Donald thanked Joyce Wilson for baking and decorating the cake with her usual flair. "The Bargain Hunters" then entertained us to a wonderful evening of melodies and comedy. They began with their theme song 'Tonight' and Derek the compere kept us laughing with his jokes. The songs were all ones we could recognise and enjoy.

At half-time the Annual Draw was held with winners being T. Bell c/o The Wheatsheaf,



Above: L-R: Margaret Ackerley, Pam Blaylock, Mary Heslam, Sylvia Asbridge, Mary Briggs  
Below: L-R: President Audrey Harrison with Joyce Wilson cutting the cake

Beth Robertson, Gemma Wilson, Melanie Sharp, Elsie Donald, Glennis Halliwell, Jamie Dalton, Joyce Hall, Daniel Thompson, (Kings Lynn) Molly Garner, Mavis Graham, Luke Chatterage, Audrey Harrison, Margaret Ackerley, Michelle Mackie, and Richard Beattie. The second half began with a Beatles Melody, More, Rhythm of Life and lots more we could join in ending with Nothing like a Dame and Goodbye. Gladys Temple thanked them for a wonderful evening of entertainment with singers Alan, Bob and Derek needing no microphone and Derek's lovely jokes.



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## Easter Celebrations

Report by: Alan Byrom

**Easter was a busy time for Christ Church with St Paul's.**

We enjoyed our special round of services beginning with Holy Communion on the morning of Maundy Thursday at Christ Church all the way through to the Holy Communion services in the morning and Evensong at St Paul's in the afternoon of Easter Sunday.

On Good Friday we joined with the other churches for a short service in the Methodist Church led by Rev'd John Millard, the Methodist minister. A good number of us joined in the walk of witness, following the Cross through the town and across the Green, followed by prayers round the cross on the wooded hillock overlooking the town and the Green. The Stations of the Cross service at the Roman Catholic Church was attended by members of several of our congregations.

On Easter Saturday the Coffee Morning with competitions took place in Christ Church Hall. This was a popular event and we were crowded out in the hall. Many thanks to everyone who took part in baking, serving, selling, eating and drinking, buying, organising, etc.

There was a special competition this year: guess the price paid for the old suit which the Vicar was wearing. The prize was a bottle from the Vicar's extensive cellar and was won by Vicky Harrison for guessing closest to the actual price of £9.25.

The children's competitions attracted a good range of entries on the whole, especially the Easter bonnet competition. We were very fortunate to have Rev'd and Mrs Hine as the judges on the day. Rev'd Hine in particular will be known to many from his time as parish minister in the area and currently he is the Team Consultant to the Solway Plain Team.

The results of the competitions are as follows.  
Easter Bonnets Juniors  
First Prize  
Alice Davison  
Joint Second Prize  
Charlotte  
Rebecca Clorley



Easter Bonnets Infants  
First Prize  
Erin Tilley  
Second Prize  
Natalie Wood  
Decorated Eggs  
First Prize  
Natalie Wood  
Second Prize  
Roy Bervoets  
Colouring: Juniors  
First Prize  
Matthew Oliver  
Colouring: Infants  
Natalie Wood  
Charlotte Hetherington



## Information Wanted

### SILLOTH DOCKS HISTORICAL INFORMATION WANTED

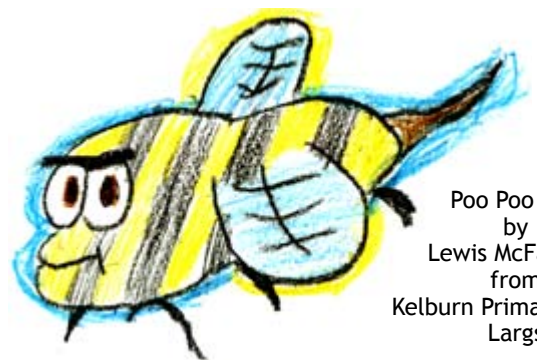
Throughout August of 2009, which will be here before we know it, Chris Puxley is hoping to put together another exhibition of the history of the Port of Silloth. A similar event to that presented over a weekend in 2005 for the "Sea Britain" celebrations.

The proposed exhibition next year will be to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the grand official opening of the Silloth Dock, (renamed Marshall Dock at the opening ceremony), which occurred on 3rd August 1859.

Over Chris's years here he has compiled a comprehensive history of the port and its' shipping activities, including numerous photographs

and other historical papers. There is however, probably due to security measures taken at the time, a lack of any detailed information of activities during the first and second World Wars. It is known that Silloth Docks were very busy during those periods due to their relatively safe location.

If any of our readership could assist with any information, memorabilia or photographs of those times, or indeed provide details which would enhance the archive already collected, Chris would be very interested to hear from them. Chris Puxley, Harbour Master, The Dock Office, Silloth, Wigton, CA7 4JQ



Poo Poo Bee  
by  
Lewis McFarlane  
from  
Kelburn Primary School  
Largs

## Woodcarvers Challenge



**One of the members of the Solway Woodcarvers Group**

**who meet in Silloth Community Hall has only been woodcarving since May last year.** Despite this lack of experience, Ernest Froggatt has successfully completed a very challenging woodcarving of a viaduct near Nottingham known locally as the forty bridges.

Our group members are all currently carving a teddy bear each; they are being carved under the

title of teddy bears picnic. All the teddy bears will then be raffled on behalf of the Eden Valley Childrens Hospice. They will be on display at the Silloth Vintage Rally.

Nearer home Michael Faulkner of Abbeytown and instructor Clive will be carving a coat of arms (shield with a Templar's cross and a royal lion). This is being carved out of Ash and on completion it will be donated to the Abbey.

Prospective new members welcome! For all who are interested in viewing work in progress, please feel free to call in on either Monday or Wednesday evenings from 7pm until 9:30pm.



## Four Masters at Silloth

Article by: Stephen Wright

A century ago, tall ships came frequently to Silloth, bringing cargoes of grain from places as distant as Australia and America. The largest of these were the four-masters, and Silloth was graced by at least four of these giant sailing vessels in its past. Research by me over the last few months has brought these majestic vessels to light again, and we can now look back at their visits.

The first four-masted sailing ship to visit Silloth was the 'Drumburton'. She arrived on August 20th, 1887 with more than 3,000 tonnes of wheat from Kingston in South Australia. Her arrival was reported in the local press. She was at the time regarded as the largest ship ever to enter the Solway, and was certainly the largest ship to enter Silloth up to then. Crowds packed the pier and dock side as the tugs brought her into port, and during her stay in port, which lasted over three weeks, many people visited the vessel. She departed on September 14th. Launched in

1881 by Russell & Co of Port Glasgow, the 'Drumburton' was square rigged on all masts, her hull being 270ft (84m) long, 40ft (12m) beam, with holds 24ft (7.5m) deep. She could carry up to 3,500 tons. Her operators were Gillison & Chadwick, whose ships were prefixed 'Drum' - giving them the title the 'Drum Line'.

Silloth didn't have long to wait for its second four-master. 3½ months later, on December 30th 1887 the sailing ship 'Fort George' arrived in port. She was carrying 2,700 tonnes of wheat from San Francisco, a journey which had taken five months, and included the challenging Cape



'Mayhill' built in 1890 in Dundee and wrecked 1895 near Australia

Horn. The Clyde tug 'Flying Dragon' towed her



A tug struggles to line-up a Barque entering Silloth

into port, assisted by the Silloth tug. Few people witnessed her stay, as it was in the middle of winter, and she departed on 21st January, for Newport, South Wales, in tow of the tug 'Flying Serpent'. The Glasgow-registered 'Fort George' was a vessel of 1,770 gross tons, launched in 1884

at Belfast. She was 270ft (82m) long, 40ft (12m) wide and 24ft (7.5m) deep and square rigged on all four masts.

Another four-master to visit Silloth was the 'Mayhill'. This huge sailing vessel arrived on March 26th, 1895 with 3,500 tonnes of wheat from Geelong, Australia. Reports in the news at

the time regarded her as the finest vessel ever to enter the Solway, and this majestic barque



A busy Silloth Docks in the late 1800's

is possibly the largest sailing vessel ever to visit Silloth. A Liverpool tug towed her up the Solway, and she had to anchor offshore for several days until there was a high enough tide to dock her. She was launched at Dundee in 1890. Rigged as a barque, (square rigged with three or more masts but with only

fore and aft sails on her mizzen mast), she was 300ft (93m) long, 41ft (12.5m) wide and 23ft (7m) deep. Her operators were none other than Ismay, Imrie & Co of the famous 'White Star' line (of which Titanic was part).

The final four master to visit was the 'General Gordon'. She was an ex-British ship, now sailing under the flag of Norway and registered in Haugesund. She arrived on July 16th, 1908 with 2,550 tonnes of wheat from Bahia Blanca in South America. The 'General Gordon' was built at Liverpool in 1886, originally as a fully square rigged ship, but later rigged as a barque. She had a gross tonnage of 1,650 tons and was 260ft (80m) long, 38ft (11.8m) wide and 22ft (7m) deep.

By the time the last four-master visited, the days of sail were numbered and few of these vessels were engaged in ocean trade. Steam ships had replaced them, but fortunately we have photographs showing these great tall ships while they graced the quays of ports like Silloth.



A Barque being towed into Silloth by 'The Petrel' past the pier

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## Silloth Brownies Annual Easter Bonnet Parade



Report by: Maureen Irving

**A Colourful sight of Easter Bonnets greeted the residents and staff at the Silloth Nursing Home for the Silloth Brownies Annual Easter Bonnet Parade.**

In all 15 Brownies attended, accompanied by family members. Judging for winners is becoming more difficult every year, three residents finally decided the winners, Charlotte Robertshaw, Alice Davidson and Leah Richardson.

All the Brownies received Easter gifts from the Matron, who thanked us for coming. We had an enjoyable afternoon, ending with a very welcome drink and biscuits, after the Brownies and residents sang along to Brownie Songs.

Pictures:

Top: The Brownies

Middle:

Entertaining the residents

Bottom:

Winners Charlotte Robertshaw, Alice Davidson and Leah Richardson



## Johnny Liar Donation



John and Jean Graham of Longcummertiff presented a cheque for £300 comprising of £200 in payment for an article which was printed in Chat Magazine on

February 21st and £100 from donations received from the Signing of Johnny Liar Books, to Peter Finnigan for The Anthony Nolan Trust.

This amount will allow the Trust to tissue type two people and put them on the register. A total of 600 transplants worldwide were performed last year, this financial year £20 million is required.

John became involved with this Appeal during his time in Round Table many years ago. More information can be found on [www.anthonynolan.org.uk](http://www.anthonynolan.org.uk).

an Allerdale Borough Council office, and supply a recent passport-size photograph along with proof of age or disability and proof of your address. For further information about travel concessions, please contact Allerdale Borough Council on 01900 702702.

## Golf Club Open Day

**Silloth on Solway Golf Club was founded in 1892 and since that time has been a central part of Silloth's social and economic life.**

Even in the early days, Silloth golfers were achieving National and International recognition and the course has continued to thrive to the present day. The course has been visited by many notable golfers and has staged many National Amateur Championships.

A major part of the Clubhouse was refurbished in 2004/5 which together with ample parking and reasonable membership costs makes it a pleasant venue for a social or sporting occasion.

**Ten things you didn't know about Silloth on Solway Golf Club:**

- It has a Championship course of National and International repute
- Social Membership is available from only £10 per annum allowing year round use of the clubhouse and facilities
- The Club was established in 1892 and until 1966 was known as Carlisle and Silloth Golf

Club

- For the last six years the Club has been the venue for R & A's Regional Qualifying for the British Open
  - Junior Membership cost from £25 per annum
  - Miss Cecilia (Cecil) Leitch, from Silloth won the Ladies English Championship in 1914 and was the leading lady golfer in Britain for many years
  - Bar meals and full dining facilities are available to members at the Clubhouse together with a selection of beers and spirits including Silloth's own 'State' beer.
  - Full playing membership costs £325 per year and memberships are available.
  - The Championship course measures 6,600 yards
  - The Club has over 600 playing members.
- Come along and find out about the Club and how to become a member on Saturday 19th April or contact the Secretary at the Club. Tel 016973 31304
- Club website: [www.sillothgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.sillothgolfclub.co.uk)

## Concessionary Travel Scheme

**Allerdale's concessionary travel scheme offers on-peak bus travel.**

Although the Government promised all pensioners free off-peak bus travel nationwide from April 2008, Allerdale Borough Council is giving the borough's over 60's a better deal, with the availability of free bus travel throughout Cumbria, all day, every day.

As in previous years, residents qualifying for concessionary travel may prefer to choose railcards or travel tokens where applicable instead of the

national bus pass.

The local scheme for Allerdale will also allow companions of disabled persons, where cardholders, to travel free of charge within the county.

New national bus cards will be issued to existing NoWcard holders before the end of March; NoWcard holders need take no action unless they have received instructions directly from NoWcard with a new application form.

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## Letters

Dear Buzz,

My name is Herb Convery and I was born in Silloth in 1936. I was born in the Academy and then lived in Academy Square during the war years. I now live in Calgary in Canada, and, have done so for the last 40 years. I have a large collection of early pictures, postcards etc. but what I don't have is anything about the above. I was wondering if you could put something in the Buzz asking if anyone can help. I would prefer using hpconvery@gmail.com as the method of communication. My home address is: 1359 Berkely Drive NW Calgary, AB, T3K 1T4, Canada.

Dear Buzz,

I would like to say a big thank you to my daughter Marion and son Peter and their families for the lovely surprise party they gave me for my 80th birthday in the Bowling Club, also for the lovely buffet and cake. Many thanks to all my friends from the Bowling Club, the over 60's club and the S.O.S. Charity Shop for the many cards, flowers and gifts I received. Thanks to everyone for a wonderful evening,

Isabel Gilmour

Dear Buzz,

Thank you to everyone who took the time and trouble to respond to my request for information on past Silloth shops and businesses. It has been most interesting to find out more about Silloth's history. When I have sorted out all this information, I will send you all a copy, so look out for it in the post in 20 to 30 years time.

Marilyn Amyes

Dear Buzz,

Who are the druggie scum who leave dirty used needles on Silloth Green? My child is one of several who played with one, and then had to spend an afternoon in Hospital with a frantic mother and family who are distraught with the thought that an innocent child may have caught something awful. Our lovely holiday town desperately needs to get rid of these people. We need a constant Police presence to move them away. They should not be welcome here. Our children should be able to play in safety.

Name withheld

## Josephine Mary Cooper BEM

On Saturday 22nd March Josie Cooper celebrated her 80th birthday with her brother Ralph and many friends in the Baywatch Hotel, Allonby.

For many years after the death of her father Josie ran Pickerings Chemists of Crosby Street, Maryport. She was a member of the Royal Observer Corps in Allonby. From 1947 to 1991 she was the longest serving member ever, supporter and fundraiser for the RNLI and received a certificate for her long service.

Josie was awarded the British Empire Medal for her service to the community and the Lord Lieutenants Certificate



Ralph Pickering with his sister Josie Cooper

for voluntary service to the Crown. She is a founder member (1946) of Allonby Village Hall committee, a position she was given by the Charity Commission, and Josie is still serving on that committee now, an amazing 62 years of never-ending commitment. Happy Birthday Josie.

## First Birthday

Caravan Care in Eden Street, Silloth has recently celebrated its very first birthday.

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## Festival of Art

The Solway Plain Artists will be displaying their paintings in the shop windows of Silloth again this year. This will take place from 20th June to the 5th July 2008. All paintings are for sale.

N.B. The Solway Plains Artists meet at "The Golf Hotel" the first Wednesday of each month, please come along if you are at all interested.

Silloth Open Door had a wonderful Easter.

Around 40 people attended the special Easter lunch. Traditional Simnel cake was served. Dating back to Medieval times, Simnel Cakes were made

by young women and given to their mother's on Mothering Sunday and are decorated with eleven (representing Jesus' disciples – excluding Judas) Marzipan balls on the top.

St. Andrew's Hall, was decorated with Daffodils and yellow chicks for the lunch. Easter eggs, chocolate nests, chocolate cookies, Easter cards and a boiled chicken egg were also given out.

Silloth Open Door Group are volunteers helping to bring the community together. They serve a free lunch every Tuesday from 12pm to 13:30, at St. Andrew's Hall, Silloth.

On the 20th and 21st June (Vintage Rally) Silloth Open Door team will have a stall on the green selling a variety of home-made luxury confectionary, and have nice gifts on the Tombola



and Bric a Brac.

They have also organised a day trip to Gretna Gateway, Houghton Hall Garden Centre and Asda on 5th July at 9am. For bookings see Sarah (32089) or Ellis.

## Business's Christmas Party

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2ND.FRI.	0859	6.2	2130	6.3	
3RD.SAT.	0948	6.9	2215	7.0	
4TH.SUN.	1033	7.4	2258	7.4	
5TH.MON.	1118	7.7	2340	7.6	
6TH.TUE.	****	**	1204	7.9	
7TH.WED.	0023	7.6	1251	7.7	
8TH.THU.	0110	7.5	1342	7.4	
9TH.FRI.	0200	7.3	1434	7.0	
10TH.SAT.	0253	6.9	1530	6.4	
11TH.SUN.	0351	6.3	1633	5.9	
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13TH.TUE.	0611	5.6	1856	5.3	
14TH.WED.	0720	5.6	1959	5.4	
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Report by: Tommy Legs

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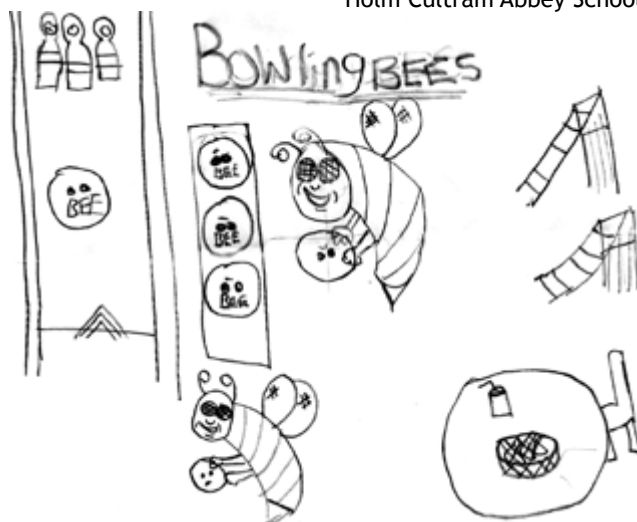
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## Frank at The Albion

On 2nd April Silloth based singer songwriter, Frank Devine, played at The Albion pub in Eden Street. Landlord, Bill Allison, a keen supporter of Franks' music, set up his solo appearance

which raised a total of £140 for Animal Concern, Cumbria.

Frank started playing drums at the age of 11 and went on to play professionally with Birmingham groups in the 60's. He sessioned with Steve Winwood and was Jimmy Cliff's first drummer in the UK.

He started writing songs when he was 20 years old and over the years has produced a considerable collection of original songs and pieces of music. For many years he worked in the Health Service as a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Lecturer in Autistic Spectrum Disorder and 'Gentle Teaching'. In 2001 he took early retirement and moved to Silloth, where he has continued to concentrate on his music and art. One of his most recent compositions is a haunting air, inspired by a windy day in Silloth and titled 'Across the Saltmarsh'. It features



Frank on Low Whistle, Guitar and Hammered Dulcimer. Bill has it on CD behind the bar at The Albion and he gives it a spin from time to time.

Franks' evening at The Albion featured a number of his own compositions along with a selection of Scottish and Irish songs, pieces by Nick Drake, Neil Young, The Incredible String Band, Christy Moore, Leonard Cohen and Ray Davis.

Frank wants to say a big thank you to Bill Allison and his wife and the superb audience at the Albion for their generosity and support on the night.

This year he is looking forward to more solo performances, recording and some duo work with Abbeystown based Violinist, Margaret Hancock.

All proceeds from the performance have been received by Marion Rook in Cockermouth on behalf of Animal Concern, Cumbria.

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### Lawns

Many years ago my dad said to me that if I could grow grass I could grow anything. Some years later I know where he was coming from. Grass is perverse. It will grow in cracks, in your drive, in your borders, even in the middle of a road if the road is not too busy. But think about your lawn. Weeds, bare patches and enough sphagnum moss to keep a florist in business for a month.

There is no doubt that an expanse of well maintained lawn enhances any garden and really helps to set of the borders but maintaining a beautiful sward is becoming increasingly problematic as our arsenal of chemicals is reduced each season either by withdrawal by manufacturers or by our own decision to use less of them in the garden. I think the answer here has to be a mind-set change as we learn to tolerate a few weeds in the lawn. The spreading weeds such as clover, daisy and the little blue speedwell can look quite attractive. What looks unsightly in a lawn are the large ugly weeds such as dandelion and dock. These can be dug out on an individual basis. Removing dandelions is best done when the soil is quite damp but you will probably still manage to leave the last ¼ inch in the ground which will regenerate over the summer and be back to haunt you next year. In my experience the same weeds are back year on year even if we use chemicals. The chemical application only seems to knock weeds back for a season.

One of the best ways of keeping weeds out of the lawn is to keep the



grass in good condition. Removing the dead thatch in spring and again in autumn either by hand using a spring tined rake, or a mechanical scarifier, breathes new life into a lawn, though it does look awful for the first few days after you've done it. The soil under lawns gets compacted when we walk on it. Aerating the lawn by piercing it with a garden fork, again best done when the ground is damp, will let air into the soil and reduce the adverse effects of the compaction. An application of a natural lawn feed will encourage grass growth which will help to smother out weeds.

Lawns benefit from being cut frequently, but not too short. The first and last few cuts of the season should be on a higher setting and longer grass has more resistance to draught during the summer months. Grass will go yellow if it does not have enough water but quickly recovers when it rains. Watering a lawn by hand is not a good idea as we seldom have enough patience to water the lawn enough to penetrate to the right depth. If we only water the surface, the roots will grow up in search of the moisture and become more vulnerable to scorching which in turn will weaken the grass and let in more weeds....

One of the secrets of a lawn looking good is to have a clear well defined

shape and neat trimmed edges. Trimming the edges is often done last and is the job we don't do if we are time pressured. Do it the other way round. Trim the edges first and mow second. If the lawn is losing its shape redefine it and repair worn edges. Grass overhanging the borders is also the perfect hideaway for slugs to lurk giving them easy access to the juicy bedding plants you have just planted in the border. (More about slugs and snails next month)

Most lawns can be restored with a good regime of feeding, aerating and scarifying but if you are laying a new lawn, April and September are the best months to do either sow seed or lay turf as the soil is the right temperature and there is plenty of moisture available even without rain.

### Three must have plants for early spring *Doronicum orientale* (herbaceous perennial)

Leopard's bane is one of the few daisy family members to bloom in spring, and usually manages to coincide with the last of the daffodils. It is an easy-going plant, useful for getting a flower border off to an early start, or for growing towards the front of a shrub border - it will tolerate a little light shade. A useful plant for masking the foliage of daffodils while it dies

down. It also looks good teamed with cowslips, grown with Veronica gentoides or as a contrast with scarlet tulips.

### *Magnolia stellata* (shrub)

This is the smallest magnolia and one of the best for a small garden, growing very slowly into a rounded bush, 3m (10ft) high when mature but still only 1.2-1.5m (4-5ft) after ten years. It is fairly hardy, but frost can damage the grey furry buds and open flowers if exposed to morning sunshine. A position with early shade and sun later in the day is best. The beautiful flowers, pure white and lightly scented, open before the leaves, and cover mature shrub for several weeks.

### *Fritillaria meleagris* (bulb)

They are various shades of purple, growing up to one foot (30cm) tall, with a pronounced checked pattern all over, and even the luminous white form has a faint check pattern like a watermark. They look remarkably like a snake's head hence their common name. Plants are extremely hardy and trouble-free in free-draining soil, and love the light shade of woodland conditions. Planted in drifts under shrubs or naturalise in grass.



Hairdresser Bee by Katie Wills from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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## New Web

David Beeby of The Crofts has launched a new web site as a community resource for all the sports related activities in the area.

The main aims of the site are:

- \* To promote the sports and activities that are actively pursued in our area.
- \* To assist the clubs, groups, organising bodies, and administrators- anyone who is involved in sport in Silloth in promoting their sport.
- \* To highlight any special endeavours that are worthy of merit.
- \* To publicise the many sporting fixtures and special occasions organised by the clubs, organisations and societies.
- \* To entertain.

Check it out at: [www.sillothlocalheroes.110mb.com](http://www.sillothlocalheroes.110mb.com).

This is a totally free site for the benefit of the sporting community in our area and an opportunity to recognise our local heroes.

## Who Supported Everton?



Do you recognise the Everton supporter who's now changed his colours? Standing next to him is a ginger Leeds supporter (Terence Wise) who always wanted to drive a big green truck when he grew up.

## Captains Charity

Club Captain, Steve Berry, and President Keith Baxter, presented a cheque for £339 to Mrs Georgie Berry, who is the Parkinsons Disease specialist nurse for the West Cumbria area. The money is to be used to establish a new fund for support groups in the area for sufferers of the disease, and the Golf Club is honoured to be the first

contributing to this good cause.

Much of the money was raised on Captains Day, when members were asked to dig deep by paying a 'fine' of 2 pence for every shot taken in their round, and we are grateful that some members were able to donate substantial amounts by recording such extravagant scores.

## Silloth Golf Club Captains Drive In



**Sunday 16th March was a beautiful day for the 2008 Captains Drive into office.**

At 9am Club Captain David English drove in style sending his golf ball to the horseshoe further than anyone had anticipated. This was good news for the Captain's charity as no one had put any money on that area of the course for the ball to land.

£30 has started the Captain's charity fund

for the Silloth First Responders.

The annual match against the 2008 Vice Captain David Wilson followed the Drive In. The result was a narrow victory for the Club Captain's team. The event was enjoyed by all who played.

At 11.30am it was the turn of the Lady Captain Lynn Little to drive into office. She too had a magnificent drive which started the annual match

against the Lady Vice Captain Celia Chester.

Lynn followed the Captain's success with her team winning. The ladies celebrated as they always do making a good start to Lynn's year.

At 1.30pm the Junior Captain Blaine Clorey drove in hitting a long ball down the fairway and there was a junior match afterwards.

We wish all the Captains a very successful year.

## ABP Launches Pedal the Ports

Associated British Ports (ABP) announced the launch of Pedal the Ports, a large-scale fundraiser for Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

Sponsored ABP employees will be taking part in a 1,600-mile tandem bike ride around the Company's 21 ports, throughout June. Starting and finishing at the Port of Grimsby, the tandem

- ridden by a shifting, relay group of employees - will circumnavigate in an anti-clockwise direction, calling at the Ports of Immingham, Hull, Goole, Troon, Ayr, Silloth, Barrow, Fleetwood, Garston, Swansea, Port Talbot, Barry, Cardiff, Newport, Plymouth, Teignmouth, Southampton, Ipswich, Lowestoft and King's

Lynn, before arriving back in Grimsby for an open day on Saturday 5th July. This will allow the public to gain access to and experience the workings of a modern port while enjoying a number of fundraising activities. Events are also being planned at other ports along the route.

John Fitzgerald, ABP Port Director, said: "The

idea for Pedal the Ports originated, when my predecessor Nick Palmer, decided to retire because he is suffering from MND. As Nick worked at all of ABP's ports during his 27 years at the Company, I thought it would be a fitting tribute to launch a project that involved all those locations, and raised money for MND.

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## Emily Makes a Racquet at Badminton



After making the County team at Tennis 10 year old Emily Wise has shown that she is also very capable at other racquet sports after reaching the singles and doubles finals of the County Badminton under 12's event.

This was held at Penrith Leisure Centre on Sunday 16th March.

After winning six matches to head her group she out-fought County number 2 player Amanda Ferguson in a thrilling semi-final by 21 points to 19 only to fall to number 1 player Sarah Kirkby from Barrow in the final.

Amanda and Sarah then teamed up to defeat Emily and her partner

Megan Saxton from Keswick in the doubles final.

A fine day turned into an excellent one when Emily was selected to represent Cumbria in the Under 12 Anglo Scottish event at Largs in Ayrshire on the weekend on the 10th and 11th of May. The Solway Buzz wishes her well.

## Silloth Tennis Club



Greg Ramsay

**It was a case of glorious victory and a few near misses for some of Silloth's young Tennis players during the Easter break.**

Greg Ramsay had a cracker of a successful campaign with tournament wins at Ulverston, Silloth, Maryport and Carlisle. He also just missed out on being selected for a national talent ID camp in London.

Good news too for Macy Baker who won her maiden mini orange event at Maryport.

The near misses included Carlisle under



Macey Baker

12 runner-up Emily Wise and the under 16 second placed Dawn Graham along with under 14 semi finalist Oliver Neilly.

It may be the first time in four years that a mini red county title hasn't winged its way back to Silloth, but for six of our young players there was still a feeling of having been part of a winning formula as their training partners Aaron Postlethwaite and Naomi Welch from Seaton were triumphant in what was a superbly contested event at Penrith Leisure Centre.

Having been part of an 18 player "pre championships" training camp at Maryport

leading up to the event, the Silloth contingent of Natalie Stanwix, Liam Lightfoot, Amy Aird, Erin Henderson, Emily Smith and Macy Baker all put in fantastic performances and all had wins with both Emily and Amy coming agonisingly close to an all Silloth plate final.

**Note: Silloth Tennis Club membership forms are now available and there is adult beginner coaching every Friday evening at the courts from 5:30pm to 6:30pm with match play afterwards. The first two sessions free to members and £2.50 each session after that.**

## Silloth Football Club

Silloth A.F.C. Junior Football Presentation night will be held in Silloth Rugby Club on Saturday May 17th, starting at 7pm.

Karaoke will be supplied by Jazzy Jim and a raffle will be held with prizes given out on the night. All are welcome, come along and support the boys and girls, they deserve it. Please support your local football teams.

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