

Your Letters

Dear Buzz,

Sgt Robert Duffy

A gentleman from Liverpool has been in touch with the Library asking if anyone has any information on Sgt. Duffy.

He was born in Carlisle in 1890 and went to sea before joining the army. He served in India in the First World War and was mentioned in dispatches in 1921.

He lived at 12 Caldew Street around 1923/1924. Any information would be appreciated.

Ring Isabel or Barbara on 016973 32195

Dear Buzz,

Following the official opening of the garden of remembrance at the rear of the sports hall at Silloth Community Technology College, in memory of Bill Johnston on the 1st May.

Several people have asked the question why were the Town Council not in attendance as Bill was a long time member of the council as well as being the areas County Councillor for many years.

The answer is that the council had no notification of the event taking place. I would have attended personally had I been informed.

G. Wilkinson
Mayor

Dear Buzz,

As a rate payer I wish to voice my opinion through your paper on the waste of public money which has been spent by the Cumbria County Council by the "White Elephant" that has appeared at my front gate this being the Zebra Crossing here at West Silloth.

Before this happened, the Highways Department set in two dropped kerbs 18 months ago for access for wheelchairs/prams/and pedestrians to cross the main road going to and fro to Silloth via the playing field. These were set in near the T junction, never once did I see the public use this facility, they still crossed the main road by the T junction. So, would someone with a bit of commonsense from Cumbria County Council explain to me and the people of West Silloth and especially the householders at the site of these Zebra Crossings - how are you going to get people to use this facility which has been sited a further 15 yards away from where the dropped kerbs were (these have now been lifted to the height of the footpath). Or, is it as I've already christened it another "White Elephant", a scheme dreamt up by a C.C. Councillor who shows that he/she hasn't done their homework properly.

In my opinion for what it is worth is that the person who put this hair brained proposal forward

and got it implemented should step down from the CCC spending thousands of pounds of rate payers money on a scheme which isn't going to be used. If that councillor had spent a bit of time approaching the residents in this area for their views on the subject maybe the money would have been spent on better things such as improving the poor street lights here at West Silloth or on a safety aspect such as trimming those trees to a height for a clear view of the rail bridge, this is a blind spot for motorist/ pedestrians emerging out of the Crofts. This tree area is a disgrace and is being used for dumping rubbish and "fly tipping"-- a proper eye sore.

Finally, I would like to apologise to the Silloth Town Council and to the Mayor, Graham Wilkinson for wrongly accusing them for sanctioning the go ahead for this crossing and wasting public money, they have told me that they had nothing to do with this, it all came down to the CCC and the Highways Department.

Dave Whitfield
The Crofts, West Silloth

Dear Buzz,

We have just held a school reunion for the class of 1989-1994 Solway Community School on 12th April at Wheyrigg Hall, it was well supported.

A charge of £5 was taken per person to cover the cost of the disco and food. We had £21 left over and have donated it to Silloth RNLI.

Carol and Vicky

Dear Buzz,

I'm calling out to the Community, Silloth and the surrounding area for assistance on collecting dates which can be illustrated on the outside and inside of buildings from when they were built.

I have been asked to take part in collecting data for the national database on documenting building dates.

Dates can be scribed into stone, wood or plaster on the front of buildings, on lintels, on walls anywhere. The dates do not have to be old, you must be able to interpret the numerals, sometimes you can have the initial of the stone mason or builder with the date - which would be advantage.

A photograph is to be taken of the date in situ as evidence. I would be happy to come along to take the photograph myself or if you would rather take it yourself (if its in your home), that's fine too, as long as you can clearly see the date.

Any help would be most appreciated. Please get in touch if you've seen the above on your travels.

Claire

Mobile: 07763597598



Jack Bee
by Jack Thompson from
Holme St. Cuthbert School

Dear Buzz,

Regarding the May edition of the Buzz, concerning members of the Solway Woodcarvers Group carving a coat of arms to donate to the Abbey.

I hope that they have not followed the description given in the Buzz as it is incorrect.

The coat of arms of Holme Cultram Abbey is Blazoned (i.e. the written description), in laymans terms, is a shield divided vertically up the middle.

The left side, as viewed from the front, in Azure (Blue) on which there is an Or (Gold) Cross Moline.

The right side of the shield is Or (Gold) on which there is a Sable (Black) Lion Rampant facing left with a Gules (Red) tongue.

The Cross Moline was also used in heraldry as a mark of Cadency for the eighth son. I guess in those days of long nights and little entertainment the lions weren't the only things rampant! The Templers Cross is quite different in shape to the Cross Moline.

Nearly forty years ago I painted the Abbey Arms on

a small wooden shield and gave it to Mrs Jean Stringer, then landlady of the Wheatsheaf, Abbeytown. Jean put it up behind the bar, but not for long as the vicar at that time saw it and told her to take it down because only the Abbey had the right to display their Arms.

About the same time he visited the shops in Silloth that were selling souvenirs showing the Abbey Arms with the name below, and demanded they be removed from sale. Quite rightly, but although it is wrong in England to use heraldic arms of someone else, the legal position is obscure.

However, in Scotland, it is a crime and at the very least defrauding H.M. Treasury, fine-able and property may be confiscated!

There is also a discrepancy on the Arms shown on the notice boards situated at the entrance to the Abbey. The Lions (?) shown are Lions Statant (i.e. all four feet on the ground, facing left, tails flourishing) that have been turned from horizontal to vertical to face skyward. Perhaps there is some hidden message intended.

F. Day

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