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New Shop



Robert and Reena with part-time shop assistant Andrew

At the start of September 2008, Robert & Reena opened Fruit Link, a new shop next to Winters on Eden Street, selling fruit and vegetables. They decided to open the shop after trading from market stalls in Silloth for several years.

Reena said, "We are a friendly, family run business aiming to sell local produce at competitive prices. We sell a wide range and do our best to oblige special requests. Since opening the shop

we have had a really encouraging response from local people and we would like to thank our customers from both the markets and the shop for their continued support, as we will still be trading on the markets too."

Silloth Carnival

Even though the rain this year did not ease, this didn't dampen the spirits of the people who came to support Silloth Carnival. We would like to thank everyone who participated from the shops who dressed their windows and the children who dressed up and sat smiling on their float, and most of all everyone who helped to make Silloth Carnival yet another great day

another great day

The committee has

worked very hard this year to make sure Silloth continues to have a Carnival. We did panic the week before, due to Defra banning our magnificent camels! Fortunately, we did still manage to get a magnificent act. Many towns are ceasing to continue with their annual carnival and we feel this would be a great loss to Silloth if this was to happen.

If you feel you could

help in anyway towards the next Carnival we would appreciate this - we are always looking for new ideas even if you feel you could only help on the day with traffic, etc please get in touch. Lets continue to make Silloth Carnival one of the best! Contact John Hope on 016973 31873, YOU CAN HELP. Every little bit of help would be appreciated! Carnival Booklet Winner No 614.

Pictures on page 8.

Silloth Music & Beer Festival See the pictures on page 9

Solway Sunsets

Entries for this competition have been arriving from all over the country, our little bit of beautiful coastline has obviously captured the hearts and souls of many visitors. The furthest away so far has been from Norfolk. Rather surprisingly we have not had as many local entries as one might have expected, come on Cumbrians, have a go, entry is free and there are prizes to be won. We are very short of entries in the 16 and under category.

Silloth Tourism Action Group (STAG) in conjunction with the Solway Buzz are delighted to be promoting the Solway Sunset photo competition.

This is open to all ages of amateur photographers with two categories: 16 and under, also adult.

The photographs must have been taken within six miles of Silloth and can be submitted as either prints (no larger than A4) or email to: sunsets@SolwayBuzz. co.uk. Prints to be posted to the Buzz (address on page 4). Full rules of entry are available on the Solway Buzz website, professional photographers are not allowed to enter

All entries to be submitted by 31st December 2008. Prizes have been donated by Caravan Care, the Golf Hotel, STAG, Carlisle Embroidery, Photography by Peter and others.



Silloth Community Craft Show 2008 Winners



The winners with Mayor Graham Wilkinson

24 Jean Wilson

don't be shy, please enter

Thanks go to all the

judges – its not an easy

Graham Wilkinson for

presenting the trophies

to our worthy winners.

you to this year's local

sponsors - Bankmill

Nurseries, Stephen Tremble Joinery & Silloth

Last but not least, thank

job, and to our Mayor

next year.

This year we had some new entrants along with our regulars, making it a more interesting competition. This has gives us encouragement to continue in the future. The show would not be possible without them and everyone who came along to support us on the day. BUT, we know there are still many more people who could enter -

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3	Jake Walker				
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44	R Donald	S Bradley	J Maddison
45	John Fearon	J Maddison	H Robinson
46	M Mullett	J Maddison	Ronald Donald
47	R Donald		
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D Maxwell

H Robinson

Trophy Winners this year were as follows:

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Children's Section	Charlie Stewart
Baking Section	Hazel Robinson
Handicrafts	Dorothy Maxwel
Floral	Jimmy Maddison
Garden Produce	Jimmy Maddison

Overall Points Winner: Jimmy Maddison

Silloth on Solway Rotary Club Trophy Winners for X stitch class

1st Dorothy Maxwell, 2nd Mary Hoskins, 3rd Hazel Robinson

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John & Stacey both entered for the first time and both were delighted winners

Hair 4U Zone

The autumn/winter will see a return to the ultra-glamorous look, whether your hair is worn soft and wavy or smooth.

The inspiration will be the Hollywood icons of the 50's and 60's, Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe and Rita Hayworth (her of the big bold waves), finger waves are making a comeback for the short crops perhaps?

Incidentally Posh's new perky cut was thought to have been inspired by Audrey Hepburn's crop cut of the 50's. Will Posh's new cut be as popular as her bob? I doubt it, maybe only for the brave.

Sophisticated updo's

will also reflect the 40's / 50's theme with low side partings and sleek chignons and ultra slicked pony tails.

Autumn will see a return to more subtle neutral colours getting away from solid base colours to softer gentler natural shades, with understated woven highlights in caramel and biscuit blondes on warm brown's, the Goth black is very much last year, thank God! It only looks good on about 1 in a thousand so we won't miss it. A good tip unless you are of Latin origin or want to be a Goth, always blend dark colours.

Peter at Peter Josef



Allerdale Chief Exec

Allerdale Borough Council is considering the long term options for the position of its chief executive.

Following the Council's decision in August to put in place interim arrangements to share a chief executive with Carlisle for a six month period to February 2009, the **Executive Committee and** Corporate Management Team are proposing to evaluate this arrangement with the help of external consultants.

SERCO Consulting, which carried out the Better Government for Cumbria work on behalf of the districts at the time of the Unitary Authority proposals, has been jointly appointed by Carlisle City Council and Allerdale Borough Council to look at the shared arrangements.

The review will consider:

- Advantages and disadvantages for both councils
- Financial implications
- Potential risks and impact on performance
- Possible options for enhanced joint arrangements.

The consultants have been asked to look at these issues and report back to both councils in early October, outlining possible options for future arrangements, so Members from the two authorities can decide how to proceed.

Councillor Joe Milburn, Leader of Allerdale Borough Council, said: "This piece of work will help both Councils decide if they want to enter longer term joint arrangements but there are no firm preconceived proposals.

"It is important that we look at all options to make efficiency savings and improve service delivery in the face of the difficult long term financial situation facing most authorities such as ours in the country."

Allerdale Borough Council's Corporate Management Team and **Executive Committee** are working together to manage this work. As part of the review individual staff across the Council will be contacted shortly by the consultants in order to discuss the issues and give their views.

Leek Show Winner



Overall Champion for 2008 Jenny Atkinson with Joint Organiser Ian Caulfield

After the horrendous wet weather during the Summer months the organisers were astonished with the quality and quantity of Leeks. The fruit and vegetables on display were also outstanding. The show was topped off with fantastic smells and array of colours with the flowers on show at the 2008 Silloth and District Leek Show.

The judges had their toughest test to date, with the standards being raised year after year. Prize winners were rewarded for all their hard work with trophies and cash.

The categories were many and varied with prizes galore for most competitors young and

The overall champion for 2008 and winner of the Robin Smith sponsored Trophy was the multi-talented and green fingered Jenny Atkinson who left the opposition gob-smacked with her fantastic leeks. Jenny is a true and worthy champion.

A big well-done to all who took part and a great pat on the back to the organisers and committee for another unforgettable

Champion of Champions



Report by: Jimmy Lettice

Silloth Bowling Club are proud to announce that Mrs Sandra Parker has become the latest Lady Champion of **Champions of Cumbria** Bowls.

This is a fantastic achievement for the Silloth based player. The competition was played over the weekend of September 30th and 31st at Courtfield and Edenside Bowling Clubs. Sandra was up against the cream of lady bowls in one of most prestigious competitions in the calendar.

The first day was

games played and duly all won, which allowed her to go into the finals day at Edenside.

Watched by a bumper crowd Sandra was up against a very experienced player, Noreen Fleet of the Workington club. This was the game of the tournament and resulted in a score of 21-20 and Sandra Parker being crowned Cumbria's Champion of Champions, a fantastic and well deserved honour. Proud hubby Harry was overjoyed and promised Sandra a well earned extra holiday, Venice was

Well done Sandra.

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mentioned! the toughest with three Jigleh the Jester by Jack Colclough from Moor Park Primary, Blackpool Rhyss Emerson <mark>Moordale</mark> Caravan

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Regular Weekly Events

Mondays

Bingo - Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:15pm

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

Production Team

Proprietor: Peter McRobert Barn Cottage Skinburness, CA7 4RA Tel: 016973 32180 Fax: 016973 32133 Email: office@solwaybuzz.co.uk

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emails as we do not have a typist to type your articles out. Published by: Peter McRobert with the support of the whole community and an army of

volunteers.

Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Hours

Wednesday 2pm - 4pm Thursday 1pm - 4pm 1pm - 4pm Friday Saturday 1pm - 4pm Sunday 11am - 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.

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: 10pm to 11:30am and Fridays: 10am to 11:30am term time only

Entry is £1 per family and this includes refreshments All Welcome Call in for a friendly chat

> Check out SolwayBuzz.co.uk for photos of local events

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October cont'd

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

September

Abbeytown Methodist Church Sale of Produce @ 7pm

30th Tea Dance in Silloth Community Technology College 1:45 to 3:45pm tel: 31553 / 31528

October

Coffee Morning in Silloth Recreation Hall @ 10am

Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Centre @ 7pm

Mad Agnes in Mawbray Village Hall, tel: 01900 881353

Causewayhead WI meeting @Trinity Methodist Church Schoolroom, 7:15pm Margaret Hine: Life of a Vicar's Wife, Tel: 016973 31447

14th Tea Dance in Silloth Community Technology College 1:45 to 3:45pm tel: 31553 / 31528

Abbeytown WI, meet 14th in Assembly Room, Abbeytown @ 7:30pm, tel: 016973 617667

16th Abbeytown Flower Club open night, 016973 61055

Cumbria Cancer 16th Support Group meeting at 7pm, Education Centre, the Cumberland Infirmary, Infirmary Street. Carlisle

Crunch service at 18th Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

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

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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**

Tuesday & Thursday 6:30pm to 8pm Contact Colin Baty 31297 Over 35's matches Mondays 6:30pm kick off Contact Stephen Hart 31517

Copy date for the December issue

If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note that the next copy date is: 1st November 2008

Dates for the Diary

28th Silloth Santa Dash

28th Silloth Christmas Lights Switch On

30th Skinburness Residents Association meeting in the Golf hotel @ 8pm

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

November

Silloth & District Pensioners, pre-Christmas Afternoon Tea in St. Andrews Hall, Solway Street @ 2pm

Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Centre @ 7pm

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

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

10th Country Western Festival at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre, Silloth, see www.stanwix.com for Group Line-Up

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

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

November cont'd

Causewayhead WI 12th meeting @Trinity Methodist Church Schoolroom, 7:15pm Demonstration: Olwen Hill. Tel 016973 31447

Crunch service at 15th Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

15th Race night in aid of the RNLI in Silloth Social Club

20th Abbeytown Flower Club meeting, 016973 61055

20th Cumbria Cancer Support Group meeting at 7pm, Education Centre, the Cumberland Infirmary, Infirmary Street, Carlisle

Christmas Craft & 23rd Produce Market at Mawbray Village Hall 10am to 4pm, refreshments contact Karen: 01900 881353

24th Solway Coast Forum

December

Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Centre @ 7pm

Crunch service at Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

Silloth & District Pensioners Christmas Party in Stanwix Park Holiday Centre

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

Causewayhead WI meeting @Trinity Methodist Church Schoolroom, 7:15pm AGM Tel: 016973 31447

Christ Church with St. Pauls Mens Choir Christmas Concert, pie & pea supper

December cont'd

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

January

Causewayhead WI meeting @Trinity Methodist Church Schoolroom, 7:15pm Members Night. Tel: 016973 31447

Abbeytown Flower Club, Christmas Dinner 016973 61055

Crunch service at 17th Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

February

Crunch service at Skinburness Road Car Park

19th Abbeytown Flower Club, AGM, 016973 61055

24th Solway Coast Forum

March

Crunch service at Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

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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 Rebecca Thornton from Seacote Caravan Park with a bee called "Harry Potter Bee". Well done Rebecca!

You don't have to be at school here to send a bee to

If you are here on holiday we would love to receive your bee drawing, just tell us your name, where you are from and where you are staying. You will find our address on page 4.

AN APOLOGY AGAIN

Following on from our computer problems last month, the saga just got worse and worse.

The last issue was produced on a computer loaned by Mark Hansford which had to have all the software loaded on to it just to produce the Solway Buzz. Having sent the Buzz to the printers we then gave Mark his computer back and he built a brand new super duper machine - but these things do not always go smoothly, especially with the type of software required to produce the Solway Buzz.

At one point a ten day backlog of emails was downloaded, and the next day they had totally disappeared, so if something you sent is missing, we apologise.

Arthritis Support Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

Members of Wigton Arthritis Support Group met at Loveday House on a very wet day. Apologies were sent from several members who were not well and others who were otherwise occupied.

Chairwoman Christine Smithson welcomed everyone and Secretary Gladys Temple read the minutes from the last meeting in May and also the two outings we had in June and July. We applied for a grant and Gladys was pleased to be able to report that Allerdale Local Social Care Grant Committee had sent a cheque for £130 that we are very grateful for, as this will help towards our insurance. A letter had been received from Timmins Mobility who we visited at Earl Street in June but they have

now moved to Unit 7B Sneakyeat Industrial Estate near the West Cumberland Hospital.

Christine then introduced Norman Godfrey who showed slides to music. His theme was cycling round the Western Isles of Scotland to the music of Mendelsohn's concerto for violin. We set off from Ardrossan to Arran where the gardens at Brodick Castle were beautiful, on to the Isles of Islay and Colonsay then to Oban. The beautiful Isles of Eigg, Rum and Coll were covered, with wonderful panoramas of South Uist and Skye in the distance. The next ferry took us from Skye to Eriskay and Barra with slides of the magnificent statue of the Madonna and Child, on to South Uist over the causeway

to Benbecula and North Uist. On we went to Lewis then Ullapool past the Summer Isles to Achiltibuie and on to Assynt. We then followed the coast down through some wonderful scenery. Christine gave the vote of thanks for taking us away from a very wet day to the wonderful sunny scenery of Scotland with lovely music to match the wonderful slides.

Anne Graham and Gladys Temple served refreshments while Norman talked to members of his experiences taking the slides and answering lots of questions. The winner of the raffle was Norman. The meeting ended with listening to the relaxation tape. The next meeting takes the members hobbies as its theme and will be at Loveday House on 3rd October.

Council on YouTube and Facebook

Allerdale Borough Council is embracing the digital age by using internet sites, such as the online video broadcaster YouTube and the social network site Facebook, to connect more with its communities in west Cumbria.

The local authority has launched its own channel on YouTube, featuring video clips profiling the work of the Council; ranging from informative films warning children of the dangers of playing on building sites, to coverage of entertainment events organised by the Council to celebrate public art installations.

In addition, Allerdale Borough Council has established a presence on Facebook. The unusual step started out as a way of encouraging younger voters to make sure they were on the Electoral Register but has grown

to include links to the authority's videos and its official website, as well as publicise upcoming events.

Visitors to the page can also communicate with the council by posting messages on its Facebook "wall".

Initial reactions to the initiative have been positive, with local media picking up on the line that the Council is the first local authority in Cumbria to join the Facebook generation.

The Council has even begun a fun campaign to help spread a song featuring local dialect across the world, via YouTube, in a bid to put the area on the map. It has also produced its own short film, starring the Council's colourful Litterbug, which aims to educate people about the Council's work in tackling waste and recycling.

Daniel Cattanach, media relations officer

with Allerdale Borough Council, said: "Allerdale's population, like many parts of Cumbria, is spread out across a huge area. With more and more people turning to the internet for information and communication, we felt it was a good idea to try out new ways of connecting with our residents and visitors.

"We want to make good use of advances in the digital age, such as broadband internet technology, to get our message across to as wide an audience as possible and to hear what they have to say to us."

To watch Allerdale Borough Council's videos, click here: http://www. youtube.com/user/ allerdalebc

For the council's Facebook pages, visit: http://www.facebook. com/pages/workington-United-Kingdom/ Allerdale-Borough-Council/19233423780.

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Michelle Fogg

Avon Representative for Skinburness

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Skinburness Residents Ass'n

Skinburness Residents Association (SRA) exists to promote the best interests of the local community.

As part of this process we are looking for keen residents to join the efforts of the existing committee - interested? Pop along to the next

meeting of the SRA to be held on 30th October 2008 in the Golf Hotel at 8pm.

If you would like a chat before the meeting for whatever reason please contact the Chairman, Simon Boniface, on either simonjune@aol.com, or 016973 33169.

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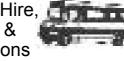
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Seafish Competition

Johns Plaice, the traditional fish and chip shop and restaurant on Solway Street, Silloth was entered into the 'Fish and Chip Shop of the Year 2008' competition. They are delighted to report they have made it through to the second round.

The annual competition is run by SEAFISH and is a national competition. The aim is to find the best fish and chip shop in the UK.

By making it through to the second round of the competition Johns Plaice has been named as one of the top one hundred fish and chip shops in the UK and top ten in the whole of the North West of England.

"This is a great achievement, all the staff and I are very proud to have progressed this far" said Adam Bewley manager of Johns Plaice. "To make it to the second round means we are in the top ten in the North West region which covers Cumbria and Lancashire. This is by far the largest region covered by the competition. We are the only fish and chip shop from Cumbria to make it through to the second round."

"I would like to thank everyone who voted for us in the first stage of the competition. I would also like to thank all

Trinity Methodist Church Harvest Weekend

What A Spectacular Event It Was

Report by: Derek & Diana Shaw

A Harvest Weekend took place on 6th and 7th September 2008 in the Church and Schoolrooms.

Wonderful displays of Arts, Crafts and Flower arrangements were displayed in the Church by people of the community and what a wealth of talent was shown, all coordinated by Diana Shaw.

The large Flower arrangements were made and donated by May Hope, Forget-Me-Not displayed flower arrangements and also topiary trees that gave the entrance a commanding view.

The Silloth Brownies

our customers for their continued support and custom."

For the second stage of the competition, all one hundred chip shops will be inspected by a SEAFISH quality assessor. Only ten will then progress to the final stage. The final ten shops who have been successful will be announced late in October.

Watch this space and keep your fingers crossed for us.

Once again thank you to everyone who supported us.

donated and arranged all the pew umbrella stands and it was lovely to see both Brownies and their leaders working so hard and happily on the Thursday evening.

Little Gems displayed her hand made jewellery which was much admired and well set out.

The Harvest Altar decorations of flowers and produce along with fantastic displays of items depicting nature all arranged by Jean Wilson.

The lovely window displays were created by Molly Lomas, Hazel Robinson and Dorothy Maxwell (SOS Charity Shop), Maria Smith, Carol Baker, Lillian Sewell, and members of the Church.

The stall in the Vestry was organised by Doreen Carruthers and it was well stocked with beautiful and hand crafted items.

All morning coffees and scrumptious afternoon teas were organised by Elizabeth Lowther and her helpers.

There were Organ recitals on both afternoons and the weekend culminated with a spectacular Top Ten "songs of praise" led by Rev. Kim Hurst (the newly appointed Superintendent Minister).

All the music was arranged and planned by



Derek Shaw.

Everyone admired all the displays in the Church and there were over 90 attended the Songs of Praise ably assisted by the Christ Church Men's Choir and Members of Seaton Ladies Choir. The volume of the singing was just fantastic.

Thanks go to all who attended the weekend events to make it a total success, also to all who took part in the hard work putting the event together. The Mayor and his wife's attendance was greatly appreciated.

All the Harvest produce was arranged into baskets and distributed along with flower displays to people in the community by Pam Blaylock.



Elizabeth Lowther introducing the new Superintendent Minister the Rev. Kim Hurst

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Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

President Audrey Harrison welcomed members back after the summer break. Elinor Roper was thanked for the beautiful arrangement of flowers on the table.

Congratulations were sent to Mary & Billy Briggs on their recent Golden Wedding. Volunteers were asked to help at the Autumn Fair in aid of Hall Funds which is to be held on Friday 3rd October at 7pm. Adults £1 and children free. Freda read a record of the July meeting and Audrey brought attention to several items from the County News. Freda agreed to be delegate at Greenhill Autumn Council Meeting.

The Group
meeting is to be held
at Aspatria Rugby
Club on Wednesday
17th September with
the Cantonelle Singers
entertaining. Invites had
been received from Bothel
& Kirkland, Dundraw
and Kirkbride WI's to
their next meetings and
lists were passed around.
The Christmas Dinner
has been arranged for 2nd

December at Wheyrigg Hall. Margaret Moore gave her financial report. Unfortunately the Bowls competition had to be cancelled but we have three teams entered for the Darts Pairs at Aspatria on Monday 13th October. Several suggestions for the Birthday Party in March were discussed but no decisions were made.

Everyone received a sample of Tetley Green Tea. Audrey introduced Pac Garebedian with his slides and talk 'Pandaw up the Mekong'. The journey began in Vietnam and went on to Cambodia it was a package holiday but unknown to them it was the first time the boat had been on this journey so it was a learning experience for everyone. It was 40' wide and three tiers high so caused quite a wake for the other small boats to ride out. The journey took us from Phnom Peng to Kompong Cham then back to Phnom Peng and up to the Takie Sap Lake to Angkor Wat Complex, which is a world heritage Site. We saw temples, palaces and Pol Pots torture camp on the way. The journey was eventful

and at one point part of the funnel had to be removed to allow the boat to pass under a bridge. The return journey was made by plane. Audrey Harrison thanked Pac for a very interesting and informative show.

Margaret Mynes and Elsie Donald served refreshments. Irene Irving, Noeline Foster and Elsie Donald were raffle winners while Elsie also won the Flower competition with Margaret Ackerley second. Margaret Mynes and Noeline Foster won the competition for a foreign souvenir. Muriel Mattinson's Group organised the card bingo ensuring everyone received a prize.

There will be a Gift
Stall at the October
Meeting and the talk
will be on Foot care by
Valerie Stewart. The
competitions will be a
paper knife and a flower.

Farmer Bee by Bradley Whitfield

from

Silloth

Primary

School

WI & Brownies go Litter picking

Report by: Frances Jackson

The Summer of 2008 has been an extremely difficult one in which to organise a clean up on West Beach. Intrepid as us WI ladies are, heavy rain and wind have kept us off the beach.

However on
Saturday August 30th,
the weather was kind
to us (it did not rain).
We were joined by the
Silloth Brownies and
their Brown Owl, Tawny
Owl, Snowy Owl, and
Brown Owl plus mums
and dads, brothers and
sisters, a grandad, and a
three year old.

Equipped with bright green waistcoats provided by the

organisers of the 'The Big Tidy Up' campaign, plus pick up sticks, gloves and big plastic bin sacks, we gathered round Silloth Mayor, Graham Wilkinson who set us off on our litter pick. We are very grateful to our Mayor who supports us on these occasions and helps to pick up the litter.

Two boys who joined

Bumble

Ellie Hill

from Upperby Primary

School

us did a great job pulling a large fish box full of the bin sacks we had filled back to the car park.

Altogether twelve sacks of titter were picked up, a great achievement by all who helped.

Everyone enjoyed drinks and biscuits after all the hard work, and photographs were taken.

Dancing Bee

by Dee Vevers from

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Silloth Carnival 2008



Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2008

Report by: Steve Hart Photos by: Peter McRobert & Bill & Winifred Allan

Monday saw the marquee arrive. A hard working bunch of volunteers got to work setting up the festival, by Wednesday everything was in place and the stage was set.

On Wednesday it was the turn of the town youth to enjoy the facilities. First on was the the Searchers. Now that the beer was in perfect condition, it was enjoyed by everybody.

Friday was set alight by the mad cap humour of John Otway followed by a blistering set of Hendrix and ZZ Top by the Hamsters. For a thrilling finale they were joined on stage by John Otway for a dazzling version of the Osmonds Crazy Horses, this show will linger long in the

enjoyed the Nightriders during the pensioners tea party.

Saturday evening saw the debut of local band Jocc, giving a mature performance despite their tender years. Maryport rockers AWOL were next up, these lads have improved so much over the last couple of years, their blistering set went down a storm with the appreciative audience. Headliners-Sounds of the Blues Brothers had everybody lapping up their good time tunes

happy note after so much excellent beer.

Sunday saw a good crowd for the Jazzy Jim Roadshow with a very high standard of singers, next up were Carlisle's answer to the Arctic Monkeys. Finally, in what by now was a full house, the Jamm arrived on stage and had the

crowd on their feet with a blistering set of classic tunes. They couldn't get enough and wouldn't let the band leave the stage. Finally after two hours of probably the greatest gig in the history of Silloth Music & Beer Festival they took a well deserved

bow to end what was a great family day.

Thanks to everybody who came and to all who worked so hard to make this event a success and who drank so much ale.



Flights of Fancy



Come and step into an exotic world at the new visitor attraction at The Gincase, Mawbray Hayrigg, near Silloth.

Just inland from the beautiful Solway coast is the newly opened and vast, landscaped enclosed bird flight. Already popular with visitors of all ages, this naturally created environment incorporates a waterfall, trees and shrubs, and is a safe haven for many colourful parrots, parakeets, cockatiels and a variety of small birds. The beautifully landscaped central pond provides a sanctuary for the resident ducks. You too, can meander through this tropical retreat and relax in the peaceful

and tranquil setting, surrounded by wildlife.

"We hope people will enjoy the wildlife in the wonderful environment we've created," says John Nattrass of The Gincase, "it really makes a visit here a very special day out. There is something for everyone with the farmhouse tearoom, craft barn and gallery, farm park, children's playground and play barn."

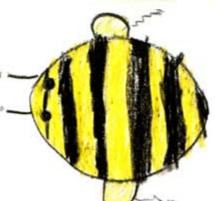
The Gincase is open Tuesday to Sunday 10:30am to 4:30pm, closed Mondays except Bank Holidays. There is a small admission charge to the Farm Park.

For more details contact The Gincase on (016973) 32020.



Singer Bee by Katie Swan from Holm Cultram Abbey School





Katy Wild from Solway Holiday Village

Cecil

Joseph & his Beecoat Poppy Rumney from Silloth Primary School

Grune Point Beach Clean

Around the world, Sub-Aqua clubs and other affiliated societies were tramping their respective adopted beaches on Saturday 20th September and doing a clean up.

As part of the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) 'adopt a beach' scheme, the local Sub-Aqua Club, Solway Divers, based in Wigton, have 'adopted' the beaches at Grune Point and cleaned the beaches on 20th September.

Solway Sub Aqua Club is a branch of the Scottish Sub Aqua club (SSAC) and during its last clean up of Grune Point it collected over nine full bin liners full of rubbish.



80th Anniversary

2008 is the 80th anniversary of the formation of Silloth Evangelical Free Church and the 70th anniversary of the opening of the Church building.

We are planning a special anniversary weekend for 1st and 2nd of November. If you have an interest in this Fellowship, have been involved in the past, maybe a wedding, infants dedication or even funeral, or have any memorabilia, photos, cuttings or anecdotes we would be grateful for sight of these.

Please contact Mrs A Hodgson, Church leader/ secretary on 01683 31711 as soon as possible. Silloth Evangelical Free Church affil. FIEC Eden Street, Silloth on Solway, (formerly known as Silloth Mission).

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Residents in Allerdale are reminded they need to return their electoral registration information this autumn, if they want to vote in next year's elections.

Allerdale Borough Council sent out Annual Canvas forms in July and, whilst there has been a good response, more people need to reply if they are to have a voice in the European and county council elections, taking place next year.

Many people have already confirmed their details using the more cost-effective methods of telephone, SMS text and internet registration. The Council is promoting this approach through the social networking website Facebook as it is more environmentally-friendly and also saves the council money, with postage and processing costs greatly reduced.

Results have been positive with responses so far totalling 28,426 (62 per cent) – a five per cent increase on figures for the same time last year. The number of reminder forms needing to be sent out by the Council has dropped by 2,257.

Of the number responding, 12,338 people have already used telephone, SMS text or internet registration – with the system looking set to smash last year's final total of 13,499.

The Council is offering telephone, SMS text and internet registration,

using a two-part security code printed on the top of the form, if people have no changes to make to their details. Those who need to change the information on the form can do so by returning it by post with a signature.

Full instructions to help residents register their information are provided with the registration forms. The new register will be published on 28 November 2008.

However, if responses have still not been received by October, canvassers will have to visit individual households to check information currently held on the electoral register is correct, causing unnecessary expense to the taxpayer.

Sheila Brown, Allerdale Borough Council's Democratic Services manager, said: "Sometimes parents just send the electoral registration forms back without adding their children's names to it because they forget they will have turned 18 by the time of the next election and will be eligible to vote. We're trying to reach out to the next generation of voters through the internet and text messaging to ensure they don't miss out on their right to have a say in democracy.

"However, it is also wrongly assumed that the only reasons for registering are so that

Mayors Report

The Chairman has attended seven events in the past two months there having been no meeting during August.

The Police Report highlighted several incidents of anti-social behaviour within the housing estates along with criminal damage, several people have been arrested. Our community police support officer Lyndsey Noblett has returned to full duty following maternity leave.

Correspondence dealt with included an invitation to enter Cumbria in Bloom 2009.

you can vote or so that the council can send you a council tax bill. Many residents find they cannot get a contract for a new mobile phone or get a loan or a mortgage, because they are not on the electoral register."

For further information or help on completing the forms, contact Allerdale Borough Council's Democratic Services team on 01900 702550 or log on to the Facebook site at: www. facebook.com/group. php?gid=19716192879

If no changes are needed, you can confirm your details by calling freephone 0800 025 0966 (24 hours a day), logging on to: www. ElectorRegistration. co.uk/allerdale or text message: 07797 898 766. Check your registration form for more details and how to amend your information by post.

A letter of complaint re the persistent lack of respect of drivers who constantly park cars at road ends blocking the disabled crossing points, this matter has been passed to the Police and Highways Authority. Please take note, do not block these vital means of access or you may find you have been booked.

Letters were received from Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria County Council and the Police relating to Environmental Services, Radioactive Waste, Safety/Local concerns. Allerdale also confirmed our objection to the removal of the phone boxes at Skinburness Drive and on Skinburness Road had been included in the Borough response to B.T.

Councillor Angus Emmerson was appointed to the Town Council representative as a Governor of Solway Community Technology College.

Allerdale councillor's reported that work on the replacement of the cemetery bridge was due to start in mid September.

The County Council report gave news that the area of carriageway recently refurbished at Calvo had failed inspection and would require remedial work in future at the cost to the contractor and not the rate payer. The new Highways Steward Scheme is in operation and complaints should be forwarded via your town or parish clerk or direct via the highways hot line 0845 6096609, which is manned 24 hours.

Concerns have been raised that several allotments are not being used correctly and fully utilised, as the council have a number of people on a waiting list. A site meeting will be taking place with representatives so as to bring the land into full use.

Poem

A Long Time Ago

We worked and we married a long time ago
We worked for long hours when wages were low
No TV, no wireless, no bath - times were hard
Just a cold water tap and a walk up the yard
No holidays abroad, no posh carpets on floors
But we had coals on the fire and we did not lock our doors.

Our children arrived "No Pill" in those days And we brought them up without any state aid, They were quite safe to go and play in the park The old folks could go for a walk after dark No Valium, no drugs, no LSD, We cured most of our ills with a nice cup of tea But if you were sick, you were treated at once Not fill in a form and come back in six months.

No vandals, no muggings - there was nothing to rob And we were quite rich with a couple of bob People were happier in those far of days Kinder and caring in so many ways Milkmen and paper boys used to whistle and sing A night at the pictures was our one mad fling.

We all got our share of trouble and strife We just had to face it, that's the pattern of life But now I look back through the years I don't think of bad times, the trouble and tears I remember the blessings our home and our love And we shared them together I thank God above.

Letters

Dear Buzz,

I wish to thank Silloth Festivals and volunteers for their outstanding work in making The Silloth Music and Beer Festival such a success.

I was so delighted to be part of this fabulous event once again for a second year, to entertain the Silloth pensioners at their Saturday Tea Party along with the Nightriders.

We all had a great time. Many thanks,

Pete Hoban



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Congratulations to the winner of last months competition: Mrs F.M. Fell from Wigton.

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Eyesore Property Action

Allerdale Borough Council has secured a new tool in its bid to tackle the problem of eyesore buildings.

The Council's Executive committee has agreed a recommendation to use empty dwelling management orders under the Housing Act 2004. These orders enable a local authority to "step into the shoes" of the owner of a long-term empty dwelling, to bring it back into occupation, where there is no reasonable prospect that this will occur otherwise. The authority does not compulsorily purchase or take ownership of the property but takes over management, and can arrange refurbishments and let the property to a tenant. The costs of any refurbishment and a management fee will be deducted from the rental income, with the remainder being passed to the owner.

Long-term empty dwellings are a national problem and it is the Government's ambition that no-one should have to live in a neighbourhood scarred by the blight of empty properties. The latest statistics from the Empty Homes Agency for 2007 indicate that there were 279,281 privately owned dwellings in England standing empty for more than six months. A total of 30,021 empty private dwellings were brought into use in 2006-07. In Allerdale there were 831 privately owned dwellings empty for more than six months in 2007 and 25 were brought into use in 2006-07.

ABC has had significant success in persuading owners to bring properties back into use; primarily as an indirect consequence of using legislation to tackle dilapidated and untidy properties. Councillor Margaret Jackson, Deputy Leader of Allerdale Borough Council and with responsibility for Regeneration, said: "Eddie Dawson, a senior technician in the Council's Housing Services unit has taken a lead on this work, using Building Act and planning powers and is hoping that this new legal tool will allow the root cause of the issue to be dealt with directly." There are several exceptions where empty dwelling management orders cannot be used, including, but not limited to:

- Holiday/second homes
- Where the occupier is temporarily working away from home
- Properties where the previous owner/occupier has died and probate procedures are underway
- Properties that are genuinely being sold or marketed for let on realistic terms.

In addition the authority must show that all reasonable efforts to persuade owners to bring their properties back into use have been unsuccessful. Allerdale Borough Council already has a short list of properties suitable for empty dwelling management orders and is in the process of preparing cases to proceed.



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Prize Crossword

What a wonderful response from our readers towards our first crossword puzzle created by Mycroft.

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Mycroft from all correct entries is Mrs Little from Carlisle. Mrs Little will shortly receive her prize, a bottle of wine.

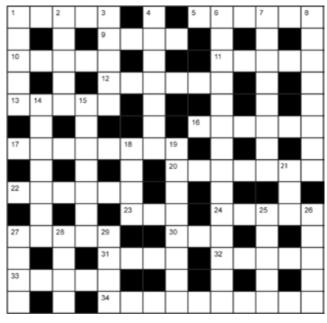
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Answer to issue 68 crossword

competition to the Solway Buzz (address on page 4).

The first correct entry drawn will receive a bottle of wine or, if under 18 a Solway Buzz polo shirt.



Across

- 1 Religious war (5)
- 5 Revolve (6) 9 Gemstone (4)
- 10 Child's nurse (5)
- 11 Ayrshire town (5)
- 12 Member of biblical tribe (6)
- 13 Frighten (5)
- 16 Momentary look(6)
- 17 Judicial Writ (8) 20 Serious disease (7)
- 22 Powerful (6)
- 23 Period (3)
- 24 Non rural (5)
- 27 Urge (5)
- 30 Prohibit (3)
- 31 Grave (4)
- 32 Animal scent (5) 33 Austrialian bear (5)
- 34 Contrition (10)

Down

- 1 Ancient God with two faces (5)
- 2 Hairdye (5)
- 3 A.C. ---famous author (5)
- 4 Upstart (7) 6 Hit song by
- The Kinks (8,6)
- 7 Unlawful use of force (8)
- 8 Honeysuckle genus (8)
- 14 Demand (7)
- 15 Rectify (7)
- 18 Small object (4) 19 Grope (8)
- 21 Flooded river valley (3)
- 25 Colour (5) 26 Audacity (5)
- 27 Freshwater fish (4)
- 28 Vivacity (4) 29 Celestial body (4)

Cross Solway Swimmer makes Donation to Silloth RNLI

Following his **World Record Cross** Solway Swim Derek Griffiths and his wife Sharon returned to Silloth to present the RNLI members who accompanied him on the crossing with the sponsorship his swim had raised.

Derek presented a cheque for £284 to Eddie Studholme on behalf of Silloth RNLI.

In the last issue of the Buzz we stated that this was the first officially recorded crossing of the Solway by an unassisted swimmer. We now know that this is not true. A Mr John Humphrey from Preston swam from Newbie, near Annan, to Silloth in September 1931 in a time of 3 hours 23 minutes. So Derek's swim in 3 hours 14 minutes 9.51 seconds is still a World Record.

We are indebted to local sisters Heather and Olive Wood for providing the evidence of the 1931 swim.

They kindly supplied the Buzz with a letter detailing the event which we are pleased to reproduce here.



L-R: Sue Kent, David Eland, Cross Solway Swimmer Derek Griffiths, RNLI Station Manager Eddie Studholme and Sharon Griffiths

Sílloth 9/9/31 Dear Everybody Many thanks for postcards, we have

Point View

had the swimmer here since Thursday a John Humphrey from Preston he was a fine big fellow, he was going to try on Friday but it was too rough for him so he decided to have a go on Monday

morning from Annan to Silloth. Capt Iddron and a few more went with him in the morning to Annan arriving there about

He entered the water at Newbie at 8.24 arrived here 11.47. Capt said there was about 3000 waiting, the sea wall was packed some of the people made a collection for

him. I think he got £7-2/6d, Holmes sent him a cheque for £2, I've had no time to advertise the event as he only arrived with the six train and said he would swim in the morning. I got it put on the pictures and Mason gave it out off stage but it was quite a surprise to see all the people. I think all the old people of Silloth

were there. The lady swimmer turned up on Thursday to make arrangements, she told me if the man got across she would not try it, so I expect it's off now. It has caused quite a talk, most of the people followed him along from Skinburness the water was so clear they could see his body and every stroke he made.

He was telling me that he had not had such a cold swim before. Kelly's family arrived this morning five of them. The swim I think is in every paper this morning so it is quite a good advert for Silloth. Weather is very fine but the visitors are getting thin. Fondest love to all.

Albert





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The Shetland Isles are the most northerly islands in the British Isles, situated where the North Sea meets the Atlantic Ocean at 60 degrees north. They are often confused with the Orkneys which lie much closer to Northern Scotland. Orcadians however are said to be farmers who fish whilst Shetlanders

feel of Northern Scotland but the Shetland Isles feel different - maybe because of its strong Scandinavian heritage.

are fishermen who

farm. Indeed a visit

to Orkney has the

Until the early 1970's life was hard in the Shetlands and there was no spare money for such luxuries as plants. Electricity did not arrive on the islands until the 1950's. Most Shetlanders farmed the croft and were self sufficient. They caught fish from the sea and kept sheep for wool and meat. On the croft would be a "plantiecrub" or stone enclosure, which was used to grow veg, mainly brassicas, for winter food. Few species of moths and butterflies survive on the Islands so these crops don't get too nibbled.

With the discovery of oil off the shores of

Shetland, prosperity came to the islands and an influx of new residents saw many new homes built. These new houses tend to have a garden, just as they would on the mainland.

Shetland is often thought of as a bleak place where no trees will grow, but Sycamore trees



are found throughout the islands, also Birch, Alder, Scots Pine and the occasional Horse Chestnut. Where these trees have been planted to provide a shelterbelt from the strong salt laden winds attractive gardens have been created. Hedges are frequently composed of these trees. Other plants for hedges are mainly Rosa rugosa, Fuchsia and Flowering Currant and Potentilla. Within the hedges the plants still need to be tough to withstand the exposure and the acidity of the soil so the range of herbaceous plants grown is fairly limited. They are frequently killed by the cold winds and where they do survive, have

wintering is a challenge as glasshouses are not really an option in the strong winds.

However the Shetlands do have relatively mild summers and this together with up to nineteen hours of daylight each day provides the perfect growing conditions for short season plants. Annuals such as Mesimbryanthemum, Lavertera and Poppies thrive in the long days as do bedding plants bought in as young plug plants each year. Gardens, in summer at least, are often a riot of colour.

Wild flowers adorn the crofts and fields with dandelion like hawkbit and yellow flag iris seeming to be just about everywhere. Celandine, Tormentil and Silver weed are the more common yellow flowers, but fox and cubs, geums, red campion, heathers, orchids, ragged robin, cranesbills, gentians, meadowsweet, daisies and sneezewort complete the colour spectrum.

Enjoy your gardening, it could be worse! Nadia

Silloth Bowling Club



This year, Silloth Bowling Clubs Interclub Champion of Champions was between two of Cumbria's finest champions.

Sandra Parker and Edwin Orchard are both worthy champions in their own right and both also represent Club and County. Played for the fifth time this years the competition was won by Edwin Orchard who was on form with a convincing score of 21-09. The game was played in wet and windy weather, yet the standard of bowls was superb, both players are a credit to the Silloth Bowling Club .

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Silloth Tennis Club

Success For Silloth Tennis Players At County Championships

Greg Ramsay led the way as Silloth's young tennis players put up a good showing at the annual county championships which were held at Penrith during the last week of the summer holidays.

By his own admission Greg has not had the best of summers but he kept his best Tennis for the under 10 singles final where he beat Brampton's Chris Edge in a high class match by 4-1, 5-4. He was also a runner up in the doubles.

Dawn Graham and Hannah Story were also successful as they claimed the under 16 and under 14 girls doubles titles respectively with Dawn teaming up with Jenna Blenkharn (Penrith) and Hannah partnering Kelly Spry (Barrow).

Other good displays came from Emily Wise (under 12 singles and doubles runner up), Ryan Johnstone (Under 16 plate runner up) and Robert Jefferson (under 18 plate runner up).





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Silloth Rugby Club



Report by: Jimmy Lettice

After a well earned break Silloth juniors Rugby section are back training, with the emphasis being placed on the under 16 squad.

We are looking to attract all teenagers to take up Rugby as a way of taking regular healthy exercise and have some fun at the same time. Participants will soon realise there is no better feeling than to represent your club and town at

any sport, including rugby.

Silloth Rugby Club are to send coaches into our schools soon to help develop the skills and

enjoyments of rugby and to assist wherever needed. This is all intended to introduce boys and girls to rugby tag, touch and tackle.

Silloth Tennis Club Orange Team



Report by: David Wise

To give our players more matches and a better playing experience it was decided that this year's Silloth Tennis Club Championships would

be made "open" and the Mini Orange event proved to be a success because of it, with **Aaron Postlethwaite** overcoming Tom Beaty in a high quality final by a 7-3, 7-4 score line.

The girls' event had a more local flavour with Mini Red champion making an impressive step up to Orange by overcoming Amy Aird by the tightest of margins eventually

winning 7-6 in the final

The doubles events were won by Aaron Postlethwaite and Mitchell Tarbit and the fantastic combination of Erin Henderson, Anna Middleton and Macy Baker who took it in turns to play matches.

Great debut performances at this level included James and Mary Hollick, Peter Wise and Jessica Swan.

Banty Trot 2008

Report by: Jimmy Lettice

The 2008 Banty Trot is up and running, it is played at Silloth on Solway Golf Club over 12 holes for approximately sixteen weeks.

Things are well under

way with early leader Bill Lewis leaving the opposition in his tracks.

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