

Harvest Festival



Report by: Alan Byrom

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the harvest celebrations in Silloth and Causewayhead this year.

Both churches were well decorated and the harvest gifts were very plentiful. Special thanks go to Silloth Primary School for the excellent displays of foodstuffs, which they put together and gave to Christ Church for distribution.

The primary school harvest service was held on 3rd October. Each class presented an item on the harvest theme, sometimes by reading and displaying work, sometimes by singing. The singing was really excellent this year.

St. Paul's harvest service was held on September 28th and was very well attended. It took the form of an Evening Service from the Book of Common Prayer.

On 4th October, there was a harvest thanksgiving service in Christ Church. This was followed by harvest supper in the Church Hall. We watched a film about the work of Tearfund in Burkina

Faso, where climate change is making harvests even more unpredictable than they were before and where changes in farming methods have brought about real improvements for living.

The supper itself was Cumberland sausage with mashed potatoes and neaps followed by apple pie. Many thanks to all who cooked and served this meal. There was a Traidcraft stall which raised over £100 for development work overseas.

The evening was rounded off by entertainment: Tim gave us a couple of monologues and Frank and Lynne Devine played recorder, whistle and guitar, and their lovely tranquil tunes were enjoyed by everyone there. We also surprised Ruth Byrom with a lovely birthday cake, kindly made by Helen Nattrass. So a good time was had by all! The Family Service on Sunday 5th October at 10.00am. Children brought up harvest gifts and took part in the informal service along with parents and Brownie leaders.

A busy but enjoyable week for all concerned!

Tot's and Toddler's



Report by: Becky Molyneux

Tots & Toddlers had a Halloween party on Friday 24th.

With 20 families there, the children had a great time dressing up, then they had a great

feast afterwards.

Tots winner was Matthew Ellwood who got some chocolate, the other prizes went to Emily Graham and Ruby Allen, they got colouring book and crayons.

Remembrance Sunday



Report by: Mrs S Nicoll
Poppy Organiser

I would like to thank all those who took part in today's service.

The standard bearers for the service: The Royal British Legion, Mr D Nicoll The Womens Section Royal British Legion, Mrs A Graham The RAFA, Mrs S Nicoll Brownies, Alice Davison Wreath layers: Royal Navy, MID Matthew Turfoey Army Air Corps, Cpl J Nicoll RBL, Mr K Blake RBL Womens Section, Margaret Crawford RAFA, Mr T Dennett Rotary, Mr R Pickering Fire Service, Ian Morris First Responders, Pete Long RNLI, Eddie Studholme ROC, Arthur Norman Church Council, Jean Oliver Town Council,



Mr Wilkinson Mayor Masonic Lodge, Tony Trespadene Brownies, Rebecca Chorley Over 60's, Margaret Durham Police Service, Lindsey Noblet.

A big thank you goes to Mr & Mrs Graham for the loan of the shop window.

Also to those who attended the service and for all the help and support. A very big thank you to the Silloth Lifeboat Crew for their support.

A special thank you for the HMS Biter cadets for making the time to come and support the service today and their help with laying of poppy crosses on the war graves in Silloth Cemetery.

Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

Audrey Harrison welcomed members to the October meeting.

Arrangements were made for the Christmas Dinner to be held on 2nd December at Wheyrigg Hall. As our speaker had an accident Audrey introduced Margaret Graham Retail Supervisor for Eden Valley Hospice.

She had spent a lot of her working life working for M&S so had plenty of retail experience so when she retired and wanted to volunteer this was the perfect job for her. Margaret supervises five different shops. One is at the top of Botchergate; there is a bookstall in the covered market, a bookshop in Brampton and a shop in the Hospice selling new goods. The shop in Wigton was unfortunately closed for quite a while due to a fire caused by vandalism but opened again recently

and made £600 in the first day and £700 the week after so more donations of goods are requested. There will be a 'Christmas goods' shop in Carlisle Court and a Santa's Grotto in Hoopers Department Store. Paul Cookson showed slides of where the money goes and how essential it is to raise more money each year. It will cost about £2.3 million to run next year. Last year there were 197 in patients and 55 day care with 35 children helped. He emphasised that it was not a sorrowful place but filled with light and laughter. Of course there are sad times too and there were 113 deaths but 132 patients were discharged after treatment to lead a better life.

Gladys Temple thanked Margaret and Paul for coming at short notice and giving us such an insight into their work.

Santa in Silloth

Santa in Silloth is a new short story written by well known local personality Tim Barker.

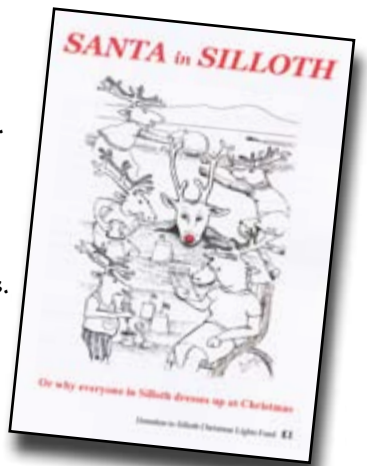
Tim has very generously written this delightful story to help raise funds for Silloth Christmas lights. The booklet has been illustrated by local artist Bill Asbury who recently had an exhibition of his work in the Gincase.

The Solway Buzz are printing the booklet and they are available in Winters Newsagents. No-one is taking anything from this project so that every penny of the £1 cover price will be donated to the Silloth Christmas Lights fund.

So, please do your

bit, buy this delightful and local story of Santa and his reindeer visiting Silloth. It is a wonderful read and will make a delightful present.

It can even be personalised by you so that the recipient becomes part of the story, then they will have a very Merry Christmas.



Silloth Primary Go Pink



Silloth Primary School children had a colourful week leading up to their half-term holidays with lots of opportunities for fun and dressing-up.

Mrs Sharpe and Miss Baxter who voluntarily run an Art Club after school for Key Stage 1 children, hosted a Halloween party where the children dressed up, had a tea party and made spooky masks to take home.

Later in the week, the After School Club, which is run every evening at the school until 5pm, had their own Halloween Party organised by Miss

McCormick and Mrs Groucott. There was a lot of fun had by all, with staff and children dressed up in spooky costumes enjoying playing games such as Pass the Spook, Musical Zombies and Haunted Corners, before tucking into such scary delights as Eyeball Jelly!

Then Friday 24th October saw the staff and children of the primary school donating money and wearing pink to raise funds for Breast Cancer. Mrs Burns, who organised the day to raise awareness, said that the school had raised a total of £158.46 for the charity.

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