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by  
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## NEW LIFEBOAT

Silloth RNLI lifeboat station has become the first in North West England to operate the most technologically advanced inshore lifeboat in the rescue charity's fleet – the Atlantic 85.

The £160,000 lifeboat went into service on November 15th and replaces Silloth's 13 year old Atlantic 75 lifeboat, Spirit of Cumbria. It has been funded by a generous legacy from Cheshire man Don Wilkinson, a long time RNLI supporter, and the lifeboat is named Elaine and Don Wilkinson in honour of him and his wife.

Silloth RNLI lifeboat operations manager, Eddie Studholme, said: 'The crew are all very impressed by their new lifeboat, which is faster and more capable than our previous Atlantic, and we are so grateful to Mr Wilkinson for his very generous legacy. The RNLI depends on donations and legacies like his and without such generosity, we would not be able to carry on our vital life saving role.'

Mr Wilkinson, from Altrincham in Cheshire, died in 2001. He was a Life Governor of the RNLI and gave illustrated talks about the



work of the charity. His legacy has also funded a D class inshore lifeboat, which is part of the RNLI's relief fleet.

The Atlantic 85 is the first inshore lifeboat to have radar, which means it can operate more effectively in reduced visibility. It is also faster and bigger than its predecessor, with room for a fourth crew member as well as more space for casualties.

The Atlantic 85 was developed in close

consultation with volunteer crews and a prototype was trialled at lifeboat stations around the coast before the final design went into production

RNLI Divisional Inspector, North, Andy Clift said: 'With its increased speed and size and technological advancements like radar, the Atlantic 85 will enable our volunteer lifeboatmen and women to carry out their life saving work more safely

and effectively than ever before.'

Silloth RNLI held an appeal in 2007 and raised £33,000 to fund training at their lifeboat station, ensuring the volunteer crew were familiar with their new lifeboat and ready to man it as soon as it arrived.

Their old lifeboat, Spirit of Cumbria, launched 98 times and rescued 53 people while stationed at Silloth. It will now go into the RNLI relief fleet, operating at

lifeboat stations when their own Atlantic 75 is being refitted or repaired.

Atlantic 85 facts:  
Length overall 8.3m  
Beam overall 2.8m  
Draught (engines raised) 0.5m  
Draught (engines down) 0.9m  
Outboard engines 2 x 115hp Yamaha 4-stroke  
Speed 35 knots  
Endurance 2.5 hours  
Crew 4  
Fitted with radar, chart plotter, VHF/DF.

**Merry Christmas**  
*and a Happy New Year to all our Readers, with a special thanks to the Distributors, Contributors and especially the Advertisers who provide the funding*

### Xmas Lights Competition

It's back! After a break of several years the Silloth Christmas Lights Competition is on again. The judges will be checking houses from Blitterlees to Skinburness Road including Barracks

Bridge and awarding prizes for the best displays.

1st Prize: £50  
2nd Prize: £25  
plus three runners-up prizes of £10 each.

Judging will take place on Friday 5th December.

### Silloth Lights Switch-On

Come down to Eden Street for an evening of fun and festivities on Friday 28th November at 6pm.

There will be Santa's Grotto, Funfair, School Choir and the fantastic new Christmas lights switch-on. Don't miss out on a great evening.



## Published Poet

Report by:  
Karen Evans

Solway Community Technology Student, Alice Dockeray, aged 13, has achieved national success in the poetry world for a second time.

Year 9 student, Alice was first published when she was eleven and attended Holme St. Cuthbert Primary School. She has now scaled even greater heights by being published in 'Coming of Age' an anthology by 'Young Writers' with her poem entitled 'Take a Piece of My Heart'.

This thought provoking poem describes Alice's dreams and aspirations for both herself and the world around her. The Anthology itself celebrates eighteen years of poetry contributions by young people.

Alice commented,



"I was really surprised and excited when I got a letter saying my poem had been chosen. A lot of people sent in poems and I didn't expect mine to be selected".

Head of English at Solway, Gillian Scholey, said, "I am really impressed with Alice's poem and so proud that her talent has been recognised. Alice has always had a super imagination we are very proud of her achievement and look forward to her having even more success in the future".

## RNLI Fundraiser

Silloth & District Fundraising Branch of the RNLI held a racenight at Silloth Social Club on Saturday 15th November.



The event was a great success and raised £844.70 for the local RNLI branch.

Thanks go to the Social Club for their help, to Mike Weaver who runs the race night and also to all the sponsors who generously supported the event; Associated British Ports Silloth, Cumbria on a Plate, Golf Hotel Silloth, Photography by Peter, Pat Mulford, Eddie Shimmings, George Thompson and Winters Newsagents.

During the evening the branch's Annual Grand Draw was also held and this raised £1,135 for the RNLI.

All winners have been notified.

Report by: John Hope  
Carnival Chairman

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

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 ring: Every little bit of help

## Silloth Carnival

would be appreciated!

Lets continue to make

Silloth Carnival one of the best!

### CUMBERLAND & WESTMORLAND WRESTLING

#### UNDER 12

1ST James Hayhurst  
2ND Phillip Potts  
3RD George Robson

#### UNDER 18

1ST Jack Ewart  
2ND Gwendhal Ewenou  
3RD Paul Murray

#### 13 STONE

1ST John Harrington  
2ND Lionel Boucher  
3RD Andrew Carlisle

#### Ladies

1ST Nina Grey

2ND Eloise Le Torte

#### UNDER 15

1st James Hall  
2nd Matthew Atkinson  
3rd William Hayhurst

#### 11½ STONE

1ST John Harrington  
2ND Andrew Carlile  
3RD Matthew Atkinson

#### ALL WEIGHT

1ST John Harrington  
2ND Yoann Salaun  
3RD Thomas Graham

3RD Connie Hodgson

### JUDGING RESULTS

#### Pedestrian Fancy Dress Group of 1 or 2 people under 11ys

1st - Matilda Murphy  
2nd - Kerry Wilson  
3rd Anya Studholme and Alicia Walcart

#### Pedestrian Fancy dress group of 1 or 2 people over 11yrs

1st - Anna Knowles and Alice May Walster  
2nd Logan Robinson

#### Pedestrian Fancy dress group 10 or above

1st - Dalston Flower Club  
Pedestrian Fancy Dress Group of 3 to 9 people

Silloth Cheerleaders - St Trinians

#### Best Visiting Float

1st - Louise Mumberson (Maryport)  
2nd - Chloe Holliday (Dearham)

#### Best Visiting Queen Float

1st - Maryport Snow Queen  
2nd - Dearham Carnival Queen

#### Best Decorated Trailer of Float over 7ft

1st - RNLI

2nd Wigton Can Can Girls  
Best Small trailer or float under 7ft

1st- Dearham Snow Queen

2nd - Vennis

Silloth Carnival Cup Winners

RNLI

Silloth Carnival Queen

Zoe Forster

Best Overall Float

Dearham Carnival Queen

Best Dressed & Presenting

Visiting Queen

Dearham Snow Queen

Best Dressed and Presented

Silloth Queen

Silloth Carnival Queen

Best Entertainment on Route

Chinese Dragons

Carnival Booklet Winner

No. 614

## Donation to Silloth F.C.

Over the summer Cumbria Police gave Silloth Football Club a cheque for £200.

This was money given directly from Cumbria Police Authority main fund.

## Silloth A.F.C's Christmas Dance

Silloth Rugby Club on Saturday 20th December at 8pm

featuring top local Indie Rock Band Broken English with Prize Raffle

## New Tourism Website

Following on from the success of [www.explorelakedistrict.co.uk](http://www.explorelakedistrict.co.uk), Explore UK, who are locally based near Cockermouth, has now launched a second website at [www.exploreyorkshiredistrict.co.uk](http://www.exploreyorkshiredistrict.co.uk). Like the flagship Lake District site it will feature all aspects of amenities from Accommodation to Weddings in that particular stunning area.

Only 16 hand chosen entries are featured, so the very best all appear on one page only, opening up into a full colour webpage with a free virtual on-line flip photo album.

Storming up the Google listings "Explore UK" is the one to watch.



Scooter Buzz  
by Ben Harrison from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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Racing Bee  
by Robbie Girdler from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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Owing to numerous recent sales, we still have active enquiries for property in Silloth and coastal areas. These range from requests for quality houses and bungalows, cottage property and houses with land, to enquiries for town and terrace property in Silloth, particularly if in need of modernisation.

For further details and a free appraisal, contact Richard Johnston on 016973 32018

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## Santa is Coming to Silloth

The Rotary Club has arranged for Father Christmas to visit the town again on Sunday 21st December

He will be setting off from Skinburness at 3:30pm along Skinburness Road calling at Skinburness Drive, taking the usual route through the town (same as the Carnival) finishing up in West Silloth and The Crofts. Last year Santa was heard to comment that "it might just be the sea air, but the mince pies and sherry in Silloth are the best I've tasted, and the reindeer like to visit their cousins on the Lido - ho ho ho".

## Freemason's Donation



First Responder Peter Gilmore receives cheque from Keith Robinson Worshipful Master of Miramar Lodge

A cheque for £500 pounds was donated on 17th October to Silloth First Responders by Silloth Freemason's.

In attendance were R.J. Markley Charity Steward and R. Allen Treasurer.

Keith Robinson Worshipful Master of Miramar Lodge thanked the Responders for their service, as having someone with first aid knowledge on hand day and night was a great comfort to all.

# Solway Sunsets

## £150 Prize Fund

Entries for the Solway Sunset competition are still coming in.

It is not too late to enter, so have a go, entry is free and there are prizes to be won. We are still 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. Send files at full size please. 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. Judging will take place during January.

Prizes have been

donated by Caravan Care, the Golf Hotel, STAG, Bank Mill Nurseries, Carlisle Embroidery, Photography by Peter and others. Results will be announced in the Solway Buzz.

## Solway Woodcarving Group Donation

Solway Woodcarving Group have chiselled away since last Spring making eight Teddies which were raffled at Silloth Carnival.

The object was to raise money for the Eden Valley Hospice. We are pleased to say that we reached a grand total of £1,105 and this was handed over at the hospice. We would like to extend our grateful thanks to all of those involved in raising such a sizable sum. It has always been our intention to support local charities with any project which we undertake.



Drinking Disco Bee by Billy Harrison from Holme St. Cuthbert School

## Dark Winter Days?

Do you know that the Community Bus will collect and return you to your door each fortnight and bring you to the Library for just 20p.

Not only do we have the obvious books, but

also talking books, DVD's, and Internet connection which is free to concessions.

Membership is free so please pop in or call 32195 for more information.



# Golf Hotel

Criffel Street, Silloth-on-Solway, CA7 4AB  
Tel: 016973 31438 or info@golfhotelsilloth.co.uk



## Festive Season 2008

### Christmas Day Lunches

Fancy a change from cooking this Christmas Day?

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Christmas Day Lunch

£42.50 per Adult

£20.00 Children under 14 Years

For a Menu or to book please contact Reception  
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Party Time  
this Christmas*



Friday 5th December

Entertainment with

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Soul & Motown Male Vocalist Wayne has performed at Wayne & Coleen Rooney's Wedding and many more.

Hot & Cold Buffet, 7pm - Late

Tickets only £15

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### New Years Eve

Join us and bring in the New Year with a Bang with Singing Sensation Nikki B and our Grand Gala Buffet

Buffet served 7.30pm - 9pm

Music 9.30pm onwards

£22.50 per Adult

£10.00 per child under 14

Tickets available from reception

Doors Open 7.30pm



**Don't Drink and Drive this Christmas - With all Party, Christmas Day & New Year Bookings Soft Drinks for the Driver are FREE (Only Certain Drinks Apply)**

Abbeytown Library

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

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  
Friday 11am-1:30pm  
2:30pm-5pm  
Saturday 10am-12noon

Books for all ages including children's and large print, and talking books  
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Please call in or telephone (016973) 32195

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

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Editorial Content  
This is down to you, we can only publish items if you send them to us.  
When sending articles in, please supply a contact name and number in case something requires clarification.  
We will accept letters, faxes or emails, but we do prefer emails as we do not have a typist to type your articles out.  
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Peter McRobert with the support of the whole community and an army of volunteers.

Silloth RNLI Shop

**Shop Opening Hours**  
  
Sunday 11am – 3:30pm  
  
The shop will close mid December and reopen at Easter. Many thanks to all who have supported us.  
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

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

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
Doctor:	016973 31309
First Responders can only be called by the Ambulance service, call:	
Gas:	0800 111 999
Hospital:	01228 523444
Holme St. Cuthbert School	
Mawbray:	01900 881242
Holm Cultram Abbey CofE School	
Abbeytown:	016973 61261
MP, Tony Cunningham:	
	01900 65815
Silloth Library:	016973 32195
NAP	01900 702898
Neighbourhood Forum:	01900 325013
Police:	08453300247
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:	
	016973 31944
Solway Buzz:	016973 32180
Taxi (Private Hire):	016973 32310
Taxi (Private Hire):	07999 934555
Vet:	016973 20242
Waste Disposal Dept:	01900 702800
Water LeakLine:	0800 33 00 33

This section is for your convenience, so please, let us know what you want included, also any changes to numbers.

Dates for the Diary

November

23rd Christmas Craft & Produce Market at Mawbray Village Hall 10am to 4pm, refreshments  
contact Karen: 01900 881353  
  
24th Solway Coast Forum  
  
28th Silloth Nursing Home Christmas Sale  
  
30th Advent Carol Service for the Solway Plain Team at St. Mungo's, Bromfield @ 6pm

December

1st Police Surgery in the Fire Station from 2pm to 4pm  
  
1st Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Centre @ 7pm  
  
4th Taste of Christmas Pop-In, 11:45 - 1pm all welcome  
Trinity Methodist Church  
  
4th STAG meeting at 6:30pm, 016973 31517  
  
6th Crunch service at Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am  
  
6th Silloth & District Pensioners Christmas Party in Stanwix Park Holiday Centre at 4pm, tickets from SOSCS  
  
7th Christmas Carol Celebration at 6pm, led by Gordon Swindlehurst (famous BBC Presenter), come along and sing your favourite Carols, all welcome  
Trinity Methodist Church

Football Training

**Silloth Football Club**  
**All training takes place at the Sports Hall**  
**Times 2008**

Under 7's  
Friday 3:30 to 4:30pm  
Contact Stephen Hart 31517  
  
Under 9'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 12's  
Thursday 4:00 to 5:30pm  
Contact Derek Wallace 32050  
  
Under 14's  
Friday 5:30 to 7pm  
Contact John Gibson 32627  
  
Under 16's  
Wednesday 8 to 9:30pm  
Contact Colin Baty 31297  
  
Girls Under 12's  
Wednesday 4:30 to 5:30pm  
Contact Jennifer Bell 32291  
  
Open to boys and girls.  
Membership forms available from all coaches.  
  
**Men's Training at the Sports Hall**  
Tuesday  
7:30pm to 9pm  
Contact Colin Baty 31297

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

December cont'd

9th Abbeytown WI, meet in Assembly Room, Abbeytown @ 7:30pm, AGM  
tel: 016973 617667  
  
10th Causewayhead WI meeting @Trinity Methodist Church Schoolroom, 7:15pm  
AGM Tel: 016973 31447  
  
11th Skinburness Association Meeting in the Golf Hotel  
  
12th Christ Church with St. Pauls Mens Choir Christmas Concert, pie & pea supper @ 7pm  
  
13th Silloth Library Free Coffee & Mince Pies from 10am to noon, all welcome  
  
13th Carol singing in the Golf Hotel, led by the Chataround group @ 7pm  
  
14th Morning prayers with Carols in Christ Church Hall @ 10am  
  
18th Cumbria Cancer Support Group meeting at 7pm, Education Centre, the Cumberland Infirmary, Infirmary Street, Carlisle  
  
19th Town Carol Service in Christ Church @ 7pm  
  
21st Holy Communion with Carols in Christ Church @ 10am  
  
21st Carol service at St. Paul's, Causewayhead @ 3pm

24th Crib service in Christ Church @ 6pm  
  
24th Holy Communion in Christ Church @ 11:30pm  
  
25th Holy Communion in St. Pauls @ 9am  
  
25th Holy Communion in Christ Church @ 10:15am

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

January

5th Police Surgery in the Fire Station from 2pm to 4pm  
  
8th STAG meeting at 6:30pm, 016973 31517  
  
14th Causewayhead WI meeting @Trinity Methodist Church Schoolroom, 7:15pm  
Members Night.  
Tel: 016973 31447  
  
15th Abbeytown Flower Club, Christmas Dinner  
016973 61055  
  
17th Crunch service at Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am  
  
18th Abbeytown Methodist Chapel Anniversary @ 6:30pm

February

7th Crunch service at Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am  
  
19th Abbeytown Flower Club, AGM, 016973 61055  
  
24th Solway Coast Forum

March

7th 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.

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



Masthead Bee Winner

This month the winner is Ellie Tremble from Holme St. Cuthbert School with a bee called "Doctor Bee". Well done Ellie!

August

3rd to 16th Port History Exhibition @ Silloth Discovery Centre  
  
8th 150th Anniversary Events at Silloth Dock from 10am to 5pm  
  
9th 150th Anniversary Events at Silloth Dock from 10am to 5pm



Coffee & Mince pies  
  
Why not pop in to the local Library and have a browse?  
Free coffee and mince pies will be provided on Saturday, December 13th. 10 - 12 noon  
  
All welcome

Hair Zone 4 U

Festive Party Hair  
It's festive party time once more and the look for hair is 'Up Do' nearly every celebrity and model you see in the gossip celebrity magazines is sporting their 'Up Do's'. We think high school musical star, Vanessa Hudgens 'Up Do' is the one most people will go for. It's a modern take on a classic Greek goddess look and is perfect for todays teens and 20's, so we will again be doing an express 'Up Do' & Curl service right through till February 2009, don't miss out give us a call on 31333.  
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## Eyesore Property

Allerdale Borough Council has prosecuted a Silloth man for failing to comply with the Building Act 1984, concerning the state of a dilapidated property in the town.

William George Tinnion, of Greenrow, Silloth, was issued with a Section 79 Notice, under the act, on 17th July 2003 which required him to either renovate or demolish the long-disused shop and house, known as Bank View, on Golf Villas.

In evidence heard at North Cumbria Magistrates Court in Carlisle, the run-down building was declared as being "seriously detrimental to the amenities of the neighbourhood" following complaints made to the Council about its condition.

Mr Tinnion was given 180 days after the notice was served to carry out the required works but an inspection made on 30 January 2004 found that a large majority of the renovation had not been done, nor had the property been demolished.

Allerdale Borough Council wrote to Mr Tinnion on 6 April 2004 informing him it intended to carry out the renovation or demolition work as the statutory notice had not been complied with. He subsequently submitted a planning application to redevelop the property

which was approved in October 2004.

It was expected that the redevelopment would have begun in the following few months but by March 2005 nothing had happened. Further negotiations took place during 2006, 2007 and early 2008 with little progress.

A list of the works still to be completed was sent to Mr Tinnion on 21 May 2008, asking why they had not been done and advising him the Council was considering legal proceedings. A further copy was hand delivered to Mr Tinnion on 6 June 2008.

District Judge Gerald Chalk found Mr Tinnion guilty of failing to comply with the notice under Section 79 of the Building Act 1984, after a trial on Monday.

He was also found guilty of failing to provide information as to the owner of the property after claiming it was jointly-owned, despite the Land Registry confirming it was in sole ownership. A notice under Section 16 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 was served on Mr Tinnion on 17 June 2008 – giving him 14 days to supply the requested information – to which no response was received.

Mr Tinnion was fined £100 for the first offence and ordered to pay court costs of £300.

## Silloth Pensioners

Report by: Patricia Froggatt

Silloth Pensioners Coffee Morning

Despite torrential rain and gale force winds many hardy regulars turned out for the monthly coffee morning held on October 4th. Although the weather was atrocious, the feeling of warmth permeated throughout the building with old friends and new having a very relaxing time and enjoying the scones, biscuits, coffee and tea.

The cake stall as always was well stocked and proved very popular, together with the selection of bric-a-brac and books on sale.

The raffle was also well supported and the following were the lucky winners:

1st Mrs. Merchants

2nd Mary Story  
3rd Isabel Gilmour  
4th Diane Shaw  
5th Diane Wallace  
6th Pat Bell  
7th Mrs. Mattinson

The Committee would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to those who managed to support their local monthly coffee morning on such an awful day.

The total amount raised was £102.90.

At our coffee morning held on the 13th September a total of £128.26 was raised towards the funds. A donation of £100 was made by the Over 60's club towards the cost of electricity.

It was a pleasure to see old faces and particularly to welcome new faces to these coffee mornings.

## Abbeytown M.U.

Report by: Gladys Temple

Branch Leader Maureen Gibson

welcomed everyone to the September meeting, especially Linda McDonald, Head teacher of Holme Cultram Abbey School.

Prayers were lead by Gladys Temple and Maureen added prayers for Robbie Girdler who thankfully is back home and doing well also for Lyn Tembey who is attending the York Provincial Meeting in the Isle of Man.

Letters of thanks were received from Mary Mattinson and Elsie Donald for the flowers and cards received from members on the occasion of their 'special birthdays'. Thanks were also received from Boltons, Ireby & Uldale Mothers Union and Wigton Mothers Union for the welcome and lovely evening they enjoyed at Abbeytown. There was an invite to Flimby on 6th December at 2pm and the Christmas card catalogue was passed around. Freda Garner collected money for the new 'Families First' magazine.

Linda McDonald was then introduced to talk on 'relationships'. She began by telling us about her family and her career before she became a teacher. She was in the meteorological office and never thought of teaching until she had

her first son. She helped at playgroup and then became a leader, read stories to the children and realised she enjoyed being with small children. She went to college for teacher training at Charlotte Mason, Ambleside and got her first job at Silloth Primary School where she stayed for two years then went to Bothel for 10 years. Linda has been at Holme Cultram School for 2 1/2 years and thoroughly enjoys it. The ethos of the school is that children will not learn properly if they are not happy at school, so the staff have good relationships with parents and children to try and make school a happy experience for all. The motto is 'you can do it'. There are several aspects to this scheme. Praise for good behaviour, good attendance, looking after your neighbour, etc. The school assemblies are well attended by parents and grandparents over the year and the Christmas play was in the Assembly Rooms as so many want to be there. They have lots of visitors from the local community and many relationships are formed outside school.

Freda Garner thanked Linda. Brenda Sim and Mary Mattinson served refreshments. Everyone enjoyed a good relaxing cup of tea with lots of old photos of past pupils to see.

## Changes to Planning Regs

People wanting to make alterations to their homes are warned to be aware of changes to planning regulations coming into force this week. The rules which govern the need for planning permission for home alterations changed on Wednesday 1 October.

As a result, some small extensions and outbuildings may no longer need planning permission, while some other changes – including the creation of hard surfaced areas like driveways and patios – will now sometimes need

consent. Special controls will still apply in parts of Allerdale including conservation areas.

If you are thinking of altering your home then Allerdale Borough Council's planning staff can help you understand the new rules and explain whether permission is needed for what you have in mind.

The team can be contacted on 01900 702740, by e-mail: [planning@allerdale.gov.uk](mailto:planning@allerdale.gov.uk) or by writing to: Planning Department, Allerdale House, Workington, CA14 3YJ.

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## Craft Afternoon every Wednesday



Report by: Diana Shaw

On Wednesday afternoon's each week from 1:30pm to 3:30pm craft classes are being held in the Trinity Methodist Schoolroom.

Twelve Ladies are attending, learning crafts, quelling, card making, pin flair, knitting and bead work. Lots of other

crafts will be introduced as the weeks progress. The classes are the idea of Robina Bond, Isabelle Bell, Joan Bowe and Margaret Read. This is a non-profit making venture, all having a cuppa and delicious cakes baked by Robina.

There is a small charge of £1.30, plus a small charge for

materials used. There is also the opportunity to play games of scrabble, dominoes or just a have a chat!

Anyone wishing to take part will be welcome. If you do crafts then bring them with you and share the fun with the other crafty people.

Why not come along and see for yourself.

## Silloth Pensioners Tea Party



Report by: Diana Shaw

The Silloth and District Pensioners held their pre-Christmas Afternoon Tea & Sale on Saturday 1st November in St. Andrews Hall.

Chairperson Diana Shaw welcomed Silloth Mayor Graham Wilkinson to open the Tea and Sale.

What a successful afternoon it was, all the tables were soon taken. The tea consisted of scones with rum butter, drop scones with strawberry jam and mince tarts. The tables were set with arrangements of holly and foliage which was very colourful.

The kitchen staff had a really hectic time serving tea and coffee and in the kitchen were Rita Hart, Eileen Pattinson, Robina Bond, Isabell Bell and Carol Haines.

The cake stall was beautifully arranged with fruit cakes, pies, scones, cakes and home made

chutney with the stall in the capable hands of Doreen Mathews and Maureen Morre.

The Bric a Brac was manned by Doreen Carruthers and Nan Crook, the Raffle had nine lucky winners, selling the tickets was Irene Denard and on the door was Diana Shaw. Everyone enjoyed their afternoon out.

The profit from the event raised £245 and thanks goes to all who supported this event.

The CHRISTMAS PARTY tickets for Saturday 6th December at 4pm will be on sale at the SOS Charity Shop.

## Genes for Jeans

Report by: Karen Evans

Recently Solway Technology College held their usual exciting but orderly lessons with their students sitting at their desks looking extremely neat and tidy in their uniforms. Or so it seemed! When they stood up, it was a totally different picture. Jeans everywhere!

This wasn't a rebellion but a highly successful fund raising event called 'Jeans for Genes'.

'Jeans for Genes' aims to change the world for children affected by genetic disorders. Genetic disorders have symptoms which range from cleft lips, which are relatively easy to correct with surgery, to extremely painful blood disorders like sickle cell anaemia.

These conditions are caused by tiny differences in a child's genes.

Every half-an-hour a baby is born in the UK with a genetic birth defect or genetic disorder which could seriously affect their lives. 'Jeans for Genes' helps to provide much needed help, support and information for children and their families. The money raised goes to help fund ground breaking research to establish the causes of these conditions and how they can be treated.

Solway Technology College's students raised £107 and did it by combining their school uniform with jeans – school top, shirt and tie with jeans and trainers.

This suggestion came from our School Council

## Volunteers Wanted!

Volunteering opportunities are now available across Allerdale and Copeland as part of the new Age Concern Bridge Building service.

The volunteer role is varied and could include introducing an older person to a social activity, helping them pursue a new hobby, or helping them gain access to services that will enhance their quality of life.

If you feel that you could offer short term support of up to three months to older people who may feel isolated in their community for reasons of ill health, hospitalisation,

so that students didn't look at it as another non uniform day, it was a day with a valuable purpose.

bereavement or simply because of where they live, then we would love to hear from you.

Induction and training will be provided for all Bridge Building volunteers.

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## Causewayhead WI

Report by: Patricia Froggatt

The September meeting of Causewayhead WI was a meeting of two halves. Sixteen members visited the Royal Mail Sorting Office in Carlisle whilst those members not wishing to participate took part in a Beetle Drive.

The following is a report by President, Pat Bell of the Visit to the Sorting Office:

Sixteen members visited the Carlisle Mail Centre. After a brief history about mail in Carlisle from 1675 to the present day, we toured the Centre to see mail being sorted 25 years after the move to Junction Street, from behind the Warwick Road Post Office. Mail posted in and for delivery to the DG & CA post codes is processed here, much is sorted to the walk for delivery. Up to 220,000 items are sorted daily, but at Christmas time the Centre handles an average of 711,000 posted and a further 311,000 items due for delivery, on the busiest days. With Christmas on the horizon, once more we were asked to avoid sending bookmark cards and the small cards, because the system could not cope with them, thus hand sorting is necessary and delivery may be slightly delayed. Red envelopes are also difficult for the system to read.

We all thoroughly enjoyed our experience and after refreshments, repaired back to the rest of the meeting for Soup and Rolls prepared by members. As previously stated the members not taking part in the visit enjoyed a Beetle Drive which was won by Olga Hetherington. After refreshments the rest of the meeting was taken up with general business.

Causewayhead WI held their October

meeting at St. Andrews Hall, Silloth and this was an open evening.

President Pat Bell, welcomed everyone and introduced the guest for the evening 'Ulrich' (aka Michael Douglas) who portrayed and explained 'The Life of a Roman Soldier'. He described the type of clothes that were worn and also why each particular type was chosen and for what purpose. Shields, swords and other equipment that was used in Roman times were also displayed and demonstrated. He handed round to the audience a piece of chain mail which, although only a small piece, was extremely heavy in comparison to its size. This really gave us an indication of the weight of a full coat of armour that the soldiers had to wear. He also explained why the equipment the soldiers used was far superior to anything that their

enemies wore.

The whole evening was a fascinating insight into the life and fighting equipment of the Roman Soldiers who guarded Hadrian's Wall.

A vote of thanks was given by J. Beeby on behalf of the WI.

Competitions:

Letter opener:

1st Gloria Hunter

2nd Pat Froggatt

Flower:

1st Frances Jackson

2nd Jean Vorley

Raffle Prizes were won by:

1st Jean Wilson

2nd Maureen Irving

3rd Mary Johnstone

4th Dorothy Ross

5th Ann Harrison

6th Pat Froggatt

7th Jean Vorley

8th Jean Graham

9th Judith Beeby

10th Lily Langford

11th Edith Kerr

12th Janice Wilkinson

Grocery Parcels were won by:

M. Irving, F. Jackson,

and M. Prudhoe

## Police Report

Cumbria Police are pleased to report that PCSO 5174 Lindsey Noblet is now back on duty in Silloth. You can contact her on 0845 33 00 247 or email lindsey.noblet@cumbria.police.uk. Police surgeries will be held at the Fire Station so please call in. Lindsey is there in the community to help prevent and resolve any issues and provide a direct link to Police.

As the nights are drawing in, drivers need to be extra vigilant particularly on the coast road. With high tides the road can be extremely dangerous, not just because of the water

gushing over but due to the heavy debris being thrown by the waves. The highways and emergency services work together to protect the public from such dangers however there have been occasions when the directions of road closure signs and highways staff have been ignored by drivers, who then place themselves, their passengers, and emergency service staff, at great risk.

Please follow our guide and stay safe on the coast road.

- Local press and radio provide regular information in relation to tide times and heights, and weather forecasts and

alerts. Do check these in advance of your journey, especially during hours of darkness.

- Where there may be problems, do allow extra time for your journey, and do be prepared to follow a diversion.
- Where problems can be expected it may be easier just to take an alternative route from the start.
- Don't ignore road closure or diversion signs.
- Don't ignore the directions of Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers, or Highways staff.
- Don't risk your life and expect others to risk theirs on your behalf.

## Surgery Supports Children in Need



Silloth Surgery would like to thank everyone who has supported the Surgery in their recent fund raising events.

In September Silloth Surgery raised £29.08 for "Jeans for Genes" who support children with genetic disorders. All staff paid to wear Jeans for the day at work.

In October we supported "Tickled pink for breast cancer

awareness", we sold pink ribbons, and all staff wore pink clothing which raised £61.86

In November for "Children in Need" we sold Pudsey Bear Key rings which sold like Hot Cakes!! - Staff wore various different wacky clothing including Dr Jones in his Superman T-shirt! Money is still coming in for this charity but so far we have

collected in the region of £100!

This year we will be supporting "Great North Air Ambulance" by giving them a donation instead of sending each other Christmas Cards, the previous year we supported "Eden Valley Hospice" and raised £100.

Once again thank you for your support and watch out for our next fund raising event.

Rainy Bee  
by Ellis Hook from  
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by Emma Barwise from  
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## 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.

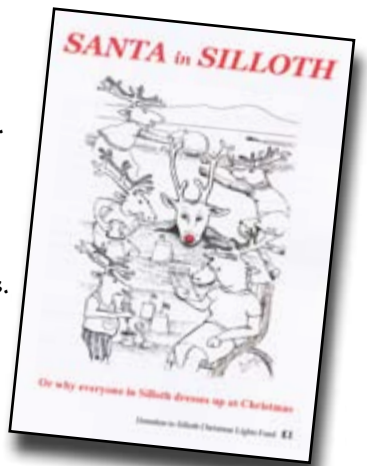
Tim has very generously written this delightful story to help raise funds for Silloth Christmas lights. The booklet has been illustrated by local artist Bill Asbury who recently had an exhibition of his work in the Gincase.

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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## Dialect Competition

Report by: Tim Barker

Silloth Rotary Club's annual Dialect Competition drew competitors and guests from all over the county to the Golf Hotel on October 11th.

There were not quite so many entrants as usual but the standard was high.

There were a wide variety of different items presented, from Tommy Coulthard's hunting song to Lawrence Marshall's wonderful true story of a half-shorn sheep, two shearers and a flock of 'flairt' hens going mad in a gin case\*. The youngest competitor was eight-year-old Abigail O'Regan of Aspatria while Keith Balmer of Eden valley reminisced about his mother who's 100. To cap even that, Bob Burlington (Rotary Club of Keswick) brought a poem written eighty years ago by his father. The most up-to-date theme was a poem about the world financial crisis presented by Cynthia Nicholas of Penrith.

Silloth Mayor Graham Wilkinson and Rotarian David Wilson were the judges, directed by Mrs Ethel Fisher MBE whose unmatched dialect poems must be familiar to many. She closed the entertainment

with a reading of her new poem about the three unwise men finding their way round London with the help of Delboy Trotter and a satnav.

Winners were: Best Newcomer – Cynthia Nicholas, Best Junior – Abigail O'Regan, Most Humorous – Margaret Rogerson, Best Spoken Dialect – Lawrence Marshall.

Thanks go to the Golf Hotel for hosting the event and providing tea and biscuits and to Peter Gilmour for the sound system. Tim Barker was compere and other Rotarians helped with organisation and running the raffle which raised over £50 for the club's charity fund.

\* For those who didn't know (most of us), a "gin case" was the circular box in which a horse plodded round and round harnessed to a capstan driving the machinery for an old-fashioned mechanical threshing machine. The word is short for "engine case".

## RNLI Fund-raiser

Solway Holiday Village hosted a charity fundraising night in aid of the RNLI.

It was held in September and was well supported by locals, holidaymakers and residents of the holiday park. Some members of the local Lifeboat Station and fundraising branch also attended.

On the evening £538.51 was raised.

Thanks go to the management of Solway Holiday Village for their generosity in holding the event in Harleys Bar and for providing the entertainment (Amy Housewine) and prizes for the raffle, bingo and bottle roll.



Princess Bee  
by  
Chloe Aird  
from  
Silloth Primary School

## On the Waterfront

Report by: Tommy Legs

September was the quietest month for many years with only three

vessels visiting the port.

First was the VICTRESS with fertilizer from Holland. Next was the tanker ZAPADNYY from Bremen with molasses and finally the BEN VARREY brought a cargo of wheat from Liverpool.

October was reasonably busy with seven cargoes including two visits by the GRIPFISK who loaded

live salmon smolts for the Scottish salmon farms. The BRITANNICA HAV brought wheat from Vierow and the VICTRESS brought fertilizer from Holland. The BEN VARREY then arrived with a cargo of wheat from Liverpool and the ST PELMOOR brought paper pulp from Sanander. Finally, the tanker WIGRY brought molasses from Dunkirk.



## Little Acre Memory Walk



On Sunday 21st September, residents, staff and friends of Little Acre Care Home took part in their second Memory Walk in support of the Alzheimer's Society. The weather was fine for the participants who set off from Little Acre along the promenade to the Lifeboat Station and back.

Some residents were able to walk, but others enjoyed the fresh air from the comfort of

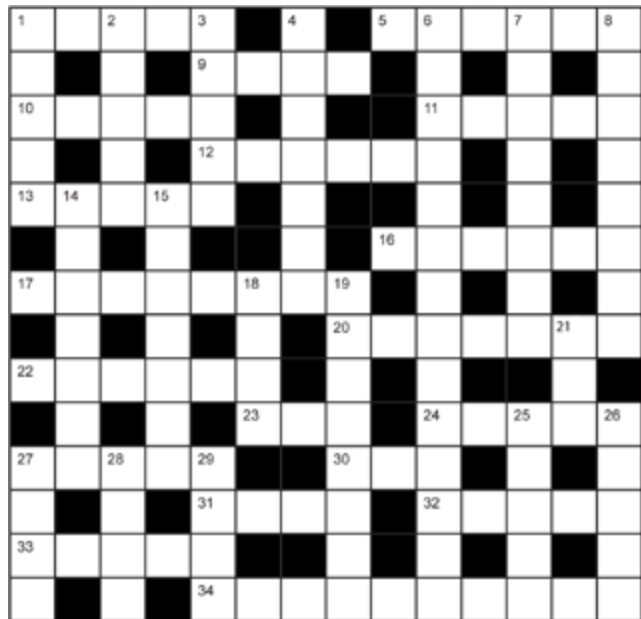
their wheelchairs.

As well as raising much needed funds for the Alzheimer's Society, £472 to date with more still to come in, the

walk also served to raise awareness of Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias which can have such a devastating effect on people's lives.

## Prize Crossword

Our crossword puzzle is created by Mycroft.



Across

- 1 Glory (5)
- 5 Variety of quartz (6)
- 9 Curse (4)
- 10 Agitate (5)
- 11 Inexperienced (5)
- 12 Collective noun for crows (6)
- 13 Room (5)
- 16 List of business (6)
- 17 Note of music (8)
- 20 Utmost (7)
- 22 Shrub (6)
- 23 Strike (3)
- 24 Sword (5)
- 27 Hurl (5)
- 30 Sea monster (3)
- 31 Slim (4)
- 32 Unconcealed (5)
- 33 Quantitative relationship (5)
- 34 "Ancient town" with same privileges as Cinque Ports (10)

Down

- 1 Russian drink (5)
- 2 Roman goddess of hunting (5)
- 3 WWI battle (5)
- 4 Barren (7)
- 6 Cumulative total (9,5)
- 7 Simulation (8)
- 8 Turncoat (8)
- 14 Incomplete (7)
- 15 Highland Warrior (7)
- 18 Quiet (4)
- 19 Germanic (8)
- 21 Spoil (3)
- 25 Consecrate (5)
- 26 Additional (5)
- 27 Bifurcation (4)
- 28 Jot (4)
- 29 Shine (4)

Please send your entries for this month's competition to the Solway Buzz (address on page 4).

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Answer to issue 69 crossword

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### Arthritis Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

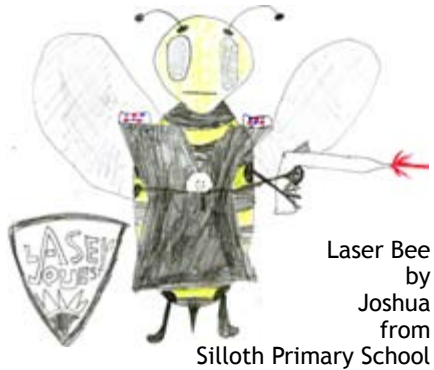
Chairman Christine Smithson welcomed everyone to the October Meeting. Apologies were received from Dorethy Lancaster, Mary Harrison, Francis Green Anne Graham and Ann Mossop.

Gladys Temple passed around menus received from Wheyrigg Hall and Denton House to choose where to go for our New Year Party.

The theme for the meeting was 'members interests'. Edna Marper began by reading a letter from the Daily Mail brought by Norma Jamieson. Mary Heslam had written this about the credit crunch and how the Queen and many other millionaires could help by spending money to keep people employed. Edna then read an excerpt from one of her many Wordsworth Books this one being how helpful Dorothy was to William. She also has many Botany books and explained how

Hodgsons of Workington published 'Flora of Cumberland' in 1898 and how she helped to write a new edition in the 1990s. Edna then read part of the poem 'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth and some housekeeping hints from 'Housekeeping' by Dorothy Wordsworth'. Peggy and Jack Bray had brought along a short quiz on Wigton businesses. Gladys guessed most answers and then showed some of the many bead necklaces she had brought along in many colours and designs. Christine Smithson had brought some beautiful quilts she so loves to make and everyone admired her patience.

Christine and Mary Peile served the refreshments and Jack Bray won the raffle.



### Stars Shine at Solway School

Report by: Karen Evans

'Wow!' 'Mint!' 'Brilliant!' These were some of the words echoing around Solway Community Technology College after over 60 happy but exhausted Year 6 primary children completed an exciting 'creative enrichment' day.

Quiet and slightly anxious when they arrived, the pupils were soon entranced and energised by dance, drama art and music workshops centred around the theme of the elements of water wind earth and fire. Whirling flames of ribbon, word sculptures, the construction of primitive shelters, a chance to make and record their own musical compositions meant that there was something for everyone.

Run by specialist teachers from Solway School, the day was voted a resounding success by everyone. Evaluation comments from the pupils included, 'I wish we could do it all again', 'It was awesome', 'We had a laugh and good teachers', 'I very, very liked it' and 'Loved the

dinners, lots of choice'.

Creative Enrichment coordinator Gillian Scholey said 'This was an exciting new venture for us. We already do maths, science, technology and PE days for primary students but we felt that we also wanted to work with our primary schools to develop the creative side of the children. We were really impressed by the enthusiasm and energy of the pupils. Who knows what stars of the future may have performed with us today!'

Mrs Scholey added that 'Days like this also mean that the transition from primary to secondary school is much easier for children. We had Year 9 students assisting and many of the children commented on how helpful and friendly our older students were. This means that much of the fear element of starting secondary school is broken down before the children start our school in Year 7.

We now look forward to seeing many of these pupils helping us with our Christmas pantomime.'

### Christ Church Gift Day

The Vicar and Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Silloth want to give an enormous "THANK YOU" to everyone who contributed to the Gift Day on September 13th.

People from all over the town (and Skinburness we're urged to acknowledge!) brought envelopes to the church on the day and many others passed gifts on later. One friend wrote on the envelope, "I hope your prayers have been answered." They have indeed. Altogether we received £2,500 which is a wonderful response and a warming expression of the regard in which the church is held in the

town.

We are particularly grateful to members of other churches who contributed. Christ Church is the biggest in Silloth and probably the one most people are likely to go to for community services - Christmas, Remembrance Day, funerals, weddings, etc. Local Christians are a friendly lot and co-operate regularly in events organised by Churches Together in Silloth.

Please note that every Sillothian and visitor is welcome into every church !

PS In every church people pray regularly for the whole town and all their neighbours!



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Your Letters

Dear Buzz,

Wind in the Willows According to my edition, this "nation treasure" was first published in October 1908, which surely makes it worth a very big "CENTENARY" celebration. Of all the television I watch, newspapers I read and radio that I listen to I honestly do not remember seeing or hearing any mention of it being made this year. This seems ODD, to say the least, considering the way lots of trivia is continuously blasted out at us. Anyone out there in the literary world?

Michael Faulkner

Dear Buzz,

During the course of the year a number of fundraising events were held at Silloth Social Club. We write to thank the Committee of the club, the various act's and all of those who attended and contributed to make the events as success. These events raised the following; Brainwave Appeal: £1,000 Autistic Society: £846.70 Donnas Dream-house: £1,000.

Mr & Mrs C Morris

Dear Buzz,

I am writing following my surprise 40th birthday party which took place in the Rugby club. I would like to say a few thank you's, firstly to the Rugby Club for the venue plus Christine and staff for there hard work through out the night. To Lillian, Carole, Angela and my Mam for the food, Carole again for the lovely cake, Brian and Sharon for contacting so many people at short notice, Stephen Stanwix and all the bowling lads for there expert deception, everyone who attended your kind cards and gifts are very much appreciated and also to my special Wife Maria thank you for making it so special. Finally competition results were as follows: Fancy Dress winner was Davy Lightfoot, Davy also picked up the best Gurn of the night award and finally Best dancer went to Dave Allen who is now through to the regional finals.

Thanks again Mark Smith

Dear Buzz,

To follow on from your two reports in The Buzz, about the swims across the Solway, from Scotland to England. My mother and father, told me years ago about the chap from Preston. At that time someone had put up a trophy and prize money, for anybody to do the swim. My father was 19 at the time and very, very fit,{ he used to run a gym for the local lads at West Silloth } For a practice, After my mother and her sisters at Maryport, covered him with lard and goose grease. He set off from Maryport pier on the slack tide, and then the flood tide carried him up the Solway towards Silloth. Swimming against the ebb tide for the last part of the swim to Silloth pier, followed by his own fishing boat. And then before he could attempt the swim from Southernness to Silloth, This chap from Preston came up and swam across from Annan or the mouth of the River Annan, coming out at Silloth, to a great welcome, crowds town band the lot and claimed the trophy and prize money. My father was rather annoyed, that the chap had swam from Annan, rather than Southernness, because he said that if he started off on slack water the ebb tide would take him to Silloth like swimming down a river. So good luck to Derek Griffiths from Barrow, who came across from Southernness against both flood and ebb currents.

George Proud

Dear Buzz,

I would like to thank everyone involved with the Silloth Music & Beer Festival for an excellent event. All 12 of us thought it was excellent and we are already talking about going back in 2009. Hopefully bringing a few more. Shame the weather was so poor for the Golf on Friday and Saturday but it cannot happen two years in a row (can it?)!

Kindest regards, and "til next time.

Alan Crofts International Golf Club of Belgium

Dear Buzz,

I have recently moved to Cumbria from Essex, to be near my daughter and her family. Apart from the weather I am very much enjoying my new abode, however I am a keen Bridge player, and find that the nearest bridge club is quite a distance away. As I taught bridge in Essex, I am hoping to start a club here in Mawbray, when I have enough players. I am quite ready to give instruction, and hope to get a class started with the children at Holme St. Cuthbert's school. Any whist players will find bridge a very much more intriguing game, and even if you do not play whist, I can cope with this problem, as my class will learn to play whist in the course of learning bridge. The game is very widely played in the South of England. It improves memory. There is no age limit, I have played against 92 year olds, and in the midlands is a 100 year old who still plays I can be contacted on 01900 881012 for more information,

Mike Madden

Dear Buzz,

Just a small letter to all my old customers and to my present customers. I will be starting to trade again, doing taxi's during the week and still at weekends. I will apologise to everyone that has been let down in the past. But unfortunately due to circumstance's around my family it was impossible for me to work during the week. I am now ready to come back and it would be lovely to see you all again. Phone number has changed to 1697332310/07999934555 I AM NOW TRADING AS HAYLEY'S TRAVEL and still working with (Johnstone's private hire.) We are currently taking bookings for Xmas parties, and also giving reduced rates for return journey's only, for Carlisle, Workington, etc runs. I would also like to thank everyone who took part in the Santa Dash/Blind Auction, it was a very successful day raising over £2,500. There will be a full report in the next issue of the Buzz.

Hayley Forster

Dear Buzz,

I would like to thank all the people who have endured this horrendous weather and given up their time to fit the new Christmas lights. It is encouraging to see the younger generation taking on this daunting task which was introduced by Silloth Rotary Club and latterly by Bill and the late Marilyn Amyes, with support from their helpers. The residents of Silloth and surrounding areas must be thanked also for their generous support in all the fund-raising that has been achieved. It is encouraging to se the community spirit still alive and thriving during these arduous times

Tony Markley County Councillor for the Electoral Division of Solway Coast

Dear Buzz,

Many thanks to everyone for the cards and kindness shown on Marilyn's death. You will be delighted to know that the magnificent amount of £770.18p was raised by your donations for Silloth First Responders. Again many thanks.

Bill Amyes

Dear Buzz,

This is just to say a big thank-you to Mrs Cooper, Linda Cork and Mrs Jones who organised the Solway Mexico link at Solway Community Technology College. This enabled us to have a Mexican child staying with us for two weeks, which at first was a bit daunting, the thought of having another child from so far away to stay. We, the Forster family Hayley and Johnstone, Zoe, Ashleigh, Holly and baby Johnstone took care of a young girl called Paoula, she was so nice but very quite. Johnstone tried really hard to communicate with her but there were times when the poor lass she didn't have a clue what he was saying. It was some experience and would love to do it again. We had so much fun in those two weeks it was great. A massive thank-you to all who helped it was brill. Mr and Mrs Cooper you deserve a medal.

Forster Family

Dear Buzz,

Christmas Wishes

The Mayor and Mayoress of Silloth-on-Solway Councillor & Mrs Wilkinson wish all readers a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year along with a hope of better weather in 2009.

Graham Wilkinson

Dear Buzz,

I would like to thank everyone who prayed, sent cards and asked after me over the last few months. I am happy to say that I am now on the road to recovery and have recently become a granda again. I now have two wonderful granddaughters to keep me occupied. Than you all once again.

Geoff Henderson

Dear Buzz,

In September this year the High Court ruled that the treatment of ex Gurkhas has been unlawful in terms of the right to live in the UK if they retired before 1997. The Gurkhas have served Crown and Country for over 180 years, fought alongside British troops in every field of conflict and during that time have won 26 Victoria Crosses. Their courage, loyalty and orderliness has endeared them to both the military and civilian population of Britain. The Government has now said it will REVIEW the situation. It is deplorable that H.M.G. should drag it's feet on such a moral issue. After 180 years loyal service is there a case to review? A major campaign has been launched to press for full rights for all retired Gurkhas to live in the UK and is supported by a host of prominent people, all mentioned on the special Website. Having had the privilege of serving alongside the Gurkhas in Malaya 1956/57 I can only ask that you lend your support to the campaign. Please visit www.gurkhajustice.org.uk for full details. There are also many other sites which cover their history in detail. For those of you, of which there are many, who do not have access to a computer an official petition is at the RAFA club in Silloth awaiting you signature.

M Faulkner

Dear Buzz,

When I first came to Skinburness many years ago, I didn't know anyone but after a couple of days I found myself chatting to the locals as though I had been born there. Although there have been many changes in the area, I feel that same friendliness is still evident. Sadly, in April I spent my last holiday in Silloth and although I was able to bid farewell to many friends, there were some I was unable to contact. I hope this letter will carry my good wishes to them. Also many thanks to you all for helping me have such wonderful holidays, for many happy memories, but most of all for your friendship. The following poem is my way of saying "Thank You"

Ezma Martindale

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The locals used to laugh when they saw me, "It's that woman from Manchester again, What's she doing out on a day like this?" I'm sure they thought me insane.

I'd scorch on the grune in the sunshine, Battle along the wall in the rain and the snow, Make a tour of the shops if it was foggy, Run on West Beach when I wanted a good blow.

The years raced by and have taken their toll, I can no longer walk in the wind and the rain. So, with a very heavy heart I said goodbye to the Solway, I won't be coming to Silloth again.

I lost Fausto's dog on the Golf Course, Found cockles down on the Grune, Was scared half to death by the R.A.F., When they whizzed by on their jet-propelled brooms.

I flew my kite, had ice-cream, ate fish and chips, Only once paddled my feet in the sea. Oh, what will I do without Silloth? Even worse, what will Silloth do without ME?

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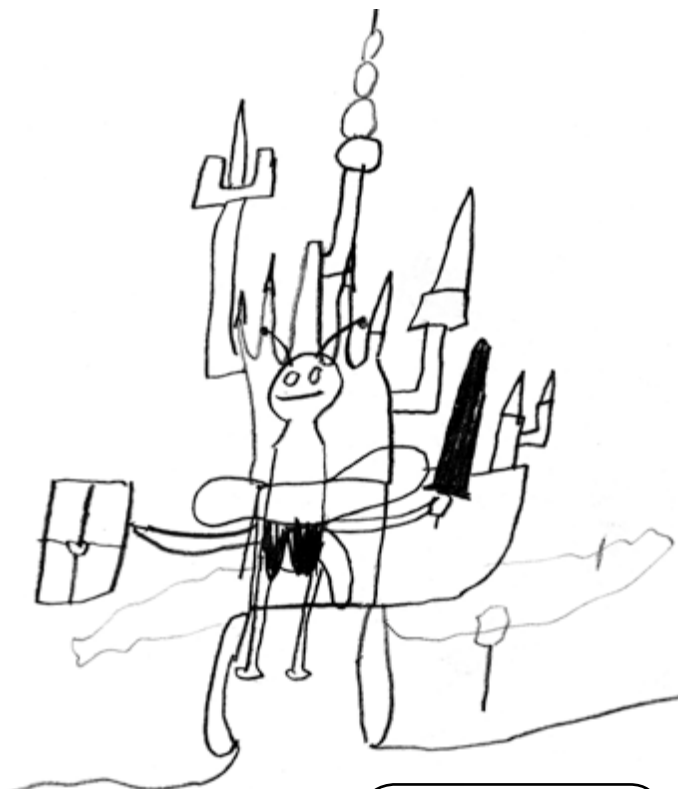
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4TH. THUR.	0317	5.8	1539	6.1	
5TH. FRI.	0407	5.5	1632	5.8	
6TH. SAT.	0505	5.3	1733	5.7	
7TH. SUN.	0612	5.3	1839	5.8	
8TH. MON.	0720	5.5	1942	6.2	
9TH. TUES.	0822	6.0	2043	6.5	
10TH. WED.	0917	6.5	2138	7.0	
11TH. THUR.	1008	7.1	2231	7.4	
12TH. FRI.	1057	7.5	2322	7.6	
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## Gemma's Celebration



Gemma Pegram would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended her 21st Birthday celebration on the 24th October at Silloth Social Club.

A special thank you for all the beautiful cards and presents received and especially the generous donations to the raffle. A wonderful £90 was raised for Silloth Rainbow Guides.

Gemma thanks everyone for their generosity and making it a night she will always remember.

## Sudoku Prize Competition

### Sponsored by Johns Plaice

**Rules:**  
Complete the grid so that every row, every column and every box contain all the digits from 1 to 9.

Entries must be in before the copy date for the next issue shown on page 4.

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Congratulations to the winner of the competition in the last issue:  
Silva Ofler from Silloth.

### Prize:

The winner will receive free Fish & Chips for two from Johns Plaice, Silloth.

To enter send the completed Sudoku to: Johns Plaice, 12 Solway Street, Silloth-on-Solway, CA7 4AR.

## Air Ambulance Donation



Volunteers from the SOS Charity Shop donated a cheque for £1000 to the Great North Air Ambulance. It was presented to K Anderson on behalf of the GNAA as Paramedic Andy Dalton could not make it.

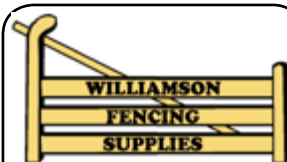
## They Are in the Pink



Staff and residents at Little Acre Care Home were in the pink on 31st October.

The "Dare to Wear it Pink" day was in aid of Breast Cancer Campaign and those who dared

to wear an item of pink clothing donated £2 to the cause.



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## Mayors Report

The Chairman announced he had attended 17 events during September and October ranging from the Music & Beer Festival to Harvest Festivals, the Rotary Club Dialect Competition to the celebration of 80 years of Silloth Evangelical Free Church.

The Police Report included theft of diesel fuel, arrests for assault, burglaries and several complaints of large numbers of youths gathering on Eden Street and Wampool Street. In some instances they were throwing eggs and tomatoes at property. Lindsay Noblet stated she was having talks with the school to try and reopen the youth club and would welcome support from anyone willing to be involved. Items for the 2009/10 budget were discussed and it was agreed to include funding for youth facilities following a successful meeting PCSO Noblet held with parents.

Correspondence dealt with included a letter from Home Housing following our complaint over two months regarding a overhanging hedge blocking the footpath adjacent to Petheril Terrace, this will now be maintained in a tidy state. A request for permission to erect a secure fence around the rugby pitch to remove the dog fouling problem which is out of control and must be stopped on grounds of Health & Safety. Once again this is due to irresponsible owners the poor dog is not at fault.

Reports from

representatives included S.T.A.G. who hope to attract several more events to the town in 2009. Regeneration gave notice that the Heritage Lottery bid for the Green had been submitted and that a reply should be heard in early spring. Discussions were held regarding the practice of winter planting of the flower beds, which have suffered with the weather in previous years. Several beds will be looked into and the possibility of a floral design to note the celebration's of the Docks in 2009.

Duncan Spilsbury gave an update on North Allerdale Development Trust and sought further representation from Silloth on the board.

The Longcake Educational Trust have made donations to both the Primary School and Solway C.T.C.

Work has started on replacement of playground equipment with further work to be carried out shortly.

Concern has been raised regarding several youngsters being seen on the railway bridge attempting to jump off the wall onto the trees in front of the bridge, following discussions it was agreed the trees should be removed.

Proposals to resurface the parking area around the Rugby Club/changing rooms are being drawn up with tenders being sought. Details submitted by the Rugby Club to erect secure fencing around the pitch to remove the dog fouling problem were agreed by the council.

## Solway Community Technology College

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Apply to Sian Messenger (Sports Hall Manager) on Tel: 016973 31234/32229 for an application pack.

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Interviews to take place week commencing:

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## Local Athletic Honours

2008 proved to be a fruitful season on the track for two of the towns more Athletic families,

First up Megan Wise became County Champion for the under 13 Girls 80 metre Hurdles, she also followed this up with a comfortable win in the County Schools Championship in the same event. Not to be outdone was Megan's older sister Bethany who collected the prestigious award of being named Under 15 girls County Athlete of the year award for excelling in the 100/200 & Long jump events, an award she also collected when she was at

Under 13 level.

The other family in the town well represented was the Brough's. Patrick taking part in his first competition took the honours in winning the County Schools under 13 boys 80 metre sprint final, Patrick showing a great turn of speed pulled away by halfway and stormed in for glory.

Again not to be outdone was Patrick's older brother Sam who won the under 15 Boys County Schools 100 metre final in fine style. Sam has since gone on to represent the County at Gateshead in the Northern Counties Championships.

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## Summer Camp

During the week 18th to 22nd August, Solway Community Sports Hall held their first Summer Camp, which was a great success. There were various activities including Gymnastics, Badminton, Boxing, Trampolining and even our very own Fairy School where all of the little ones got their chance to sparkle.

The summer camp was charged at £1 per child per hour, to enable everyone to have the chance to take part. We had a total of 340 children who booked onto different activities throughout the week, which were enjoyed by all.

Due to the high level of participation in trampolining, we are hoping to offer this on a regular basis, so watch this space for further details. We are also currently trialing family badminton sessions on a Saturday morning from 10 to 12pm, so why not give it a try, to book a court contact Sian at the sports hall.

Sian is also currently working on the funding bids for next years Summer Camp, in order to keep costs to a minimum. A big thank you must be given to Extended Services (Solway Cluster) and their co-ordinator Sandra, who assisted with the funding for this year's event, without this support it would not have been possible to provide such a fun week.

For more information about current clubs that are running contact Sian on 016973 32229.

## Silloth Football Club

Report & Photos by:  
Colin Baty

September has been a busy month for Silloth Football Club with the men's team and six junior teams all up and running.

First of all I'm going to whinge a bit. We desperately need more parents to show an interest in helping out with this club. If you want your children to play, then we need people to volunteer a couple of hours a week to do things such as setting up pitches, transporting YOUR children to matches and better still assisting the Coaches on a weekly basis, and we are in urgent need for someone to volunteer to run the Girls U-12 team who are at the moment getting by, just, without anyone designated to be in charge. A big thank-you to our Secretary



Amateurs. If anyone can help ring Mary on 32235.

On the 20th of September, John McGovern (twice European Cup winning Captain with Nottingham Forest) was guest for the first Sportsmen's Dinner by the Football club for over two years. Even though we had a Raffle and Auction the club made a huge loss for what was supposed to be a fund raising evening.

between all the teams and the U-12's winning all theirs by big scores. The U-10's have won all but one that being a draw and the U-9's getting their first win of the season after two draws and a defeat. The U-14's have played three games and have lost all of them but they are improving slowly so keep at it. The U-16's have played Windscale twice losing 2-1 and 3-1 and a heavy defeat to Seaton in the League Cup. Both league games Silloth should have won and will do well this season. I need a hand with this team so if you have a child playing for them I could do with your help so give Colin a ring on 31297. Trust me it's not that bad! They are pictured before the home game against Windscale.

The mens team had a traumatic August so the less said about that the better. This side is made up of all lads within a five mile radius of Silloth and on September the 13th they played the Silloth 'has beens' of Netherhall - who won four trophies last season and only lost to them 3-1. The following week they beat Carlisle City Reserves and beat them 4-0. Here they are pictured before the game against Mirehouse which they lost 4-0 on the 27th. We are improving and will only get better, if we stick together we will win some games and will build a strong firm footing for the following season.



Mary Hillhouse for doing it so far, they have beaten Bransty 4-2 and drew 2-2 with Whitehaven



Gangsta Bee  
by Lee Johnson  
from  
Silloth Primary School

I personally was very disappointed with the turn out for what was an excellent evening and the people of Silloth and surrounding area should try and support these one-off events far better than they did. Or do they not want any sports teams to exist anymore? I will think hard and serious about doing this again if people are going to be so apathetic!

The U-9's 10's and 12's are all off to excellent starts and all three teams have improved massively with just one defeat

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## Silloth Tigers Rugby Juniors

Report by: Jimmy Lettice

The newly formed Silloth Tigers Rugby Juniors got their rugby careers off to a very satisfying start against a strong running Furness development squad.

Silloth put up a spirited show going down 37-12. With Silloth Captain Scott Pearson in excellent form he didn't deserve to be on the losing side. The game was played in a fantastic sporting spirit, Furness raced to an early lead with the flying winger scoring two quick tries, further tries made the half time score 32-00.

Silloth finally woke up and with quick handling in the backline the ball was shifted to speedy winger Michael Clarke who touched down in



between the posts was converted by Jamie Harrison.

The Furness side soon responded with the speedy winger leaving all in his wake as he touched

down for his hat trick of tries.

Silloth never gave in and there was a fine reward for captain Scott Pearson who collected the ball from a Silloth line

out and crashed over for a well deserved try.

This was a brilliant all round performance from an inexperienced but willing to learn Silloth side.

## SCTC Tennis Champions

County U.13 Boys Tennis Champions



Report by: Karen Evans

Solway Community Technology College have now progressed through to the Northern Area national quarter finals.

The Solway team consisting of Ross Johnston, Oliver Neilly, Patrick Brough, Kieron Carr and Ross Jefferson

played the first round of the national competition against a very strong team from King Edward VII and The Queen Mary School in Lytham, Blackpool.

The first two doubles ended up all square and in all four of the singles games the Solway team were down by two games in each. They bravely battled back to successfully win three of them 6-4, losing the fourth 6-0. This secured the team a two sets to four victory and a difficult quarter final tie against the St. Josephs Sports College in Bolton. This is a fantastic achievement for a small school of 200 pupils.

## Sailing Champion



49th Lord Bircket Memorial Trophy  
It was a wet but relatively windy weekend

when Callum Findlay won the under 21 and under 18 trophies on his RS 600 single handed

trapeze skiff. On the start line there were 210 boats ranging from topper dinghies up to J20 keel boats. With a relatively good start on the first days race which is the full

length of lake Ullswater and back Callum was well up the fleet and just had to start and finish in the top 50 to retain the under 18 but did better and also won the under 21 as well.



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