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CHRISTMAS Lights Winners

Lights Switch- On



The Winner - Mr & Mrs Frank Scott of Blitterlees

Congratulations to everyone who put on such a grand display of Christmas lights this year.

The winner is the Scotts of Blitterlees who are going to donate the £50 first prize to charity. Second prize of £25 goes to Ashley Litt of Solway Street with runners-up prizes of £10 each going to Harry and Sandra of Links Close and David Wood of Greenrow Meadows, well done all.

The Lights committee would like to give a special thanks to Silloth Mayor Graham Wilkinson for judging this years competition and thank him for a job well done.



Silloth Christmas Lights Switch-On Celebrities Naomi Winter, Archie Winter & Charlie Carr staring in wonder at the lights they illuminated

The full story of Silloth Christmas Lights and their switch-on is on page 9.

Amongst the many items auctioned by the Lights Committee was the right to switch the lights on. The winning bidder was Gary & Susan Winter who sent both their children Naomi and Archie along with their cousin Charlie to press the big red button.

As you can see all three of them were amazed and enthralled when they realised that the thousands of lights had all come on, just because they pressed that enormous button.



Wigton Choral Society



Photo courtesy of: Photography by Peter

Wigton Choral Society's Christmas concert on December 13th marked the end of a successful first year in charge for musical director Ian Wright, who took over the baton when Ian Hare stepped down after 17 years.

The concert, at St Mary's Church in Wigton, saw a collaboration with a local children's choir for the highlight of the evening,

a performance of And Peace on Earth by Bob Chilcott, which sets traditional Christmas poems to new groovy styles. Ian Wright said: "This will be my first Christmas concert with Wigton Choral Society, and I hope to build on the success of our summer concert with an enjoyable programme full of variety. From the popular Gaudete to the rich unaccompanied

harmonies of Morton Lauridsen's O Magnum Mysterium, there will be something for everyone. We are particularly looking forward to Bob Chilcott's Christmas cantata And Peace on Earth which sets traditional Christmas poems to new styles, including jazz and gospel. Bob Chilcott is best known as one of The King's Singers and was responsible for arranging

much of their music. His pieces combine beautiful harmonies with imaginative effects and a good dose of fun.

The concert also featured a selection of carols, old and new, including a new carol by local composer Andrew Sievwright, who was present at the concert. Accompaniment was provided by Hugh Davies on organ and Amanda Wright on piano.

New Hearing Aid Support

Bridging the Gap Drop-in Moves to the NEW one stop-shop

Locals in Wigton and the surrounding area including Silloth who are troubled by their lack of hearing can now visit our monthly drop-in at the LOCAL LINKS OFFICE.

Due to the enthusiasm of the local community, Bridging the Gap project has decided to offer the service in a more convenient location. Starting on January the 23rd and then every 4th Friday from 10am till 12noon the drop-in will offer an NHS battery exchange, a referral service to Social Services equipment loan, for loop systems etc.

Catholic Caring services, the parent Charity that run the Project, now operate a total of 18 drop-in clinics throughout the county, helping over 300 people a month.

Hugh Stirling the Project Leader says "This is a really great project to be involved with, we make such a huge difference for many people, some are very isolated and cut off by their hearing loss. Many people just need to know how to get their aid in, or how to work the buttons. The Project is also able to do a re-tubing service and clean hearing aids, we accept self referral, or from Care or Health professionals".

The project offers a home visiting service for people who are unable to come to the drop-in.

Mrs Y from Wigton said "this is a wonderful service, it is not so easy getting batteries now the postage has gone up, and with the new phone I am able to hear people much better".

For more information, or to arrange a home visit call Hugh Stirling on 01228 562691.



The Singing Bee by Natalie Whitfield from Silloth Primary School

The Ventriloquists



The Ventriloquists are appearing at Silloth Social Club on Saturday 31st January 2009.

This talented young band have already appeared at the renowned Maryport Blues Festival and in Carlisle at the Sands Centre and the Brickyard. As well as entertaining the audiences, they have helped raise money at charity performances through SkoolAid.

Tickets for this event are only £3 and the ticket price includes a buffet provided by Philo.

Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.

A donation from profits will be made to Silloth Lifeboat Station.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Sue Draude on 32313.

Don't miss out on a great night out!



Honey Bees by Rebecca from Silloth Primary School



RNLI Bee by Joshua Austin from Holm Cultram Abbey School

NEW VENUE in WIGTON

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Winter Services

Residents of Allerdale are warned that some Council services have been affected by the recent frosty weather conditions.

Due to the temperatures dropping below freezing point, several public toilets which are owned and maintained by Allerdale Borough Council have had to be closed for safety reasons.

However, the following public toilets will remain open:

- Aspatria, Queen Street
- Cockermouth, Main Street
- Keswick: Banks Court; Central Car Park and Theatre by the Lake
- Skinburness, Silloth
- Wigton Local Links Customer Service Centre
- Workington town centre

The Council is liaising with Cumbria Highways and will not deploy its road sweeping vehicles if roads have been gritted, so as not to sweep up the grit needed to thaw out icy driving conditions.

In addition, some residents may find that their wheelie bins for recycling garden waste have broken after becoming brittle in the severe temperatures. Allerdale Borough Council would like to assure residents that it is taking steps to replace any wheelie bins damaged in this way.

For further information, please contact Allerdale Borough Council's Customer Service Centre on 01900 702702 or email: customer.service@allerdale.gov.uk

Isabel White Retires



Barbara and Isabel from Silloth Library

Isabel White, who has been the Assistant in Charge at Silloth Library for many years retires this Christmas.

Isabel is a familiar face around Silloth, where she has spent most of her life. She has been at Silloth Public Library since it moved into its present location in Solway Community School in 1997. Before that many will remember her working in the school library, and helping with a variety of community projects.

She will be a big miss in the library, where her local knowledge and wealth of experience have been invaluable. Many local readers and the visitors to the town are used to her cheery smile

and forthright approach. She is always willing to help solve queries or find someone who can! We still hope to see her in the library, as a customer on the other side of the counter.

Jean Griffiths, Area Librarian said "We would like to thank Isabel for all the years' service she has given the people of Silloth, and wish her all good wishes for the future. We hope that she enjoys a long and fruitful retirement with time to do all the things she wants to do, and go to all the places she wants to visit."

Barbara will of course continue to welcome everyone to the library as always!

Good Luck Isabel

SCTC Airline Day

Report by:
Karen Evans

Year 9 students at Solway Community Technology College aimed for Gold as they took part in "Airline Day". All students took part in the day's challenge to make a three course meal suitable for an airline.



This motivational day was the culmination of weeks of planning, preparation and practicing practical skills to ensure that the final products displayed were the very best that they could produce.

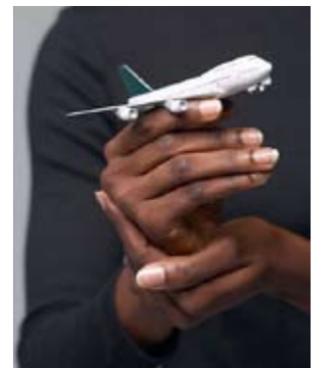
The design and make an Airline Meal project gave the students free rein to come up with an appropriate menu, having taken into consideration the dietary, religious and cultural requirements of a variety of passengers. Students had also to consider the corporate image of their imaginary airline and produce an accompanying tray mat and menu with their company logo displayed.

Throughout the day students developed their organisational skills, working as a team and gained the satisfaction of producing a very special finished product of which they were justifiably proud. Skills gained are very valuable in today's society – the ability to cook meals for themselves, follow basic hygiene rules, plan and organise themselves, work to set deadlines and see a project through, identifying at the end what they have done well and what they could improve.

Student achievement at the end of the day is

credited by awarding a Bronze, Silver or Gold school award against the pre-agreed criteria that reflects the constraints of time and space on an aeroplane. Three students who produced exceptional meals and demonstrated outstanding practical skills as well as providing additional evidence of independent work that reflected thought and consideration for the needs of their passengers were awarded the prestigious school "Diamond" award. This year this top award was achieved by Oliver Neilly, Louis Graham and Holly Harper who were absolutely thrilled with their work.

In addition to raising motivation and standards within the Design Technology department, this project work also provides the evidence to achieve a COPE (certificate of personal effectiveness) credit.



Portly Gentleman
by Kieran Brooks from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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Silloth Library

Opening Hours:

Monday 2 p m - 6 p m
 Tuesday c l o s e d
 Wednesday 11 am - 1:30pm
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 2:30pm - 5pm
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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

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 Peter McRobert with the support of the whole community and an army of volunteers.

Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Hours

The shop will close mid December and reopen at Easter. Many thanks to all who have supported us.



Silloth Tots & Toddlers

Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in the Childrens Centre, Silloth from 14th January and is open to all children aged from 0 to 4.

Sessions are on:
 Wed: 10pm to 11:30am and
 Fridays: 1:30am to 3pm 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 Abbeystown, Mawbray, Silloth, Skinburness, if so please let us know.

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- Crime Stoppers: 0800 555 111
- Dental Emergency: 01228 603620
- Dentist, Buchanan: 016973 31270
- Dentist, Steel: 016973 32042
- Doctor: 016973 31309
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- Hospital: 01228 523444
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- Mawbray: 01900 881242
- Holm Cultram Abbey CofE School
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- NAP: 01900 702898
- Neighbourhood Forum: 01900 325013
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- 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.

December

- 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

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 Soup Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1 pm

- 15th Abbeystown Flower Club, Christmas Dinner 016973 61055

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

Football Training

Silloth Football Club

All training takes place at the Sports Hall

Times 2009

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

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Men's Training at the Sports Hall

Tuesday
 7:30pm to 9pm
 Contact Colin Baty 31297

Copy date for the February/March issue

If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note that the next copy date is:
 3rd January 2009

Dates for the Diary

January cont'd

- 18th Abbeystown Methodist Chapel Anniversary @ 6:30pm

- 22nd Soup Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1 pm

- 29th Soup Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1 pm

- 31st The Ventriloquists Silloth Social Club in aid of Silloth RNLI, tickets £3
 Tel: Sue Draude 016973 32313

February

- 5th Soup Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1 pm

- 7th Crunch service at Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

- 19th Abbeystown Flower Club, AGM, 016973 61055

- 24th Solway Coast Forum

March

- 5th Church Anniversary Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1 pm

- 6th Country Music Festival at Stanwix Park tel: 016973 32666

- 7th Crunch service at Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

- 7th Country Music Festival at Stanwix Park tel: 016973 32666

- 8th Country Music Festival at Stanwix Park tel: 016973 32666

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

April

- 3rd Dalston Male Voice Choir at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth

- 10th Good Friday

- 13th Easter Monday

May

- 4th Easter May Bank Holiday

- 7th Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth

- 25th Spring Bank Holiday

July

- 2nd Summer Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

- 9th Summer Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

- 16th Summer Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

- 23rd Summer Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

- 30th Summer Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

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

- 31st Silloth Carnival

September

- 10th Silloth Beer & Music Festival 2009 featuring Bullfrogs

- 11th Silloth Beer & Music Festival 2009 featuring Nine Below Zero
 Tantrum

- 12th Silloth Beer & Music Festival 2009 featuring T.Rextasy
 Stereotonics
 The Evidence

- 13th Silloth Beer & Music Festival 2009 featuring 'Oasish' tribute

November

- 6th Country Music Festival at Stanwix Park tel: 016973 32666

- 7th Country Music Festival at Stanwix Park tel: 016973 32666

- 8th Country Music Festival at Stanwix Park tel: 016973 32666



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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 Matthew Middleton from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee called "John Cena Bee". Well done Matthew!



Change of Venue

Stephanie Williams from Scottish Slimmers is having to move her classes from the Golf Hotel while the Hotel is having its refit.

From 7th January the classes will be held in Trinity Methodist Church Hall on Solway Street at 5pm on Tuesdays.

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Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

President Audrey Harrison welcomed everyone to the November meeting.

Joyce Wilson was thanked for the pretty basket of flowers on the table and Freda Garner read a record of the October Meeting. Items from the County News were noted and arrangements made for the AGM in December were made.

Please return any trophies won last year so that they can be given out in December. There will be the usual buffet supper and Irene Irving will organise a quiz.

Cockermouth Mountain Rescue was our subject for the evening and Derek Tunstall proudly showed slides of himself at Buckingham Palace where he received his MBE for his work with Cockermouth Mountain Rescue.

He then showed slides on the history of the CMR with pictures of the old headquarters with a Willy Jeep and an old Rolls Royce, which was

sold for £75; just think what it would be worth now! New headquarters were built and the three vehicles they now own are two new and one five-year-old Defender.

Pictures of Cockermouth and area showed the kind of work they are expected to do. There are 12 Rescue teams in Cumbria and Cockermouth has 40 members plus search and rescue dogs. Derek answered some questions and Freda Garner thanked him for an interesting insight into the work done by the Mountain Rescue Service.

Muriel Mattinson, Pam Taylor and Isobel Hurst served refreshments and the competition organised by Elsie Foster were won by 1st Joyce Wilson and 2nd Audrey Harrison for the flower while the photo of a mountain was 1st Audrey Harrison and 2nd Elsie Donald. Lucky raffle winners were Gladys Temple and Margaret Moore. Card Bingo was organised by Mrs Foster's Group.

Silloth Primary School

Report by: Andrea Dennison

Local Families Show their generosity once again!

On Friday 14th November 2008 Silloth Primary School held a non-uniform day and Talent Show to raise money for Children in Need. The whole school took part and great fun was had by all.

The School Council had a very tough job judging the acts and felt that all the children who took part were "winners" anyway!

The Nursery children bravely took to the stage first and sang two beautiful songs, followed by the Reception children where Ethan stole the show! Year One winners, Courtney, Mollie, Grace and Demi, were a group of wonderful singers and in Year Two Erin won, singing so well she left everybody wanting

more! Year Three winners, Aeryn and Elise performed a beautiful duet, while in Year Four Abbygail, Ellie, Natalie and Jack danced like professionals to earn their winning place! Lee and Luke were the winning double act in Year Five, moving on mats like no-one else could and in Year Six winner Reece kept all the audience engrossed with his outstanding gymnastic display. The school was very proud of all the children who took part.

Staff also got involved in the exciting day to help raise money, with Miss James, Mrs Burns and Miss McCormick baking and decorating delicious Pudsey Bear cookies which sold out almost immediately for 50p each. A grand total of £300 was raised by the pupils, parents and staff for Children in Need.

Abbeytown Flower Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

The heating was not working in the Assembly Rooms, so the meeting was held in the Abbey Coffee Room.

Ruth Pinguey welcomed everyone and apologised for the lack of space but everyone managed to find a space at a table even though some were out in the entrance hall! Olive Reed read the minutes of the September meeting and Ruth thanked everyone for their help with the Open Night held in October, which was a very successful night.

The New Year Dinner is to be held at Kelsay Hotel and the donation made on the night will be sent to Eden Valley Hospice or Jigsaw Appeal.

Alison Hird was introduced to show us how to make a Christmas wreath. She had brought metal bases and lots of

moss to set us off. Many members had brought greenery, which was shared around, and there were baubles, cones and ribbons to help to decorate and finish off the wreaths. Most people had a try and there was a very colourful display at the finish. While Alison judged the competition for a candleholder Pam Taylor, Olive Reed and Gladys Temple served refreshments and Joyce Wilson sold raffle tickets.

The winners of the candleholder were 1st Phyllis Dockeray, 2nd Joyce Wilson, and 3rd Gladys Temple. The raffle winners were 1st Alison Hird, 2nd Angela Middleton, 3rd Joyce Wilson and 4th Barbara Hurst. There will be no meeting in December, the menu was passed around to select choices for the New Year party on 15th January 2009.

Purple Bag Scheme

Allerdale Borough Councils latest kerbside recycling scheme was recently delivered to Silloth and is currently being extended to areas of Aspatria. 'The Purple Bag Scheme' is for the collection of glass bottles and jars, metal food and drink cans and plastic bottles from domestic properties.

The bags are collected

fortnightly from the front of the property in one vehicle; they are sorted later using a combination of magnets and screens. The advantage of this kind of collection is that as well as being convenient for the householder; collection of the bags is extremely efficient allowing Allerdale Borough Council to currently

collect purple bags from over 20,000 properties.

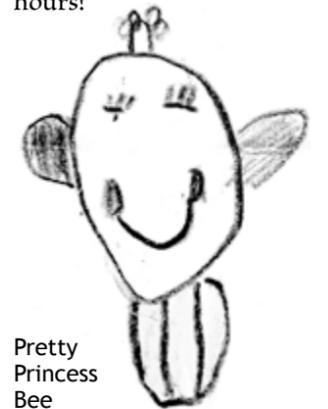
So far, the purple bag scheme has diverted over 500 tonnes of recyclables from landfill.

If you have Allerdale's other kerbside recycling collections; paper/card and garden bin don't forget make use of them. As well as diverting huge volumes of recyclables from landfill, using these recycling bins will remove a large amount of waste from your rubbish bin - particularly important in the run up to Christmas. Please note: due to lack of demand, there will be no garden waste collections on weeks commencing 22nd and 29th December 2008.

Remember to check your bin collection

calendar over the Christmas and New Year period as collection days and times may change, bins need to be out for collection by 7am.

If you don't have kerbside recycling collections, don't forget, communal recycling points are spread across the borough - please be considerate, don't use these banks at unsociable hours!



Pretty Princess Bee by Lana Maddison from Silloth Primary School

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Icy Conditions

The recent poor weather conditions have made it difficult to collect refuse in some parts of Allerdale.

Black ice and snow on roads around areas including Warnell, Caldbeck, Keswick, Borrowdale, Whinlatter, Hesketh Newmarket, Portinscale, Rickerby Grange, Hawsend, Swinside Lodge and Mealhouse have made it impossible for refuse lorries to pass safely.

Allerdale Borough Council would like to reassure those residents who have been affected by the suspension of the refuse service due to icy roads that the Council will make every effort to provide them with a collection and failing that, will relax the side waste policy for collection day the following week.

The Council would like to thank residents for their patience and

co-operation during the recent poor weather conditions. Residents are reminded that there are recycling facilities available at sites around the borough. Please visit www.allerdale.gov.uk/recycling for more information.

Barbara Jones, Allerdale Borough Council's Waste and Environment officer, said: "We regret that due to the potential for incidents on icy roads, both in rural and urban areas, we have to take into consideration safe working practices for our staff and the communities they serve which means suspending the collections in some parts of the borough."

For further information, please contact Allerdale Borough Council's Customer Service Centre on 01900 702800 or email: customer.service@allerdale.gov.uk.

Taste of Christmas

Report by: Diana Shaw

Trinity Methodist held their Annual Christmas Pop-In as the "Taste of Christmas" sandwich lunch on Thursday 4th December.

This event was very well attended surpassing any previous events with the tables all decorated seasonally, looking beautiful and colourful.

The stall looked a treat, very colourful and all arranged attractively with some lovely items for sale, plus home baked cakes.

The kitchen staff were certainly kept busy that morning, what a happy atmosphere there was. The event raised £428 and we wish to thank all who helped make this event a success it surely was.

Causewayhead WI

Report by: Patricia Froggatt

'Chocolate Heaven' President Pat Bell welcomed members to the November meeting which was well attended. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Jean Vorley and accepted by the members.

Members were informed that the December meeting would be the AGM and that names for the Committee would be required. This meeting would be run by the current committee who would provide refreshments, i.e. sausage and mash. Diane Shaw gave details of the Afghan project and money raised through the quiz.

The winner of the Quiz was Jean Vorley and the 2nd Prize went to Mrs. E. Hetherington of Aspatria.

The President then welcomed and introduced our guest for the evening Olwyn Hill who was not only noted for her flower arranging and artistic work, but, tonight, showing members how to make ganache to enhance cakes and make truffles. Prior to her demonstration Olwyn showed us a number of paintings she had done and explained some of her reasons for the subjects chosen. This demonstration proved to be a fascinating and mouth watering experience, particularly the art of getting the

ganache to the right consistency so that it was easy to apply to whatever purpose it was required. She then proceeded to coat the two cakes she had brought with her and also to make truffles. The truffles were then handed round for members to sample. One of the cakes was given as a raffle prize.

After questions, a vote of thanks was given by Marjorie Dockery which reflected the views of all members present.

The President welcomed new member Judith Copeland and introduced her to the meeting.

Competitions:
Grocery Parcels: Anne Palmer, Jean Vorley, Janice Wilkinson
Flowers: Rosemary Brooks, Frances Jackson
Bon Bon Dish: Marjorie Dockery, Rosemary Brooks
Raffle: Joyce Davidson, Sue Wilkinson, Molly Lomas

Abbeytown M.U.

Report by: Gladys Temple

Branch Leader Maureen Gibson welcomed visitors from Aikton, Bowness and Burgh by Sands to the November meeting.

She then led the prayers before Norman Godfrey began his latest Slide Show that he had just finished creating. The music accompanying the slides was Beethoven's 5th piano Emperors Concerto.

The show was entitled Emperor and Lakeland Jewels. His intention was to highlight the interplay between light and water. The slides began at Ashness Bridge last April and took us through the snowy scenes above Derwentwater to Great Gable through the Derwent Valley, Castle

Crag, Bassenthwaite Lake, parts of Skiddaw, Castlerigg Stone Circle back to Ashness Bridge and along the Lake Shore again in Autumn. As the weather had been so bad over the summer many of the slides showed the various cloud formations with the light shining through. The next part was Great Gable from all angles and ended on top with the Armistice Day gathering when the weather was again raining.

Gladys Temple thanked Norman for his usual brilliant slides and for showing us familiar scenes from a different perspective.

A delicious supper was served and the raffle winners were Sheila Paisley, Noeline Foster, Gladys Temple, Muriel Studholme, Norman Godfrey, Mary Hickson, Jane Hayton and Nancy Bell.

Noreen Mawbray thanked Abbeytown for a lovely evening and Norman for his wonderful slide show. A business meeting followed with reminders of the Carol Service at St. Michaels Workington on 1st December and an invite to Flimby on 6th December.

Members were reminded the next meeting would be a service taken by Rev. David Tembey followed by a buffet supper.

Bee Santas Little Helper by Keri Davison from Silloth Primary School



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Silloth Businessman Fined for Smoking

Council issues first smoke free fines in Cumbria

Allerdale Borough Council has become the first local authority in Cumbria to issue fixed penalty notices under new legislation to stub out smoking in public places.

The Council has fined two men on two separate occasions for smoking in the workplace, which risks damaging the health of other people.

In the first case, a male worker at a Workington factory was given a £50 fine after he was found having a cigarette inside the premises.

The discovery was made by one of Allerdale Borough Council's smoke free officers during a routine inspection of businesses last month.

The officer noticed there were "no smoking" signs displayed but found three members of staff stood by a worktop – one with a lit cigarette in his hand.

The man walked towards the officer but disappeared from view for a moment. When he returned the cigarette had gone from his hand.

When asked about it he admitted he had put the lit cigarette down on the worktop. The man went with the officer to his employer's office where he was cautioned for the offence.

A £50 fixed penalty notice was issued to the employee by post. The fine was reduced to £30 as the man paid within 15 days.

In the second case, the owner of a Silloth business was found smoking inside the premises – which are visited by members of the public.

An Allerdale Borough Council smoke free officer noted that "no smoking" signs were not displayed and there were

used cigarette ends inside the property.

The man admitted he knew he should not have been smoking inside the building and he was issued with a £50 fixed penalty notice on site. This was reduced to £30 for prompt payment.

The man was reminded of the smoke free legislation and given an information leaflet.

Councillor Sam Standage, Allerdale Borough Council

Executive member with responsibility for Environmental Health, said: "It is important that people realise the implications of ignoring the law on smoking in public places.

"Not only do they face having to pay a fine,

they are also putting the health of their colleagues and customers at risk from second-hand smoke inhalation, as well as making it harder for those smokers who are trying to kick the habit.

"This legislation supports one of Allerdale Borough Council's top priorities in its Corporate Improvement Plan 2008 to 2011, which is to improve the health, wellbeing and safety of all our citizens."

If any businesses need advice regarding the smoke free legislation they can contact the Environmental Health team on 01900 702590, email environmental.health@allerdale.gov.uk or visit www.allerdale.gov.uk/smokefree.

Silloth Childrens Centre - Courses



Report by: Jenny Lunney

We start the New Year with 'A New Me' course, Monday 12th January 12.30 to 3pm for 8 weeks. You may have heard of the Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme) this was designed for parents with children aged between 2 and 12, but if you have a young baby and you're not getting your sleep we have developed 'A New Me', as well as sleeping issues it covers the importance of having fun with your child, socialising, having quality time with your partner and the stresses of parenting, to name a few.

Another course with your baby in mind 'Weaning', starts Friday 16th January 10am to 12 noon. There are lots of ideas to tempt a young palate and also helpful advice is available. The

course is being run by the W.E.A. (Workers Educational Association), it is a very practical course and you get to make some really tasty meals, (albeit for babies).

For both of the above courses a free crèche is available for children over 6 months to 5 years. Please book your crèche place at the same time as booking on the course.

Has anyone seen the Barnardo's advert on the TV? It is literally quite hard hitting and is only shown after 9pm. This highlights the really important work that Barnardo's do and this is their signature:

"Do you believe in children? Then help Barnardo's break the vicious cycle of disadvantage that leads many children and young people into trouble. Visit www.barnardos.org.uk to find out how you can support our vital work."

We are involved with an NVQ Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools Level 2 & 3 qualification. If you would be interested in a

new challenge and would like to find out more, please contact us at the above numbers.

Even though the Centre isn't manned full time we are still running courses and being flexible for anyone wishing to use our facilities. We are getting answering machines installed, so hopefully they will be in place before Christmas, we don't want to miss your call.

From Wednesday 14th January 'Tots and Toddlers' will be in the Centre on a regular 10am to 11.30am slot and again on Fridays from 1.30pm to 3pm. No need to book – just come along and have fun.

The other courses that we do – 'Triple P', and 'Pampering' will all be around again and the 'Rainy Days Play Sessions' are planned for February, so keep in touch and let us know if you are interested.

We hope you have a great Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year and we look forward to meeting more of you.



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Carol Celebration



Gordon Swindlehurst with the Readers

Report by Derek Shaw

A Carol Celebration was held on Sunday 7th Dec in Silloth Methodist Church to a full house led by BBC Radio Cumbria Presenter Gordon Swindlehurst.

The programme consisted of 10 well known festive hymns interspersed with readings. The Readers were Diana Shaw, Pam

Blaylock, Jean Wilson, Elizabeth Lowther and William Dolling who did a bible reading and prayers. All this was held together by Gordon who kept the programme flowing.

Organist Derek Shaw did a recital of well known festive tunes prior to the event.

Thanks go to our Mayor and his wife for

attending and always supporting us.

All monies from the offering were donated to an agricultural charity named by Gordon.

Following the celebration everyone proceeded to the Schoolroom where the tables were decorated in a festive theme and all enjoyed mince pies, shortbread tea or coffee as

Solway Sunsets Competition

£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 Sunsets DVD

Peter Richardson of Skinburness Road, Silloth was given a digital camera as a Christmas present from his wife Judith. Sadly, Judith died on 23rd January 2008.

The first photograph Peter took after Judith's death was of a Solway sunset and is displayed on the cover of the DVD.

Over the following months Peter photographed many more sunsets, on reaching one hundred he asked his friend if they could be transferred onto a computer disc. His friend Kevin had recently acquired a new piece of software, which enabled music and movement to be added to the photographs.

The DVD amazed Peter and all who set eyes on it. Peter was persuaded to make the DVD available to a wider audience and more sunsets were added. The finished DVD is now available priced at £12 from Winters Newsagents, Silloth. - Bank Mill Nursery, Beckfoot. & The Golf Hotel, Silloth.

The DVD will raise money for two charities, Silloth First Responders and Eden Valley Hospice in memory of Judith.

well as good fellowship.

A fantastic time was had and heartfelt thanks go out to all who attended and took part in making the event a total success.



Football Bee Balls
by Archie from Holme St. Cuthberts School



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Silloth Christmas Street Lights

Report by: Malcolm Parker
Christmas Lights Chairman

As we all know Christmas is here again and Santa will be coming to Silloth to bring presents for all the special boys and girls. So this year we have made sure that Santa and his reindeer will see the lights in the sky as he flies over.

Over the last two years we have been trying to make Silloth Christmas lights a success. This year we have started to achieve what we want our town to look like. Over the next few years we are aiming to make Silloth one of the best lit-up towns in Cumbria. This can only be achieved by all the residence of Silloth, many of whom who have already kindly donated and helped to make this event possible.

As you can see, this year we have only got two streets lit-up, Eden Street and Station Road. To enable us to cross over the streets we needed permission from Highways and Byways, also the owners of properties which have fixing brackets attached. The committee would like to thank these individuals for being so supportive. Even before we purchased any new lights, the fixing brackets, cables, etc, cost £2,500 and all fixings had to be tested by Lloyds Standards up to 400kg per bracket.

This year we have chosen L.E.D. bulbs which should last hopefully around ten years before they need replacing. In the past we have just had normal 40w coloured bulbs costing £700 per year but are so easily broken most need replaced every year, so costing wise L.E.D. bulbs are the best option. These bulbs alone cost £2,702 for 1,000. All electrical work was carried out by Sean Bell and his men, we would like to thank you for your time and effort, and you're big bill, cheers.

The Santa dash and blind auction were another success, this year raising over £2,500. Over 150 Santa's paraded our streets then down to the Rugby Club for the blind auction and raffle. Give yourselves a pat on the back if that's possible, if you did attend and supported this fantastic day.

Many local businesses donated to this auction,

and you will see in the thank-you list how many generous people we have in this small community.

We aim to do this every year, so if you want to be a part of this next year just get into a Santa suit and join the fun, the more the Merrier Christmas. We have listed the names of people we wish to give special thanks to. We are sorry if you have been part of this and have not got a mention, but Johnstone used the list to start his bonfire. But we would like to take this opportunity once more and thank everyone involved.

If you have access to a computer and you missed the Santa dash, clips can be found on youtube, just type in "silloth santa dash".

Have you purchased a copy of "Santa in Silloth" yet? If not, pop into Winters and get one. This fantastic little book was written by our own local personality Tim Barker, it was then illustrated by Bill Asbury and has been printed by the Solway Buzz. It costs only £1 and every penny is going to the Silloth Lights Fund. Your family will enjoy the story and next years lights will benefit.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Mayor Graham Wilkinson with the convenient little press-switch for the lights

The Team:

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Hayley Forster -
Slimmertary
Tracey Graham - A Treasure
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- Rusk Hair Care Set - Hair At Home, Clair Todd
- £40 Tattoo - Fine Art Tattoo
- Basket Of Fruit - Fruit Link
- 3 Bottles Wine - Cumberland Building Society
- 10 Day Pass At Stanwix - Stanwix Holiday Park
- Peter Joseph Gift Pack - Peter Joseph
- Home Made Jewellery - Little Gems
- Tent - Caravan Care
- Meal For 2 At Balmoral - The Balmoral
- Hamper - Alfie Bennett
- Teddy Bear - Shape N Style
- Dog Food - Solway Pet Supplies
- Mini Valet - Solway Valeting Services
- 2 Flower Pots - Atlas Concrete
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- 2 Bags Feed From Montgomery Feeds - Montgomery Feeds
- Banana Split - Davidsons Ice-Cream
- Rug - Michael Fox
- £20 Petrol Voucher - Silloth Motor Co
- Switch On Xmas Lights - The Committee
- Huge Hippo Teddy Bear - Jaybee's
- Christmas Tree - Bank Hill Nursery
- £30 Meat Voucher - Barry Shaw Meats
- Gift Pack - The Retreat
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- Santa In Silloth Story by Tim Barker
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- Andrew Reynolds - Site Inspector
- Roya's - 16" Pizza
- Gary Bosward - £20 Fish and Chips
- Corner Cafe - Meal for four
- Neil Graham - Electric Scooter
- Johnstones Taxi's - MP3 Radio Controlled Car
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- Johnstones Taxi's - Scree Machine
- Girls at the Co-op - Tin Of Chocolates
- Spar - Bottle of Cava
- Girls at the Co-op - Bottle of Wine
- Spar - 15 Cans of Fosters
- Glen Holder - 20 Foot Christmas Tree (on Silloth Green)

Pensioners Coffee Morning

Report by: Patricia Froggatt

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

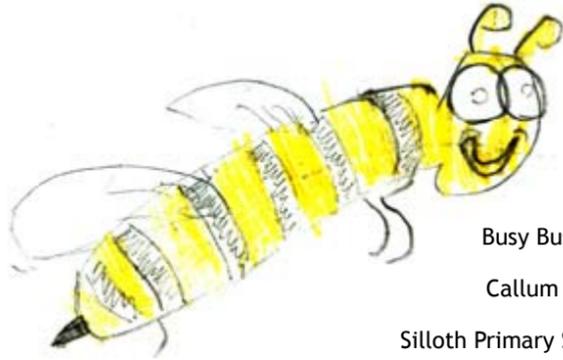
and books on sale.

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.



Busy Busy Bee by Callum Morris from Silloth Primary School

Hair 4U Zone

Celeb Style

Christmas is the time to feel a bit special and look really glamorous, the look we have put together for Megan in our Solway Buzz advert this Christmas is the ultimate in 'up do' glam.

To get the look

The colour: Megan's hair was sliced with richest crimson rouge, chocolate and ebony, with a deep fringe section coloured blue black. The result: rich, light and shadow with amazing shine.

Megan's hair was parted from ear to ear with a large fringe section left out. The top was set on five heated rollers and left until the

rollers cooled. The back was put up in a French twist. When the rollers have been removed pull the hair up into a pony tail and arrange in loose loops, straighten the fringe and finish off with a fantastic hair ornament, we got ours from Little Gems in Station Road.

Now you are ready to party.

This look is such a glam classic it was no surprise to see X Factor's Chery Cole in 'Close' celeb magazine with almost the identical 'up do' to Megan's, but Megan was there first.

Have a Glam Christmas from all at Peter Josef.

Allerdale Council Christmas Arrangements

Allerdale Borough Council's closure and refuse collection arrangements for the Christmas and New Year period are as follows:

Office closure dates:

Customer Services Centre Workington, Wigton, Keswick, Cockermouth and Maryport - Closed from 4pm, 24th December 2008, re-opens 2nd January, 2009 (from 8.45am).

The telephone line for domestic refuse and recycling enquiries, 01900 702800, will be open from 10am to 2pm on 29th December, 30th December and 31st December 2008.

Tourist Information Centre, Workington & Tourist Information Centre, Solway Coast Discovery Centre, Silloth - Closed from 4pm, 24th December 2008, re-opens 2nd January 2009 (Workington TIC from 10.30am and Silloth from 10am).

Allerdale Borough Council's website (www.allerdale.gov.uk) can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the comfort of home. The website has a secure online facility for making payments as well as reporting problems, such as fly tipping and noise pollution, and finding useful information, for example the bin collections over the Christmas period. You can also ring the



automated payments line on (01900) 702666.

Museums:

Maritime Museum, Maryport - Closed from Monday 22nd December 2008. Re-opens 10am Monday 5th January 2009.

Helena Thompson Museum, Workington - Closed from 23rd December. Re-opens 2nd January 2009

Keswick Museum - Closed (Winter Season).

Refuse collection

dates:

Week commencing Monday 22nd December: - Normal Wednesday collections on Christmas Eve

- No collections on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Collections will recommence on Saturday 27th December when collections will be two days later than normal collection days. Thursday's will be collected on Saturday, and Friday's will be on Sunday.

Week commencing Monday 29th December: - Normal Wednesday collections on New Year's Eve

- No collections on New Year's Day Collections will recommence on 2nd January when collections will be one day later than residents' normal days. Thursday's will be collected on Friday, and Friday's will be on Saturday. Please try to

put waste out on the correct day. Check your recycling calendar if you are in any doubt or call 01900 702800 for more information.

Leisure centres:

Workington Leisure Centre - Closed 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st December and 1st January.

Cockermouth Leisure Centre - Closed 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st December and 1st

January.

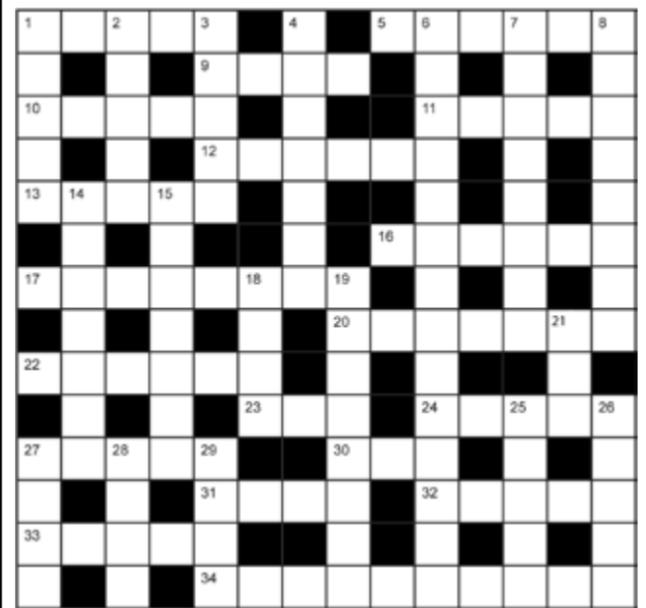
Keswick Leisure Pool - Closed 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st December and 1st January.

For urgent enquiries during office closure, please contact Allerdale Borough Council's emergency out of hours number on 01900 871080.

Allerdale Borough Council would like to wish all its customers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Prize Crossword

Our crossword puzzle is created by Mycroft.



Across

- 1 Bay (5)
- 5 Spot (6)
- 9 Javanese tree yielding poisonous sap (4)
- 10 Abolish (5)
- 11 Degree of slope (5)
- 12 Line on weather map linking places of the same atmospheric pressure (6)
- 13 Rascal (5)
- 16 Settle inheritance of property over generations (6)
- 17 Greek philosopher (8)
- 20 Muscle of arm (7)
- 22 Possess ambition (6)
- 23 Parrot of New Zealand (3)
- 24 Occurrence (5)
- 27 Alarm (5)
- 30 Nitrous oxide - Laughing ___ (3)
- 31 Suspend (4)
- 32 Edible, sweet yellow fluid (5)
- 33 Small Welsh dog (5)
- 34 Fielding position at cricket (5-5)

Down

- 1 Alloy (5)
- 2 Italian City (5)
- 3 Black _____ Novel by R.L. Stevenson (5)
- 4 Artistic style of 17/18th centuries (7)
- 6 Period of instruction (14)
- 7 Final (8)
- 8 Character in Homer's Iliad (8)
- 14 Shrub (7)
- 15 Type of rifle and cocktail (7)
- 18 Laborious journey (4)
- 19 Become scattered (8)
- 21 Play on words (3)
- 25 Mental weariness (5)
- 26 Appointment (5)
- 27 Purple-brown shade (4)
- 28 Police spy (4)
- 29 Stylish (4)

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

The first correct entry drawn will receive

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The winner of issue 70 crossword was Joyce Hosker from Silloth.



Answer to issue 70 crossword

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OAP's Tue/Wed

Poems

A Cumbrian Couple

by Patricia Antolak

Me and Thee
Well now!

There's me and thee, and then there's Pam
Who sometimes brings a plate o' ham.
She tidies up our house a bit
Thats when we're feeling not too fit
Both me and thee.

Now if the vicar comes, you see
He always likes a cup o' tea.
He talks about a lot o' things
That such occasion often brings
To me and thee.

We'll take a walk before it's late,
Perhaps as far as that yon gate
And back again before we tire,
For another evening by the fire
Just me and thee.

We'll sit there for a while and dream
Of bygone years when it would seem
We'd meet each other down the lane
But stars grow dim and moon must wane
For me and thee

Then did those youthful pulses stir?
We saw each other standing there?
You stopped and smiled - put out a hand
To take my arm. We understand.
Both me and thee.

But now it's getting late, Sweet Flower,
The church clocks striking out the hour.
It's time that I stoked the fire
Before we really must retire.
To bed -
- Goodnight -
- Sweet dreams To me and thee
Nov 93

I'm Fine Thank You

There is nothing the matter with me
I'm as healthy as can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze,
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet,
Or I wouldn't be able to go on the street.
Sleep is denied me night after night,
But every morning I find I'm all right,
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this - as my tale I unfold,
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say, "I'm fine" with a grin,
Than to let folks know the shape we're in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent?
Well my 'get up and go' has got up and went.
Old age is golden, I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,

With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in the cup,
My eyes on the table until I wake up.
Ere sleep overtakes me, I think to myself
Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?

When I was young, my slippers were red;
I could kick my heels right over my head.
When I got older, my slippers were blue;
But still I could dance the whole night through.
But now I am old, my slippers are black;
I walk to the store and puff my way back.

I get up each day and dust off my wits,
And pick up the paper and read the 'obits'.
If my name is still missing, I know I'm not dead

So I have a good breakfast and go back to bed.

A Porkie From A Porkie by Wings

Here's another story from 'Longcummercattif'
A tale that 'appened right about now
'As how John Graham 'The worlds biggest liar'
Was made to look daft, by a sow.

The sow were a right heaving porker
With a temper to make a saint cuss
She was so big that no one would touch her
And if she came at you, you ran for the bus.

Now this day she were feeding her litter
When she heard John say to his son
'William bring needle and vaccine,
Its time these injections were done.'

"Injections" thought mother "not likely"
"Tha better leave my babies alone"
"John, if thou comes anywhere near 'em
I'll bite thy leg down to the bone"

"I'll not argue with thee," said our farmer
"Nor be told what to do by a ham,
'William, open the door to the pigsty
We'll get on with the job that's in hand"

"Now John" said the motherly porker
"I have no wish to be rather unkind,
But if you come near to my babies,
I'll bite you up the bum, from behind"

"Get out of the pigsty" said Johnny
"I will not" came back the riposte
"Unless you've got cake to bribe me
You can go and get blooming' well lost"

"Oh cake is it?" said Johnny
"My friend you must see in my eye
I have apricot and lemon drizzle
Perhaps a slice of Banoffee Pie?"

"You've beat me," said pig smiling slyly
Thinking all the time, what a to do,
I'll go out of the pigsty and eat cake
And then make an ass out of you"

So it happened, just as been forecast
Mother pig came out by and by
And William and Johnny dashed straight in
And slammed the door quickly to t'sty.

Mother Porker, turned in a hurry
And crashed into the door while John mocked
Then hiding a smile at her connivance
Used her snout to push the latch 'Locked'

"Oh blow," said John" this is trouble
Locked in with no way to go
Locked in and no one knows we're in here
And how to get out no one knows"

The door was higher than six feet
And John and his son five foot four
The only gap in the door was at highest
There was no way out through the floor.

Said John, "William I will lift thee
And thou can bend over and stretch there about
And stretching to fullest should reach down
And unlock the door to get out."

Plan seemed a good 'un, they tried it
But William fell short of the mark
So John held him by bottom of his 'wellies'
Hoping to lower the lad down before dark.

The two men now locked together
Hung down both sides of the door
One just short of the latch bolt
And other with his feet off the floor

Mother pig now saw her advantage
With snout, she unlocked from below
William and John now spent the next hour
Going backwards and forwards on't door,

They did not dare for to get off
As forwards and backwards they went
For the porker was watching quite plainly
her intentions and anger quite meant.

At last porker was happy,
She returned and went into pig sty
Settled down with her little piglets
And went to her sleep grunting soft lullaby

Now this story may be a porkie
But it isn't, I can tell you,
It's a porkie told by a porkie
And every word is quite true!

Letters

Dear Buzz,

I would just like to comment on how fantastic the Christmas lights look this year. The amount of time and effort put into the light display this year has to be applauded, from the fund raising with the highly amusing Santa dash, to the four weekends of hard work put in by the gang of volunteers who put the lights up in their spare time. Their time and effort has produced a spectacular display for the town. The people of Silloth should be proud of our lights and more of us should pledge to support the Christmas lights next year.

My thanks to the lights Committee,

Andrew Johnstone

Dear Buzz,

May I take this opportunity to thank the Buzz for all the support you give each year on our behalf. Advertising the shop opening times (with its various changes throughout the year) is much appreciated. Some people that have called into the shop have commented that they had checked the opening times in the Buzz before they ventured down to the Lifeboat Station so it certainly does help. Thanks also for the great race night poster in the previous edition. We were unable to get posters done that early so appreciate your efforts. Many thanks once again for your generous and continuing support of our branch and its activities - it is very much appreciated.

Bev Puxley
Honorary Secretary
Silloth & District
Fundraising Branch
RNLI

Dear Buzz,

Thanks to my very good friends who took me to visit my husband Fred for nearly 8 weeks never failing to do so. Fred died November 4th and was cremated November 12th, his four friends took him into church.

I would also like to say thanks for all the lovely cards and the nice things which were said about Fred. Thanks also to Mr & Mrs Scott for doing all the arranging of the funeral and afterwards at the Golf Hotel.

Cath Cornish

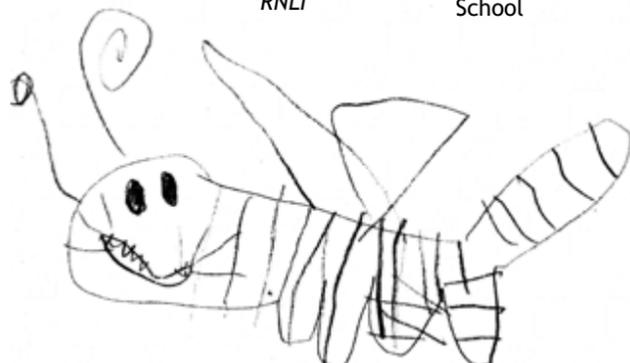
Cat Bee
by
Jack Thompson
from
Holme
St. Cuthbert
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Dear Buzz,

Thank you for all the news in the Buzz that keep us all informed of events and news of Silloth and surrounding districts, you do a fantastic job.

Best wishes for the festive season and success for 2009.

Derek Shaw



On the Waterfont by Tommy Legs



Photo by: Geoff Bland

Polish tanker Wigry entering Silloth Dock with Molasses from Dunkirk 22nd October

November was an extremely quiet month with only five vessels visiting the port.

One of which was the specialist ship the POLAR STAR who lifted the emergency wreck marking

buoy which had marked the position of the sunken fishing boat Misty Dawn.

The DANICA HAV was the first cargo vessel with wheat from Germany followed by the STAPELMOOR

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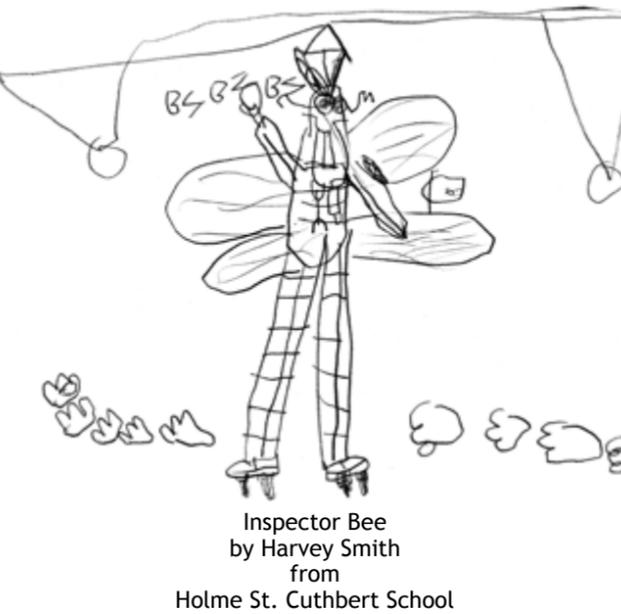
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Allerdale's 12 Days of Christmas

Allerdale Borough Council is wishing all its residents a green Christmas with a festive recycling message.

The Council has teamed up with the west Cumbrian community choir "Sing Owt!" to record a modern version of the carol "The 12 Days of Christmas" with a recycling theme.

Renamed "Allerdale Borough Council's 12 Days of Christmas", the song features lyrics including, "On the third day of Christmas, Allerdale said to me - re-use your old carriers, recycle food and drink containers and cancel your deliveries."

The Council has even shot a music video (visit www.allerdale.gov.uk) to accompany the carol, featuring captions to drive home the green message, such as, "Put Christmas cards, non-metallic wrapping paper and cardboard packaging into the paper bin" and "Chop up your real Christmas tree and put it

Sudoku Prize Competition Sponsored by Johns Plaice

This will be the last Sudoku for the foreseeable future so Johns Plaice have generously donated three winners prizes instead of the usual one. This is your last chance to win, go on, give it a go!

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

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

Prize: Three winners 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.

Congratulations to the winner of the competition in the last issue: Mrs J Wilkinson from Silloth.

out with the garden bin in the New Year."

Councillor Sam Standage, Allerdale Borough Council's Executive member with responsibility for the Environment, said: "At

Christmas time there is the potential for people to generate more waste than at any other time of the year. Everyone can do their bit to reduce the amount of rubbish produced; reuse whatever

Silloth Tide Tables

Times of High Water at Silloth
Courtesy of A.B.P. Silloth, Times in GMT

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		DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE							
		High Water		Low Water					
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Silloth Tennis Club

"What our players are up to"

Silloth Tennis Clubs' members don't just come to coaching and compete in Silloth. Even during the winter months many of our young players are plying their trade on the Tennis circuit in and around Cumbria. Each month we aim to highlight what our kids are up to whether they win or lose.

Solway School year 8 boys' teams' dream run finally came to an end in the North West regional final in Liverpool. This came after a wonderful couple of performances in Fylde and Bolton.

We've also had Greg Ramsay making the final in Chorley, Emily Wise winning matches in Chorley and Newcastle, Joe Beaty playing well in the Mini Red league in Carlisle and Kieron Oliver and Kiara Orchard playing in Maryport, with Hannah Story booked to play in Sunderland and Emily Wise signed up for an event in Wigan in December.

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Silloth Tennis Club Tennisathon



Silloth Tennis Clubs' Tennisathon helps raise money for new tennis tops.

This year's Halloween in Silloth proved to be an even spookier time than usual as a host of Witches, Goblins, Zombies and generally strange looking creatures descended on the town's

new sports hall to take part in a sponsored "Five hour Tennisathon" in which tennis was constantly played from 7pm to the witching hour of midnight. Over £600 was raised which enabled the club to provide a new top for each of the 80 junior members of the club.



GREG FOLLOWS IN ALAN'S FOOTSTEPS

Greg Ramsay's recent County singles victory brought back memories for fellow Sillothian Alan Oliver, as it was the same event and even the same

trophy that he won way back in 1979! To celebrate this fact the two of them got together recently to celebrate their respective triumphs.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY

As the County Councillor representing the SOLWAY COAST ELECTORAL DIVISION on the Cumbria County Council, I shall be holding a surgery for my constituents on:

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FROM 4PM TO 5PM

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ADVICE AND INFORMATION DROP IN AT ALL OF THESE VENUES

Anyone residing in the Solway Coast Electoral Division is welcome to come and meet me to discuss any problems or questions about County Council functions or services or any other matter on which I may be able to help.

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SOLWAY SCHOOL TEAM ARE 3 STEPS FROM NATIONAL TENNIS HEAVEN!

The 2008 Cumbria Schools County Champion Tennis winning team of Ross Johnstone, Oliver Neilly, Patrick Brough, Kieran Carr and Ross Jefferson carried on their fine form with a fantastic away victory at King Edward and Queen Mary school in Fylde (just outside Blackpool) in the first regional round of the Nestle Year 8 boys national championships.

With the doubles matches leaving the match at 1 each it was looking like curtains for the Silloth team as all 4 singles matches looked like slipping away, but the Silloth players dug in as Oliver, Patrick and Ross all came back to win 6-4 as the team went through by 4 games to 2 leaving them only 3 wins away from the national finals in Bath at the end of the year.

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Silloth Golf Club Juniors



Hannah Smith receives the Fledgling Trophy

Report by: Trevor Wilson
Junior Secretary

Silloth on Solway Golf Club junior section held it's AGM on Friday 5th December 2008 at the Club House, attended by some 60 parents, guardians and juniors, a very good attendance on a

cold winters night.

Silloth on Solway Juniors were awarded the "Golfmark accreditation" only the second golf club in Cumbria to be given this award. This accreditation was the achievement of the junior committee along with Jonathan Graham and Alan Oliver the Professional and Assistant Professional, proving that Silloth Golf Club is a safe and caring environment for juniors to learn and take part in sport.

Cathie Longcake had a very good season, winning the ladies open singles at Silloth on Solway also achieving the best reduction in handicap for the junior county girls.

The Junior team played 10 matches against other clubs, winning 3, halving 3 and losing 4, well done to all those juniors who took part in the matches.

Silloth's junior open attracted 97 players from all over Cumbria and Lancashire. Sam Hearty a junior from Barrow Golf Club achieved a "Hole in One" on the 9th.

There were many people to thank for a busy year but Anne Proudlock and Pauline Graham had a special mention for all of the hours of dedication over a number of years holding Treasurers, Secretaries, Handicaps and Competition



Oliver Tallontire receives the Ian Little Shield

Organisers positions and importantly helping out with the coaching on a Saturday, unfortunately both of these remarkable ladies have decided to stand down, their efforts will be sadly missed.

At the end of the



Blane Clorley receives the Junior Club Championship Trophy

meeting prize giving took place, some 20 trophies being awarded. Well done to all of the winners and runners up and of course to all who took part.

Blane Clorley (outgoing junior captain) received the Junior Club Championship trophy. Oliver Tallontire (2009 Junior Captain) received the Ian little shield. Hannah Smith (an up and coming junior) receiving the Fledgling Trophy.

The meeting was closed at 20:20 hrs and followed by an excellent buffet which enabled parents/guardians of the juniors to socialise and enjoy a relaxing evening, at the end of a busy but successful year and look forward to 2009 to carry on in the same manner.

Silloth Tennis Club

Annual Presentation Night



Joanna Cunliffe presents Lee with his cup



Joanna Cunliffe presents Jess with her cup

Silloth Tennis Club's 5th annual presentation night was graced with the presence of the North East & Cumbria Tennis Development Manager Joanna Cunliffe.

Joanna made the three hour journey from the North East to present over 20 trophies and medals. Held at the exclusive Sky Bar at Stanwix Park in Silloth.

The evening was attended by over 100 players, parents and family members who

enjoyed a PowerPoint presentation of the year's achievements as well as a disco, raffle and fun games such as stand up Bingo. It was also a chance to thank all junior members for their continued commitment to the club by presenting them with a free Silloth Tennis Club "Hoody" which was funded by a grant from the Post Office



Report by: Colin Baty

Silloth Football teams have been busy playing lots of games throughout October and November.

First of all I would like to thank John Cook of Skinburness for the new club sign which is now proudly displayed on the Changing Rooms. It is a fine addition to the club and replaces the old trusty Seagull which lasted well over 20 years.

The mens' team have

as well as the proceeds of the recent sponsored Halloween Tennisathon, which was held on the 31st of October.

Commenting on the evening Joanna Cunliffe said: "I wanted to say what a fab night it was and it was a real pleasure to have been asked to come and present the awards. Occasions like this remind us all how good our sport can be with hard work, passion and determination! The 'family feeling' was fantastic and everyone there and others involved with Silloth tennis play a part in all the successes and achievements because they are all part of something special!"

Silloth Football Club



been doggedly carrying on with even more experienced players deciding that they no longer want to play. We played Kirkoswald in the County Cup losing narrowly 5-4, then when short of players lost to Aspatria followed by an unlucky better than it sounds 4-1 defeat away to Frizington. This was followed by a 1-0 defeat to Longtown and 7-1 defeat to Whitehaven Miners when too many players cried off and let the team down.

We will carry on and get through this season thanks to the dedication and commitment of less than 20 players who are improving every game. It's just a shame that a number of young men who turned up for training in the summer can't find the moral fibre to come back when the weather gets a touch colder.

The U16's have played another five

games winning four and losing one. Wins over Workington Blue Star 3-2, Abbeytown 10-6, Bransty 8-1 and Whitehaven Miners 5-4 along with a disappointing 6-1 defeat to Curwen. Still there's plenty of games to go and we should realistically be aiming for finishing in second place at least this season.

The U14's are in a tough league against some very physical teams and have yet to win, but it's all good experience and beats sitting at home being bored as long as you keep turning up week-in week-out you will improve. This was evident in their last game in November against Bransty Rangers which they lost 6-4 with goals coming from Ryan Murphy, Oliver Neilly, Adrian Williams and Ben Humm. This was a very encouraging performance, keep it going lads and you'll get there but most of all enjoy it.

The U12's are second in the league winning 5 and losing 2 games. They were recently the team of the week in the Evening News and Star after their excellent 2-1 victory over Northbank - arguably Carlisle's strongest Junior Club.

The u12 girls are also second in their league after five games in which they have won 2, drew 2 and lost 1. They probably should've done a bit better in a couple of games but couldn't put their chances away, but it's looking good with the title up for grabs. In recent games they have beaten Workington 2-1 and drew with top of the table Parton 2-2.

The u10's and u9's are both doing well and being competitive in all their matches. Though both teams have been against some strong teams with the U9's losing four games and the U10's winning one and losing four in the last couple of months.

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