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Golf Hotel Re-Opens



Hopes are delighted to re-open the Golf Hotel, Silloth after an extensive refurbishment project.

The main contractor has been T Wills and Sons of Kirkbride, fittingly the same company that completed

the previous re-fit in the 1970's. The workmanship throughout is of the highest quality and compliments the rich history of the building.

A new menu has been devised by Head Chef Kevin Booker which

adds to the interior transformation perfectly. The Hotel opened on Sunday 15th March.

Everyone at the Golf Hotel and Hopes extends a very warm welcome to all customers old and new.

Music & Beer Festival

The first round of the Battle of the Bands is being held in Silloth Rugby Club on Saturday 11th April at 7pm, tickets £3 on the door.

The winners will have the honour of opening the Beer Festival on 10th September. Bands playing in the contest include **The Revolution, The Alleys, The Breed, Retrobuton, Johnny Foster and Catchout**. In addition there will be a cash prize of £200. Any

other bands wanting to enter should contact Steve Hart on 016973 31517.

Special Offer - Weekend Tickets for only £25 until the end of April. Where else can you get top class entertainment over four days for just £25. Purchase from Winters or see the website.

This years bands include: The Bullfrogs, Nine Below Zero, T.Rextasy, Stereotonics

and Oasis, plus more to be confirmed.

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Name the T.Rex hit single, was it:
Ride a white duck
Ride a white swan
Ride a white stallion

Answers to:
Steve Hart,
6 Burnswark Terrace,
Silloth, CA7 4EF,
by 20th April.
Remember to include your name and address.

Windfarm Protestors



Photo by: Eric Stanwix

The Public Enquiry for the Wind Turbines at Park Head Farm Silloth, held at Maryport Wave Centre on 3rd - 6th February 2009. This was well attended by the general public who were able to voice their views to the inspector.

The result of the enquiry should be known by the end of March 2009.

Solway Sunsets Exhibition



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Silloth Rugby Club Quiz

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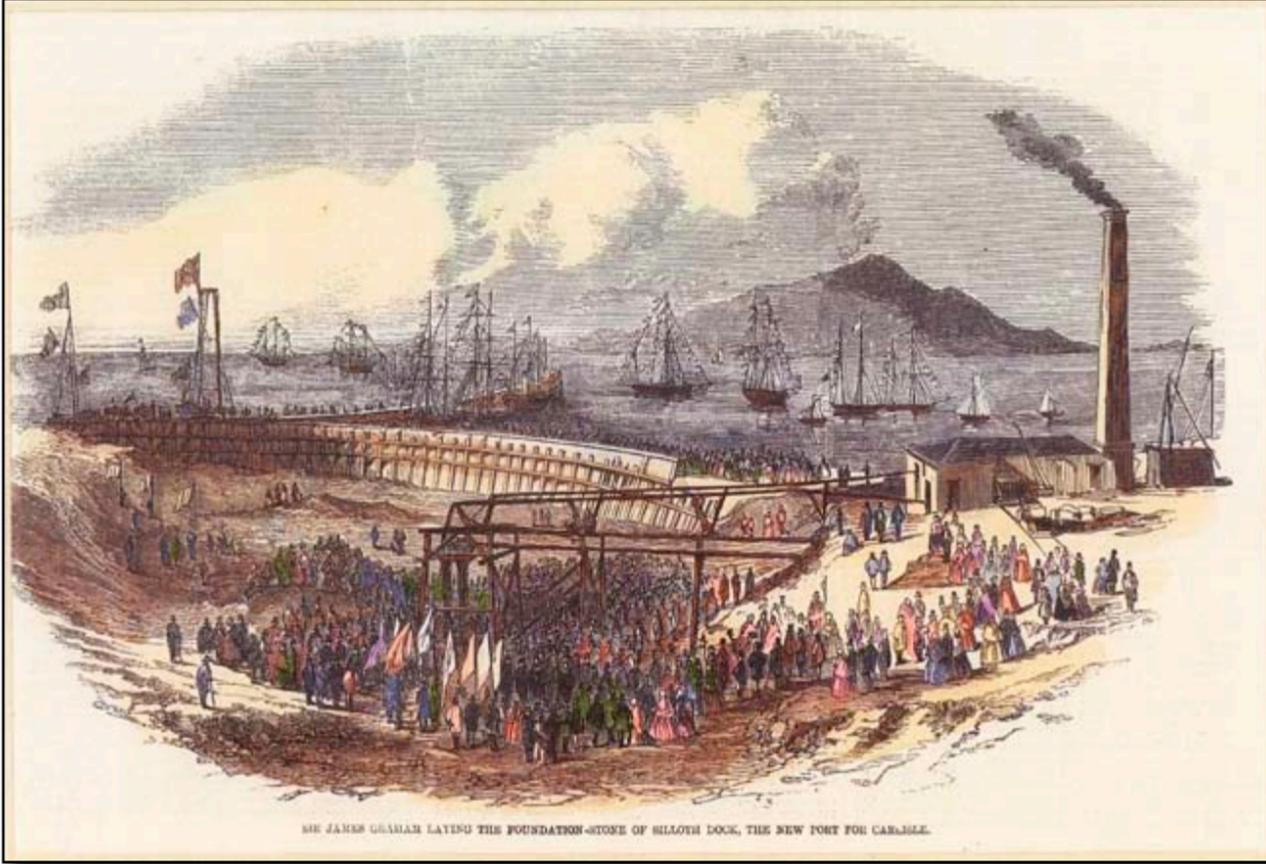
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- 1 Name the current England Rugby Team Captain?
- 2 Where do England Rugby Union play their home Games?
- 3 What was the score from Wales v England on Sat 14th February 2009?

Answers on a post card or back of envelope plus your: Name, Address, Age, School

Send answers and details to
Silloth RUFC Quiz, 62 Skinburness Road,
Silloth, CA7 4QF
closing date 10th April 2009

Port of Silloth 150th Birthday



On 3rd August 2009, the Cumbrian port of Silloth will be celebrating its 150th birthday

Conceived as a viable alternative to the difficult shipping access and restricted facilities at Port Carlisle, an Act of Parliament in 1855 gave "The Carlisle & Silloth Bay Railway & Dock Company" the authority to build a railway and a dock at a convenient location on the Cumberland coastline, where there was known to be sufficiently deep water close to the shore. This location was known as Silloth Bay.

Following the completion in 1856 of a branch railway line, which spurred off the Carlisle to Port Carlisle line at Drumburgh, work began on excavating a dock on the Solway coastline near an isolated farming hamlet called Silloth. At the same time, construction work began on a 1,000ft long timber-pier, at right-angles to the low-lying sandy coastline and to which ships would be able to secure themselves at all states of the tide.

With excavation

work well under way, the Silloth Dock foundation stone was laid by Sir James Graham in August 1857. The dock would be 600ft long by 300ft wide, enclosing four acres of water to a depth of 25ft at spring tides. It was built partly into the existing sand dunes and partly into an area reclaimed from the sea, protected by a massive curved timber cofferdam and earthworks. Dock walls were built mainly from large sandstone blocks from a quarry in Dumfriesshire. The entrance would be protected by two sets of wooden dock gates, the outer pair being reverse, or sea gates, for protection during stormy weather.

On 3rd August 1859, the completed Silloth Bay Dock was officially opened with due ceremony. A public holiday was declared in Carlisle, with special trains laid on to carry passengers to Silloth. The S.S. Silloth, a recently built screw ship owned by "The Silloth Bay Steam

Navigation Company", was the first vessel to enter the dock.

During the opening ceremony, the chairman of the dock company officially declared that the dock be named "Marshall Dock", after William Marshall, the East Cumberland Member of Parliament, who had given the dock venture his support right from the start. The total cost of works to establish the dock and pier at Silloth Bay had amounted to £122,000.

Capt. Chris Puxley, Harbour Master at Silloth since 1990, has recently completed an illustrated book about the

port of Silloth, covering the period from the very beginnings right up to the present day. The text explains all the fascinating challenges and achievements that have arisen throughout the port's first 150 years, and is accompanied by numerous photographs and illustrations. The A4 hardback book is due to be published at the beginning of August 2009, to coincide with this special anniversary.

There will be a small exhibition of the port's history, held at the Solway Heritage Centre in Silloth, opening on Monday 3rd August and lasting for two weeks.

Dog Fouling

Allerdale Borough Council is encouraging responsible dog ownership and urges dog owners to ensure their pets are chipped or tagged in case they go missing.

If a stray dog is recovered by the Council's environmental wardens and has contact details – either on an implanted microchip or a tag on its collar – then it is possible to get in touch with the dog's owner. Without a tag or chip it is impossible to trace the owner. A register is held which carries basic descriptions of the stray dogs picked up by the Council. Owners as part of their search for a missing dog can call the wardens during office hours to enquire if we have it on our register.

Over the last year, Allerdale Borough Council's environmental wardens handled 209 stray dogs – only 35 of which were tagged or chipped, meaning their owners could be contacted.

Dog tags can be printed in some local shops and most vets offer a microchipping service.

Margaret Heyes, Allerdale Borough Council's local environmental quality officer, said: "We have a legal duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 as amended by the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act

2005, to keep a record of all the dogs we have recovered, however, we do not have a legal duty to record the details of missing dogs, nor to undertake searches to find dogs that have gone missing.

"Unfortunately, we do not have out of hours access to the records of stray dogs picked up by the environmental wardens during their normal duties. Owner's can contact the Council's environmental wardens during normal office hours, Monday to Friday, on 01900 702800 to enquire if we have a dog on our register matching the description. It is therefore important that dogs can be easily identified."

The wardens, as part of their duties, respond to reports from the public about stray dogs by locating and collecting them during the normal working week. The duty is carried out under the seizure of stray dog legislation within the Environmental Protection Act 1990 as amended by the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005.

Anyone who finds a dog outside of normal office hours can take it to an acceptance point. In the first instance they should contact Allerdale Borough Council's out of hours service on 01900 871080 for guidance.

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Abbeytown Mothers Union

Report by: Gladys Temple

Rev. David Tembey lead the service of Communion, which began the 2009 programme. Freda Garner, treasurer, collected the subs of £11.50.

The theme of this year's programme is The Cost of Relationships. David took the chair for the AGM and thanked all the M.U. for their help and support to the Church this last difficult year. Happy Birthday was sung to Elaine Atkinson on her 'special' birthday and also to Freda and Gladys Temple who enjoyed theirs this month. There is no change in the officials this year.

Lyn Tembey was welcomed back from her visit to India and she thanked everyone for praying for her while she was away. She is coming to speak to us about her trip later so just gave us a small taster of her experiences.

The Provincial Day on Saturday 16th May will be held on Holy Island with Midday prayers on the beach and followed

by Holy Communion being celebrated in the Priory by The Bishop of Newcastle. Banners are to be taken. The Provincial Triennial Service is to be at Sheffield on 10th December.

Branch Leader Maureen Gibson welcomed everyone to the February meeting, especially Margaret Thompson, Elsie Foster and Joan Winter who have all been ill. Maureen then led the Carlisle Diocese Wave of Prayer with the bible reading by Lynne Tembey. The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at Bowness on Solway with Mrs. Millard leading the service on 6th March at 7.30 pm. Elsie Foster thanked members for the plant and cards she had received during her illness and Joan Winter said thanks for her chocolates and cards she received when she came home from hospital.

Arrangements were discussed for the Lady Day Service to be held at Maryport on 25th March and we are invited to Burgh by Sands on 6th May. Names were

taken for transport to the Provincial Pilgrimage to Holy Island on 16th May.

Our speaker, Wendy Dyer needed no introduction and took 'The Cost of Relationships' as her theme. She told us of the various places she had lived and how it costs each time a relationship is broken or left behind when we move and how the various stages of her life had had its own cost. She emphasised that whatever the cost God will not ask us to do things we cannot do and he is always there to help us whatever the burden. She has taken on several jobs since joining the M.U. She is Deanery Leader, Editor of the Carlisle Diocese newsletter as well as studying to become a Lay Reader at Allonby. Wendy firmly believes that God enables all who answer his call.

Lynne Tembey thanked Wendy for telling us about her experiences. Members filled in lists for transport to the various outings. The meeting finished with the Grace.

Gurning Competition



Report by: Jimmy Lettice

Silloth Rugby Club held its annual gurning for beginners championship.

For the first time in 10 years the result was a popular choice, a draw.

The judges couldn't split the defending champion John Graham and new boy David Shields so they decided a draw was the fairest outcome.

As the picture (above) shows there is not much between them,

both have star qualities and are pretty scary.

Silloth Rugby Club gurning for beginners championship goes from strength to strength and contestants are coming from all over the County.

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 Tuesday c l o s e d
 Wednesday 11 am - 1:30pm
 2:30pm - 5pm
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 Friday 11 am - 1:30pm
 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

Production Team

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Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Hours

Good Friday CLOSED
 Easter Saturday 11am to 4pm
 Easter Sunday 11am to 4pm
 Easter Monday 1pm to 4pm
 Tuesday 1pm to 4pm
 Wednesday 2pm to 4pm
 Thursday 1pm to 4pm
 Friday 1pm to 4pm

from Saturday 18th April
 Saturday 1pm to 4pm
 Sunday 11am to 4pm

Our shop is staffed entirely by volunteers and may not always be open at the advertised time. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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 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
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 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
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 Taxi (Private Hire): 07999 934555
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This section is for your convenience, so please, let us know what you want included, also any changes to numbers.

March

24th Tea Dance in Solway Community College 1:45 to 3:45pm, all welcome
 28th Blind Auction in the Balmoral at 8pm followed by Karaoke in aid of Jackie McCormicks African Adventure
 31st Police Surgery at Abbeytown Assembly Rooms 12:30pm to 1:30pm
 31st Police Surgery at Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm

April

1st Solway Plains Artists meeting in the Golf Hotel at 11:30am
 3rd Dalston Male Voice Choir at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth
 6th Silloth Town Council meeting
 7th Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45 to 3:45pm, all welcome
 8th Causewayhead WI meeting at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth, at 7pm. Topic: Woodcarving by Clive Firth
 9th Skinburness Residents Association meeting in the Golf Hotel @ 8pm
 10th Good Friday
 11th Battle Of The Bands Heat 1 in Silloth Rugby Club @ 7pm, tickets £3, come to hear: The Revolution, The Alleys, The Breed, Retrobuton, Johnny Foster and Catchout

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
 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

April cont'd

13th Easter Monday
 14th Holme Low Annual Parish meeting at 7:30pm at Tanglewood, Causwayhead
 17th Whapewasel play English Dance Music in Culterham Hall, Mawbray at 7:30pm tickets £6, tel: 01900 881353
 21st Tea Dance in Solway Community College 1:45 to 3:45pm, all welcome
 26th Garden Open at Lilac Cottage, Blitterlees from 11am to 4pm under the National Gardens Scheme, entry £3
 29th Police Surgery at Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm

May

2nd Curry Night in aid of RNLI from 7pm in St Andrews Church Hall see article
 4th May Bank Holiday
 7th Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth
 10th Plant Sale, Crafts & Produce at Culterham Hall, Mawbray 10am to 4pm
 10th St. Andrews Church 125 year Anniversary Church open to all with free entry, come and see our displays
 11th Silloth Town Council meeting
 13th Causewayhead WI Resolution Meeting at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth, 7pm
 18th Silloth Annual Town Meeting in the Discovery Centre @ 7pm
 19th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm at Silloth Community Hall
 22nd Megson play traditional songs in Culterham Hall, Mawbray at 7:30pm tickets £6, tel: 01900 881353
 25th Spring Bank Holiday

June

1st Police Surgery at Abbeytown Assembly Rooms 12:30pm to 1:30pm
 1st Police Surgery at Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm
 1st Silloth Town Council meeting

June cont'd

6th Silloth Lifeboat naming ceremony at 11am
 7th Garden Open at Lilac Cottage, Blitterlees from 11am to 4pm under the National Gardens Scheme, entry £3
 10th Causewayhead WI meeting at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth, at 7pm. Topic: 'Cheese Making'
 20th Vintage Rally on Silloth Green
 21st Giant Car Boot Sale at Culterham Hall, Mawbray 10am to 4pm
 21st Vintage Rally on Silloth Green

July

2nd Summer Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm
 6th Police Surgery at Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm
 6th Silloth Town Council meeting
 8th Causewayhead WI meeting at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth, at 7pm. Topic: 'Ecuador & Galapagos'
 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
 25th Silloth Kite Festival on Silloth Green
 25th Abbeytown Carnival
 26th Silloth Kite Festival on Silloth Green
 30th Summer Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

August

3rd Police Surgery at Abbeytown Assembly Rooms 12:30pm to 1:30pm
 3rd Police Surgery at Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm
 3rd to 16th Port History Exhibition @ Silloth Discovery Centre

August

9th Craft & Produce Sale at Culterham Hall, Mawbray 10am to 4pm
 15th Greenfest on Silloth Green
 16th Greenfest on Silloth Green
 18th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm at Silloth Community Hall
 28th Solfest 2009 www.SolwayFestival.co.uk
 29th Solfest 2009 www.SolwayFestival.co.uk
 30th Solfest 2009 www.SolwayFestival.co.uk
 31st Silloth Carnival

September

7th Police Surgery at Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm
 7th Silloth Town Council meeting
 9th Causewayhead WI To be arranged
 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 Local Food, Craft & Produce Sale at Culterham Hall, Mawbray 10am to 4pm
 13th Silloth Beer & Music Festival 2009 featuring 'Oasish' tribute

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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.



This month the winner is Reece Edmondson from Holme St. Cuthbert School with a bee called "Rocket Bee".

Copy date for the May issue

If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note that the next copy date is:
 1st April 2009

Copy Date



Spinal Injuries

**Great British Fish and Chip Supper
Friday 15th May 2009**

“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre. SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting seven friends and asking them to donate an additional £5 means you will raise at least £35 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2009 SIA will celebrate its 35th Anniversary and as Friday 15th May is Spinal Cord Injury awareness day, what would be a better way to raise funds than eating Fish and Chips and raising money for SIA.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association who offer support to individuals who become paralysed and to their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Donor Development Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group”.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

Quiz

Report by: Carole Caulfield

On Friday 30 January an almost capacity crowd gathered in Christ Church hall for the annual quiz set by Tim Barker.

Among the 18 teams were the ladies from Solway Community Technology College kitchen who were joined by a friend and this year competed as Me-N-U's (get it!)

Buoyed up by their very good performance last year the teachers entered once again. They obviously felt the need for reinforcements as this year there were 2 teams made up of 2 staff and 2 students. Mr and Mrs Shepherd were joined by Bronwyn Kendall and Jackie Humm (Solway Supremes) while Mrs Quinn and Mrs Scholey were ably assisted by Scott Pearson and Darren Dixon (Solway Rocks)

The hall was abuzz with moans and groans as one devious round followed another. At half time over a cup of tea and an assortment of delicious

refreshments we all felt that we weren't doing too badly.

At the end of the quiz we awaited the final scores with anticipation. The Me-N-U's came 9th with 98 points which was an improvement on last year so we didn't feel too bad. Slowly, as each score was read out, it became clear that the other teams from Solway hadn't done too badly either. Solway Rocks did very well coming in 4th place with 101 points, Gone to the Dogs were 2nd with 110 points but reigning supreme with 112 points were Solway Supreme.

Everyone agreed that it had been an entertaining evening and a very satisfactory result for Solway Community Technology College. Privately, the ladies from the kitchen felt it was the students that made all the difference to the scores!

We look forward to competing again next year so get your thinking cap on Tim – who knows there may be a few more students helping the teachers to success.

Solway Arts Society

Report by: Heather Wood

Solway Arts Society needs your help! They have learned informally that their grant from Allerdale will not be forthcoming this year.

They have been working to support the arts community in this area for thirty years but the loss of their usual £4,000 grant means that any grants planned after September are being cancelled. Events being organised up to September

but not yet finalised are also being cancelled.

Pat Williams, Chairman of the Solway Arts Society says it appears that Allerdale is funding arts in Cockermouth, however, yet the North Allerdale area is being ignored and largely forgotten by Allerdale District Council.

Pat therefore is asking all who wish to support the arts in North Allerdale to lobby their Allerdale Councillors.

Wood Burners

Safety warning over wood burning stoves

People turning to wood burning stoves as a cheaper way of keeping warm in the current economic climate are being warned of the health risks if their equipment is not fitted correctly.

An increasing number of people are installing wood burning stoves without using approved installers from the trade body HETAS or obtaining building regulation approval from Allerdale Borough Council's Building Control team, and are potentially putting their families at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The Solid Fuel Association has reported that sales of wood burning stoves are up by 30 per cent in the last 12 months.

Paul Shankland, Allerdale Borough Council's Building Control manager, said: “With the credit crunch in full swing many

people are turning to wood burners instead of the traditional sources of fuel in an attempt to save money. There are also the environmental benefits of renewable energy using a sustainable

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President Visits RNLI



Report by: Derek Shaw

On 28th January the President of Methodist Conference UK, Rev. Stephen Poxon, made a visit to Silloth Lifeboat Station to view the new lifeboat and discuss the working of the station. With Rev. Poxon were Rev. Richard Teal (Cumbria Methodist Chairman), Rev. Kim

Hurst (Wigton Circuit Superintendent Minister), and Rev. John Millard (Lifeboat Chaplain). Mr Eddie Studholme (Lifeboat Station Operations Manager) gave a talk on the workings and function of the lifeboat station. Quite a significant number of the crew were present and

Rev. Poxon accompanied the crew on the lifeboat. Rev. Poxon is on a tour of Cumbria visiting various districts and had come up to Workington, Maryport and Silloth. He thanked all concerned and commented what a wonderful and informative time he had.

Arthritis Support Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

Mary Peile, Vice Chairman, welcomed Lyndsay Tuck, Police Community Support Officer, to talk to us about security.

A very lively discussion took place with Lyndsay giving tips on how to stay safe in our houses with lots of questions answered and various happenings passed on by several members. Lyndsay then spoke about keeping your handbag and purse safe. Everyone had a tale to tell about different aspects of safety in the home and things that they had seen or heard of in the community. Lyndsay would like to hear from anyone who is willing to become a Neighbourhood Coordinator for their locality, as this is one of the best deterrents for neighbourhood crime. She also emphasised that if you see anything suspicious to report it as all the small sightings can be added to others and can often lead to a whole picture.

A very enjoyable discussion went on while Anne Graham and Gladys served refreshments. Mary Peile thanked Lyndsay for a very interesting and instructive afternoon.

Maureen Moore



Maureen helping out at the Silloth Music & Beer Festival

Report by: Doreen Matthews

Maureen was a true friend and colleague to everyone at S.O.S.C.S. She was Chairman of the Silloth on Solway Charity Shop for 10 years until she died suddenly on 18th January.

She will be greatly missed by all the staff and customers at the shop, also for the hard work she did for the Silloth Pensioners Association.

Note: The contact telephone number for the shop is 016973 32452.

The lucky raffle winner was Mary Peile. Members then settle down to listen to a relaxation tape while Anne and Edna Marper washed the dishes. The next meeting

at Loveday House is on Friday 6th March at 1.20pm when Keith Milner from Cumberland Building Society will be our speaker, followed by the AGM.

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Mayors Report

Report by: Graham Wilkinson

Following much hard work done by PCSO Lindsay Noblet in pulling together a group of parents within the area, it is hoped Silloth Youth Club can soon be up and running in the near future. With structural and safety checks to carry out on the building the Town Council are in full support of the club.

Correspondence dealt with included further complaints of dog fouling, pressure is being put on Allerdale's dog wardens to attend more often and catch those owners who will not clean up after their dogs. Everyone knows the law - sooner or later the offenders will be caught, much to the pleasure of both residents and visitors to the town.

Following an invitation from Home Housing the Chairman met with Julie Wills and walked around Fell View area and Esk Street to discuss any problems, a further meeting is to take place in the Crofts area later in the year.

A letter was received asking why the name signs at the entrances to the town had been changed back to "Silloth", when the previous

ones stated "Silloth on Solway". This had come about due to an oversight when the new signs were proposed by the AONB who have organised the new signage for the whole of the Solway area covering Wigton, Silloth, Aspatria and Allonby. After discussions it was agreed the concerns were to be born in mind and when the signs are to be renewed in future the legend should read "Silloth on Solway".

Two letters were received from visitors to the town regarding graffiti in the bus shelters and recommending that they should be painted in a dark colour, after discussions it was agreed to ask the schools if they would like to arrange an art project where the shelters could have a mural inside to brighten them and see if the writing stops.

Following complaints received regarding the toilets at Causewayhead Cemetery Allerdale Borough Council are to instigate cleaning twice a week and look into re-decorating as soon as possible.

Committee report: play equipment, after an inspection of the original equipment and

the new items recently installed on Eden Street it was agreed to have a competition among the Primary School children to find names for the pirate boat and train.

Heritage Lottery Bid, a site meeting has been held with four senior officers from the Lottery who spent a full afternoon around the Green and in discussion with the Chairman and Bill Allison. We are one of seven applicants for a bid at three pots of funding, we hope to have an answer in early April.

North Allerdale Development Trust have appointed a full time Chief Officer and have also produced a framework action plan, which includes seven regeneration schemes within the Silloth area.

The Sports Hall committee are looking into the purchase of roller skates that can be used in the hall without causing damage to the floor.

Requests for funding were received from two sports clubs, however it has been agreed and notified to the clubs that requests should be made to the meeting held with the clubs towards the end of the year, so as a better gauge of needs can be built into the council budget.

Further work has been carried out to try and solve the flooding of the allotments, this has meant excavating

Top 2 Toe

Due to popular demand Top 2 Toe has moved to bigger premises in the centre of town.

Shirley has been a therapist for over 15 years and has worked in Holland where the salon was regularly featured in Cosmopolitan magazine. On returning home she managed the Tao clinic in Carlisle before becoming self employed 2½ years ago. Shirley is highly thought of by her clients, many have now become friends and Shirley would like to thank them for their continued support, she also wishes to say

the drains through the caravan site with the permission of Mr Stanwix and the drain has been pressure jetted fully.

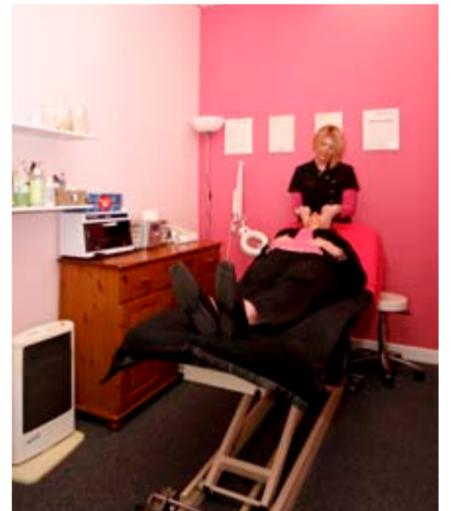
Details of a proposed lease for the section of land owned by Allerdale Borough Council at the end of the promenade were discussed. Several points require clarification as the concrete is very uneven and will require some work to be carried out before it can be open to the public.



a big thank you to her husband Malcolm for all his hard work in fitting out the new shop on Eden Street, thanks also to Brian (moggy), Carole, Sandra and Harry.

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NGS Garden Open

Lilac Cottage Garden at Blitterlees will be open to the public under the National garden schemes on two dates this year, Sunday the 26th April and Sunday 7th June.

The garden consist of approximately one acre with five south facing compartments of varying widths branching off from the main east to west partly shaded lawned walk. The garden features raised and woodland areas with large lawned areas and a stylish sandstone gazebo. Each one has an individual theme, well stocked with plants, shrubs and trees providing colour and interest all year round.

The garden was created by the previous owners in the mid 1980's and has been transformed by the new owners to ensure that garden is productive as well as beautiful showing off it's many borders and beds to best advantage.

The gardens five compartments consist of a large lawned garden edged on one side with magnolia trees and bordered on the other two sides by beech and yew hedging, the ornamental garden has brick pillars and raised beds along a gravel path with climbing shrubs and hand painted antique garden implements. The mixed borders consist of a woodland bed, herbaceous border, also fruit trees under planted with soft fruits, three tulip trees, one of which is variegated leaved and the maze garden is raised from the main garden by a series of steps and consists of evergreen shrubs and plants with a meandering



path which has a surprise around every corner. The Family Garden has as its centre piece a stylish gazebo with sandstone pillars and cedar shingle roof, surrounded by herbaceous planting and trees and includes a vegetable plot.

The NGS is a registered charity which opens gardens of quality, character and interest to the public. Since 1927 they have raised almost £40 million to support nursing and caring charities, £25 million in

the last 10 years. Lilac Cottage Garden will be open on the above dates between the hours of 11-4pm at a cost of £3 with teas and coffees also available at a small cost.

Rotary News

Report by: Geoff Betsworth

New member Colin Taylor was thrown in at the deep-end during the Christmas period when he played a key role in Santa's visit to the town. The people of the town gave very generously when Santa's helpers passed by with the Rotary donation buckets and a total of £436 was collected which will go to various Rotary charities. Santa and his helpers would like to thank everyone for the seasonal comestibles that helped to make the evening a very enjoyable one. Thanks also to Rob Critchlow for supplying Santa's transport & drivers on the night.

Another important event for the club at the end of the year is the donations we make to local and national organisations. Among the recipients were: Abbeytown Pre School, Calvert Trust, Alzheimer's Society, Chrysalis, Cumbria Deaf Association, Eden Valley Hospice, Jaipur Limb Project, MacMillan Cancer Support, Silloth RNLI, Sightsavers, James Rennie, Holme St. Cuthbert, Holme Cultram, Silloth Community & Silloth Primary Schools, WaterAid, Jubilee Sailing Trust, Silloth First Responders, British Heart Foundation, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Silloth

Open Door Group, Riding for the Disabled, Jigsaw, Middlesbrough Special Baby Unit, Silloth Nursing Home and Silloth Junior Football Club.

February saw the club hold its fifth charity fundraising night at Stanwix Holiday Park. This year's event featured "The Olly Alcock Band" from Carlisle who brought their own brand of blues to Silloth. Before Olly "The Dangerous Brothers" an outfit from Kendal entertained with their mix of rock classics and newer material.

The club held its annual singalong for the senior citizens of Silloth in the social club. This popular event has been organised for the past 25 years by Jim Watson, one of the club's founder members. This year the entertainment included performances by some of the students of Silloth Community College. They were followed by singalong regulars Danny & Joan, Country Rose, John Eilbeck, May Pryke, Clive Whittle, Tom Stalker & Frank Field. Thanks to all the

entertainers for their contributions and to the ladies of The Inner Wheel Club for preparing the suppers, and the staff of the social club for helping to make the evening a great success. The raffle raised £126.50 and the generosity of all who donated prizes is much appreciated.

Among the Silloth Rotary Club events to look out for during the year are Stroke Awareness Day which will be held at the Golf Hotel on April 19th between 11am-2pm, Silloth Rotary Open Golf Tournament on 18th July and the Kite Festival 25/26th July. Finally for those who regularly partake in the senior citizens annual summer coach trip, the outing planned for this year is a visit to Skipton in Yorkshire. The trip is planned for 13th August and tickets priced £14 will be available from Jim Watson.

For more information about the club at Silloth or Rotary in general please contact the club P.R. Chairman on 07748 098081.

Curry Night

A Taste of the East comes to Silloth.

Silloth Lifeboat Fundraising Committee is holding a Curry Night on Saturday, 2nd May (May Day Bank Holiday Weekend). The event will take place at St Andrews Hall on Solway Street with food being served from 7pm onwards. Last orders for food 8:15pm.

The menu will consist of: Popadoms and chutney, Starter (a choice of two), Main Course (a choice of three), Rice or Chapattis, (Vegetarians are catered for).

Tickets are £8.50 per person or £30 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2

children). Tickets can be obtained from Don and Chris on 016973 31698.

You can bring your own beer or wine to accompany your meal. Soft drinks will be available at a small cost.

All proceeds are in aid of the Silloth Lifeboat. A room raffle will be held on the night.

Committee Members, Don and Chris say "this is something completely new to Silloth and we hope that you will come and join us for an evening of good food and a bit of fun.

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Satisfied Pop-Ins

Report by:
Pam Blaylock

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This has proved very popular again, with people travelling from as far afield as Workington, Carlisle and even Wigton to enjoy the warming



soup and good company. The cake stall always proves very popular, even though some of the regulars say "we really

shouldn't"! The bric-a-brac stall also attracts lots of attention. Thank you everyone for your support.

Craft Classes



Report by: Diana Shaw

The Craft Classes held in the Methodist Church cosy Schoolroom, which began in September 2008, have been very successful. Approximately 15 ladies meet on Wednesday afternoons.

What enjoyable afternoons they are turning out to be, lots of crafts are being shared and learned. We also enjoy cups of tea or coffee and delicious cakes baked by the organiser Robina Bond.

Are you interested in joining the group? Don't be shy. Just come along any Wednesday afternoon from 1:30pm to 3:30pm, where a warm welcome awaits you, there's always room for more.

Ventriloquists



Sleepy Bee
by
Corrie Natrass
from
Holme St. Cuthbert School



Report by: Sue Draude

The Ventriloquists would like to thank all those who attended the event at Silloth Social Club last January for

their support.

The concert was sold out and £125 was donated to Silloth Lifeboat station.

The Ventriloquists can be seen again at Blennerhasset village hall

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Causewayhead WI

Report by: Patricia Froggatt

President Pat Bell welcomed members and visitors to our special February evening, and then introduced our guest, Professor Chris Hardacre from Queens University, Belfast, ably assisted by Jamie Hardacre, a pupil of Sullivan Upper School.

The demonstration we were about to see was entitled 'Chemistry in Action'. Prof. Hardacre informed us that the Chemical Industry in the UK has a turnover of approximately £50 billion and Research and Development accounted for about 10% of sales. He produced a box of a certain breakfast cereal and asked his audience what type of iron was included – no one guessed the correct type. It was apparently the metallic form, which I think caused some surprise. He then did an experiment to show how hot energy is. He then went on to explain the different

structures of Glucose, Enzymes and Silicon, and did an experiment which contained potato starch, water, and iodine. Another experiment was done with gun powder and he explained why it needed to have a fuse to produce the necessary explosion. Members were then asked to shield their eyes as he demonstrated how to obtain a flash with magnesium, which was used in the early days of photography. Some of the members and visitors were asked to assist in the demonstrations and were only to keen to do so.

Prof. Hardacre concluded his demonstration by making ice cream for everyone by adding nitrogen to the raw ingredients. This proved to be very popular with his audience. The whole evening proved to be a huge success with much laughter and surprise at what they were seeing.

A vote of thanks was given by Margaret Durham, who stated that

the experience had been both informative and great fun.

After a short break the general business was then conducted; this included details of the darts competition and the venue for the birthday party on the 7th May. The President also informed members that we would be de-registering as a charity due to recent changes. The WI AGM would this year be held at the Albert Hall – details were given to the meeting for anyone wishing to attend.

The Social half hour then followed with a picture quiz – the winners of which were Jean Day and Gloria Hunter.

Competitions:
Flower: Jean Day and Frances Jackson
Condiment Set: Frances Jackson and Margaret Prudhoe
Raffle: Ann Palmer and Pat Froggatt
Grocery Parcels: Margaret Peach, Jean Graham, Kath Baty.

Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

President Audrey Harrison welcomed 16 members to the first meeting of Abbeytown WI in 2009.

Mr. Mike Carrier was welcomed to give a slide show about the Isle of Mey. Scottish National Heritage owns the Island and Mike told us how he came to join four others to go each October to count and ring birds during their migration flight from colder places, and how they use the Isle of Mey to rest especially during bad weather. This meant that it was better for the men if the weather was bad because that meant more birds came. He went from 1971 continuously until 2000 so he did the work for practically 30 years. They slept in the building known as the Low Light. The High Light was the first lighthouse built in Scotland when the lighthouse men worked

six weeks on and six weeks off. Everything had to be carried to the island by boat and if the weather was rough it meant they were there longer than intended. 70% of the gannet population is found on the island and 50% of puffins in the UK. At one time they were very low in numbers but have picked up in recent years, though with the climate change sand worms are now getting less, which means there is less food for the birds, and they are once again losing numbers. Elsie Donald thanked Mike for a very interesting talk.

The birthday party was again discussed and books of raffle tickets distributed. It is our turn to send a delegate to the AGM in June and Gladys Temple agreed to represent us. Joyce Wilson's group were in charge of the social time and distributed prizes for everyone.

Solway Coast Web Site

1st March saw the launch of a new web site www.lakedistrict-solwaycoast.co.uk.

An informative site that lists places to eat, places to stay and attractions in the area from Maryport to Bowness on Solway. When completed, the site will also have a diary of events in the area and lists of places of similar interest for example Nature trails or History trails.

Designed to fit in the gap between the end of Hadrian's wall and Maryport and the Western Lake district. The new site should be of interest to walkers cyclists and holiday makers and of course local people, many of whom don't really know what is on offer in this large section of Cumbria.

As a back up to the new web site an organisation 'Friends of the Solway' is being created'. It intended to unite tourist related businesses in the area and find ways to develop opportunities and support growth. This should create jobs for local people. If you would like to join www.lakedistrict-solwaycoast.co.uk or become a Friend of the Solway please contact Bill James at Bank Mill Nurseries, Tel: 01900 881340

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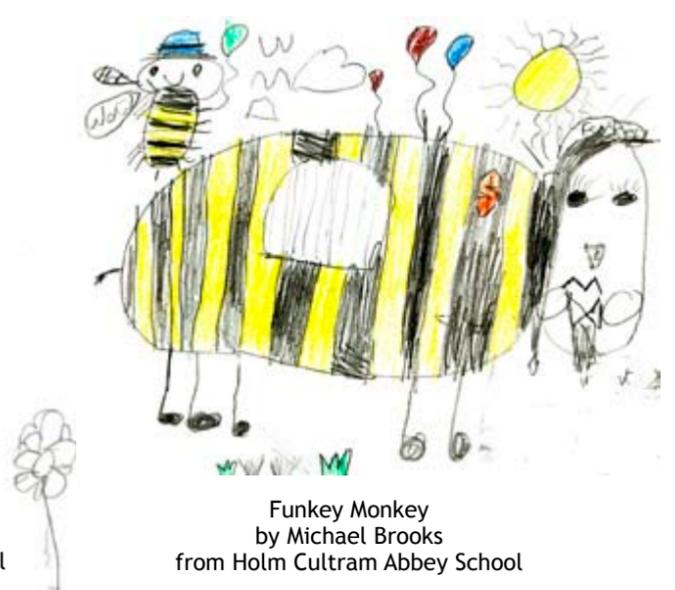
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Letters

Dear Buzz,

Please see our Police report & Dates for the Diary on page 4 which advises on the new dates when a community officer will be holding a police surgery. PCSO Noblet has been involved in the setting up of a Youth Club in Silloth. There has been great support for this venture from local residents, organisations and the council. The help has been very much appreciated however the youth club will be able to offer a better service to the community if more people can get behind the club and volunteer either as a committee member or as a volunteer who can attend the open nights. Volunteering is very rewarding and the courses that the Youth Club will send you on can improve your CV. Certificates can be gained by volunteering which also looks very good on any work applications/promotions. There have been more reports of suspicious people in the town trying to sell goods and services by cold calling - that is selling something to you on your doorstep by no previous appointment. Please be very cautious when answering the door to some one you do not know and our advice would be to only purchase goods or services from reputable people. Please report if you see anyone selling anything suspicious on 0845 33 00 247 As there have been two fires in the area and a local fire fighter has asked me to promote their free service to the public where you can have free fire alarms fitted in your homes and free surveys carried out in your home advising you of safe practice. This service

to the public is invaluable and could save your life or that of someone you know. Please call in at a police surgery to organise getting this arranged or call in at your local fire station leaving a message. If you have the internet go to www.cumbriafire.gov.uk. Your local PCSO Lindsey Noblet is leaving Wigton station in March to become a constable at Workington Station. A new PCSO will be assigned to the area in the next few months. Lindsey thanks everyone she has met and worked with over the past two years. Her time in Silloth has been very rewarding. She hopes to be back one day...

Dear Buzz,

I have just started on a new research project for the Holme St Cuthbert History Group which may form part of our next "Plain People" book. I am looking at "The Postwar War Years: 1945 - 1953". I am hoping your readers will be able to help me with the first three topics I am working on. I would love to talk to anyone who actually worked on the building of the new seawall between 1949 and 1950. We already have some excellent pictures of the construction work but it would be most interesting to hear about the working conditions and what the pay was like! I would also like to talk to any of the ladies who worked at the Redmayne's factory in Eden Street, which opened around 1947. Please does anyone have any pictures of the factory or examples of the things they made? Finally, and most importantly, I would love to collect some memories

from the families who "Squatted" in the former RAF Huts at West Silloth and on the airfield right after the war. I have already found quite a lot of newspaper articles about this but I have no pictures at all. If you can help, please get in touch. You can write, email me on jpostle@tiscali.co.uk or phone me on 01228 530198.

Peter Ostle

Dear Buzz,

I am writing this letter to let the people of Silloth know that I have decided to pull Silloth U16 Boys Football team out of the League. At the time they were in second place with an away match to the team one point above them. Yet only four players from Silloth decided to turn up. I have been running a Junior team for two and a half years now and this is the final straw that breaks the Camels back! In that time I've allowed over 40 boys to play competitive Football and not one of their parents have given me a hand with Coaching or setting up the pitch. This season it's become even more difficult to get them to transport their kids to away matches. I also run the Mens team and logistically on a Saturday this becomes a problem if I have two matches to do! Where possible I have used the Community Bus and parents still haven't come along to support their children. Even so even at home matches I have only seen four parents turn up this season and I've put them on Saturday mornings, Sunday mornings and Sunday afternoons. This might

mean the parents aren't that interested in watching them play which is in sharp contrast to every team that comes here, where at least half a dozen and regularly more turn up to watch their children at Silloth. Bearing this in mind I see absolutely no reason why I should continue. We have had an excellent team this season despite some awful attitudes from some of the players. In fact some local parents decide to send their boys to another club 20 miles away, probably because of the apathy of the people of Silloth - but this hasn't helped me one bit! I would like to thank the parents that have helped this season, those being: Angus, Sue, Peter and Lyndsey it has been most appreciated. If anyone has any problems with this letter you can contact me on 31297.

Colin Baty

Dear Buzz,

Following the letter in the December Buzz, in which Mike Madden offered Bridge lessons, I took up this offer and am now enjoying the classes very much. There is still room for any others interested in learning this fascinating game. I will be pleased to pass on details.

David Thornthwaite 016973 31083

Dear Buzz,

My wife Alexandra Smith of 80 Skinburness Road who in February would have been aged 91 years old, died suddenly. I would like to thank all those kind people who sent sympathy cards and who attended the cremation service at the Carlisle Crematorium on the 14th January 2009. I also thank Rev. Byrom for his comforting service and Mr Scott for his efficient funeral arrangements.

Ronald G. Smith

Dear Buzz,

I have lived here for almost four years and have two dogs. Silloth Green and the sea front are both lovely areas and ideal for walking dogs. May I appeal to your sense of decency and pride and ask all dog owners to clear up after your dogs. Clean-up bags are free from the Tourist Information Centre, please take advantage of this service and make Silloth even more beautiful.

Mrs J Crawford

Poems

Thoughts From A Chair by Mrs P Antolak

Easter is late again this year.
So, in my chair, I just must wait
And dream my dreams of times held dear,
And that I do, so oft of late.

Come with me to those years ago
When I was young, and full of life.
Carefree and hopeful too, with face aglow
With time untouched by fear or strife.

Those golden years of childhood
Spent in calm serenity,
When Easter was the time one understood
To welcome spring and its identity.

The snowdrop first to thrust its head
Through leafy compost in the wood.
What is that power it has to pierce
Its way through hardened soil? - It would.

And then the windflowers (Maidens Fair)
Dance their dance of joy in spring.
White dresses sway, without a care
That frosts might have another fling.

Ah! Once I too could join that dance
And wear a dress of windflower white
Stepping and gliding to enhance
The fact of youth, which was my right.

Is that a nest I see up there?
Hidden by leaves just budding fresh.
A bird is busy gathering hair
And feathers soft, to line its nest.

Yes, spring will come, do not despair,
The eternal promise it will bring,
And from the vantage of my chair
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Correction

The photograph of the lifeboat on page 7 of the last edition was in fact taken by Helen Strickland. We apologies for printing the wrong information.

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Banty Trot Star

Report & Photo by: Jimmy Lettice

With the turn of the new year it seems we have a new star in the Banty Trot fraternity.

Stephen Fraser is ripping up the form book and taking the competition by storm. During January he finished first or second every week.

Stephen is a truly natural talented golfer, the golfer that makes you sick!

Close on his heels is the ever present Lennie



Stephen Fraser

Hodgins followed by mister consistency Kenny Jefferson. This years Banty Trot promises to be the hottest yet.

Police Report

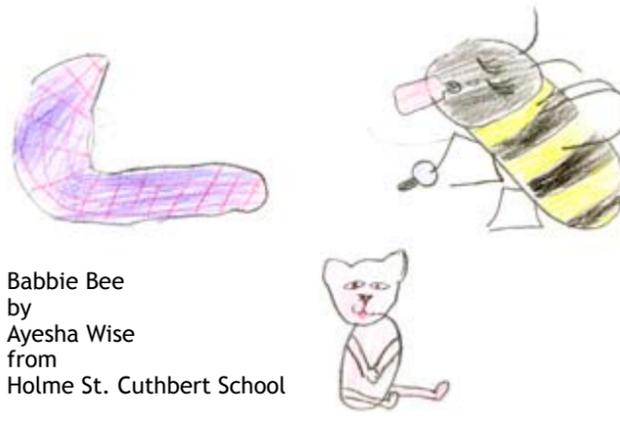


I am PC 476 Andy Robertson and I am a member of the local North Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing team operating from Wigton Police Station. Together with my PCSO, we have a responsibility for Silloth, Allonby, Abbeytown, Kirkbride, Bowness on Solway, Kirkbampton and the villages in between. Although we have been dedicated officers for Silloth for sometime now we will be new faces in your community.

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Babbie Bee by Ayesha Wise from Holme St. Cuthbert School

Retirement

Report & Photo by: Jimmy Lettice

After a long and distinguished working life Bill Lewis has decided to call it a day and hang his overalls and bait box up once and for all.

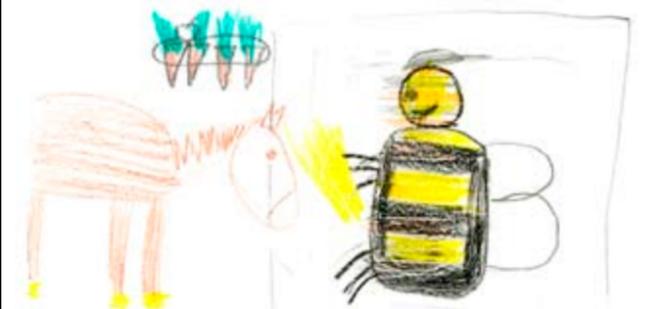
Bill has finally reached the magic age which enables him to retire and put his feet up. That's what he thinks - his wife Terry has a long, long list of unfinished promised jobs around the house for him to finally tackle.

Hopefully Bill will continue to support the SPG Golf Society and keep in touch with the lads. He is currently busy



organising this years reunion trip to the superb Isle of Bute.

From all the lads at the Golf, Soccer and Rugby clubs have a great retirement Bill and take it easy.



Horse Feeder Bee by Leah Pearson from Holme St. Cuthbert School

Tide Table

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

APRIL 2009		SILLOTH							
		DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE							
		High Water				Low Water			
Date		Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	W	03 06	6.8	15 40	6.4	09 59	-0.3	22 16	-0.0
2	TH	04 02	6.1	16 45	5.8	10 56	0.1	23 17	0.5
3	F	05 15	5.5	18 10	5.2			12 18	0.4
4	SA	06 49	5.4	19 42	5.4	00 46	0.7	13 56	0.3
5	SU	08 11	5.8	20 53	6.0	02 27	0.6	15 20	-0.1
6	M	09 15	6.5	21 48	6.6	03 46	-0.0	16 24	-0.6
7	TU	10 05	7.1	22 32	7.2	04 43	-0.4	17 15	-1.0
8	W	10 50	7.5	23 12	7.4	05 30	-0.8	18 00	-1.2
9	TH	11 30	7.7	23 49	7.5	06 14	-1.0	18 41	-1.3
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On The Waterfront

Report by: Tommy Legs

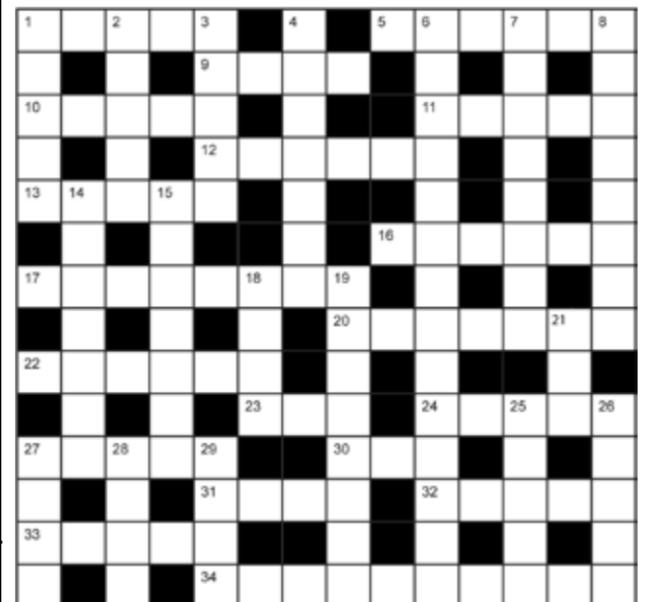
February was a slightly busier month than the previous ones with six ships visiting the port.

The first fertilizer cargo for some time was carried by the VISCOUNT from Imuiden. The BEN VARREY then brought

wheat from Sharpness and the VALIENT brought another cargo of fertilizer from Holland. The tanker ZAPADNY then brought molasses from Belfast and the ISLAY TRADER brought wheat from Sharpness. Finally the CELTIC PIONEER brought fertilizer from Spain.

Crossword

Crossword puzzle created by Mycroft



Across

- 1 Tutor (5)
- 5 Tree lined road (6)
- 9 Particle of matter (4)
- 10 Wall painting (5)
- 11 German word for revenge (5)
- 12 Country formerly called Nyasaland (6)
- 13 Town in USA (5)
- 16 Servant (6)
- 17 French working class girl (8)
- 20+30 Unintended cricket stroke (7-3)
- 22 Type of chicory (6)
- 23 Regret (3)
- 24 Norwegian playwright (5)
- 27 Hell (5)
- 30 See 20 across
- 31 Compere (5)
- 32 Overturn (2-3)
- 33 Leaf of paper (5)
- 34 Hampshire Cathedral (10)

Down

- 1 Small part in film (5)
- 2 Main artery (5)
- 3 Board game (5)
- 4 Short prayer (7)
- 6 Air of truth (14)
- 7 Tobacco component (8)
- 8 Grace (8)
- 14 Shakespearean character in The Tempest (7)
- 15 Unfriendly (7)
- 18 Rank (4)
- 19 Taking ideas from various sources (8)
- 21 Area under Bishop's authority (3)
- 25 Perspire (5)
- 26 Low point (5)
- 27 Petulant mood (4)
- 28 Herb (4)
- 29 Display (4)

Answer to issue 72 crossword

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| Across | 21 Satchel | Down | 16 Reel |
| 1 Gamut | 23 Affair | 1 Gaffe | 19 Tar |
| 5 Emerge | 24 Tor | 2 Moose | 20 Astragal |
| 9 Arid | 25 Rebut | 3 Tarry | 22 Emu |
| 10 Floor | 28 Alter | 4 Dissent | 29 Tang |
| 11 Nadir | 31 Arc | 6 Manchester City | 30 Race |
| 12 Rustic | 32 Agog | 7 Redditch | |
| 13 Enemy | 33 India | 8 Ear | |
| 17 Mettle | 34 Panac | 14 Needful | |
| 18 Vendetta | 35 Employment | 15 Mediate | |

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Tennis Club

Silloth Tennis Club Gearing Up For The Summer Season

With the new season around the corner Silloth Tennis Club are getting ready for a busy few months.

At the forefront of things is the club's bid for the LTA's Clubmark award. Similar to the FA Charter Standard for Football it is basically a "Kitemark" to say that good codes of practice are taking place within the club.

We will also be entering one or two teams into the newly formed West Cumbria

Junior League for under 16 players as well as teams at under 8, 9, 12 and 16 level in the Aegon Team Tennis League. On top of these we will have the usual club championships, outdoor and indoor coaching programme, an open day and the introduction of an adult programme for the first time, which we hope will lead to the formation of an adult team in the future.

For further details please call David Wise on 07742 547767.

Multi Sports Club

Silloth Tennis Club are currently running a multi sports club in the sports hall.

It will run on a Monday evening from 6:30pm to 7:30pm for at least 10 weeks and is designed to give children from 6 to 16 a taste of many different sports. These include Table Tennis, Badminton, Crazy Catch, Mini Tennis and Basketball.

It costs £1 per session with parents going free.

For info please call 07742 547767.

Silloth Football News



Report by: Colin Baty

Silloth Boys under 10 team

First of all lets start with the ever improving men's team. December started with a 4-0 home defeat to Whitehaven Miners then followed up with a stirring 1-1 draw away to Cockermouth with Rob Carter getting the equaliser his first goal of the season.

January started badly with an 0-8 defeat away to Salterbeck in the Cup but followed up with a battling 2-2 draw at home to Wigton Harriers, Adam Carr and Paul Hayton scoring there. Then a disappointing performance saw us lose to Frizington at home 1-4 with Paul Hayton scoring with a 30 yard free kick. Next was a 2-6 defeat to Salterbeck at home with Calvin Rowell and Adam Carr scoring then a wonderful

3-2 victory away to Salterbeck with 2 goals from Adam Carr and 1 from Brian Hayhurst the winner coming in injury time in a truly awesome game. Special mentions to Keeper Chris Telford and the dynamic double of Scott and Chris Whittle in defence. Then to round it off Silloth went to Cleator Moor Reserves and won 3-2, goals from Brian Hayhurst 2 and Paul Hayton meant that they are now off the bottom of the league, heady times indeed.

The U-16's have only managed to play three games and have won them all. 2-1 away to Maryport, 9-4 home to Abbeytown and 8-1 home to Stainburn. They are now second in the league. Unfortunately they came crashing back down to earth with 15-0 away defeat to Gilford Park - the best team in the County in the County Cup.

The U-14's are improving and although still losing they are getting closer. With a 0-9 defeat

to Netherhall and 1-4 and 2-4 defeats to St Bees and Whitehaven Miners.

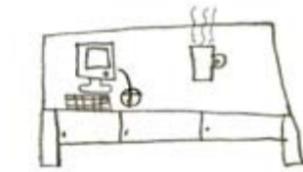
The U-12's have hit a bit of a bad patch and have lost their last 4 games 1-2 to Newlaithes, 1-6 Warwick, 2-9 Morton, 1-3 Carlisle City and home to Morton 2-6.

The U-12's girls have started again after a winter break and have struggled losing 1-8 to Bransty and 0-8 to Whitehaven Amateurs.

They need training and if your girl plays then why don't you come and give them a hand with training for ONE HOUR A WEEK. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please contact Mary on 016973 32235 regarding this.

The U-10's have only managed to play three games beating Edendale 1-0, Abbeytown 3-0 and losing to Stanwix 1-5.

Finally the U-9's have lost their last five games but have been short of players through no fault of the Coaches, more to do with the Carlisle League imposing illegal age limit laws stopping us from registering players. They have lost to Harraby 0-6, Denton 1-4, Harraby 0-2, High Hesketh 0-5 and 0-4.



Buzzy Bee by Emma Loftus from Holme St. Cuthbert School



Lou by Carly from Silloth Primary School

Abbeytown Bowling Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

Malcolm Temple welcomed Ireby Bowling Club to the Assembly Rooms for a friendly match with Abbeytown Indoor Bowling Club.

Some Ireby members had difficulty adjusting

to the different mats and at half time the score stood at Abbeytown 28 and Ireby 10. A delicious supper was provided and the raffle took place with the winners being Dick Bicknell and Marion Robinson from Ireby then Michael Faulkner, Alan

Litt, Robert Lightfoot, Audrey Harrison, Isobel Hurst and Malcolm Temple from Abbeytown. The second half some of the Ireby members found the mats easier and the score finished at Ireby 30 Abbeytown 41. Dick Smithson thanked Abbeytown for a very enjoyable evening, delicious supper and friendly games.

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Badminton

Playing in her first individual event outside Cumbria, Emily Wise surprised even herself at Gateshead International Stadium by making the semi finals in singles, runners up in the girls doubles (with Amanda Ferguson of Carlisle) and winning the mixed doubles (with Matthew Moore of Barrow).

Congratulations and thanks go to her coaches Lorraine Graham, Colin Satterthwaite and Barry Wilkinson

Following on from her Badminton success at Gateshead Emily Wise just missed out on a unique double at the recent under 12 county championships which were held at Penrith Leisure Centre. After just being edged out by 21



Emily Wise and her doubles partner Amanda Ferguson

points to 18 in the singles final she gained some consolation by partnering Carlisle's Georgina

Lowe to the doubles title winning a thrilling encounter by 21 points to 20.

Girls Football Team



Shelby Pickering, Katie Hart, Katie Garner, Katie-Jo Clark, Carmen Neelly, Phoebe Garrett, Amy Stoddart and Chantelle Connolly in strip sponsored by Shaun Bell

Report by: Mary Hillhouse

Silloth Under 12 girls football team did well in the first half of the season but after a

3 month winter break started the second half of the season with an away loss to Branstay (but they enjoyed the hot dogs and

chips after the game). Training has now restarted and hopefully they will be back to form for the rest of the season.

Silloth Tennis Club

January was a relatively quiet month for our young members.

Mary Hollick has shown the way with a set of fine performances in the Mini Red league event at Chatsworth, Carlisle as she went through the day unbeaten. She has also taken part in the weekly matchplay sessions at Maryport along with Kieron Oliver with both players acquitting themselves well.

Many of our players have been taking part in various events over the last 2 months. Players such as Kieron Oliver, Adam Story, Emily Wise, Liam Lightfoot, Joe Beaty, Mary Hollick, James Holyoake, Eve Fisher, Ben Stoddart, Josh Stoddart, Max Paton, Ryan Millican and Greg Ramsay have taken part in matches at Maryport and Carlisle with the best performance coming from Greg Ramsay who

made the final of an LTA event in Carlisle beating players from the Isle of Man and the North East along the way. He has now qualified for a higher grade competition in Edinburgh.

Congratulations go to Mark Beaty for reducing his rating to 9.2 recently as well as Matthew Little and Emily Wise who have reduced theirs to 9.1 over the winter period.

Dawn, Hannah & Emily Get The County Call

Dawn Graham, Hannah Story and Emily Wise have all been invited to initial county selection training camps at Carlisle. These camps are the first stage of selection for the county

teams with Dawn in the under 18 and Hannah and Emily in the under 14 category.

Summer Coaching & New Memberships In The Pipeline

After what seems like an eternal winter all of our players are really looking forward to the summer programme of coaching and competition with memberships up for renewal after Easter.

This year also sees the advent of junior league teams at many different levels and we will also be starting up a programme of coaching and supervised matchplay for adults. For further information please call 07742 547767.

Golfing Champions

Report by: Jimmy Lettice

The four man team of Stephen Frazer, Aleric Weightman, Davie Lightfoot and Mark Sullivan from the SPG Society are proud winners of the 2009 "Drive For Show Putt For Dough" trophy which was held at the world famous Carnoustie Golf Course.

These boys are a credit to the County - the boys done good. Their splendid combined score of 162 points left the foursome clear winners by 3 shots.

A bewildered Aleric says "it was the happiest day of my life, possibly

on par with my wedding day". The same team have already entered the 2010

competition and hope to bring the trophy back to Silloth again.



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