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The Albion Inn on Eden Street has been selected as the 'Pub of the Season' by the Campaign for Real Ale Solway Branch for Spring 2009.

Bill and Wendy Allison have been justly rewarded for their consistent efforts to serve the perfect pint.

CAMRA describe The Albion as "a welcoming, traditional two-roomed pub with a loyal following in the town. The Albion is very much at the heart of the local community, serving as a meeting place for many groups. It is also well supported by

many visitors. Pictures of old Silloth decorate the walls along with two superb models of whaling trawlers and photos celebrating the Isle of Man TT races".

This is a rare outlet for real mild, Tetleys, as well as a real ale from the local Derwent Brewery.

Silloth Lottery Award

Now spring is here and Silloth Green is finally on track for major transformations thanks to the Lottery.

The Green at Sillothon-Solway has been awarded £106,000 to back their exciting regeneration plans.

The go-ahead for

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council to kick-start the scheme has come from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and the Big Lottery Fund's 'Parks for People' initiative.

Head of HLF in the North West, Sara Hilton, said: "Today's news is a

green light to develop

exciting plans for a muchloved park that plays a key role in modern day life. Parks for People marries people's pride in the history of their parks with the need to provide up-todate facilities and access. We are delighted to invest in this park; spring is in the air and with it comes a new optimism for these special places."

New Ice Cream Shop



Mike & Brenda Davison in the Ice Cream Factory

We opened our shop 'The Ice Cream Factory' in October 2008.

We often talked about opening a shop but we could not decide what to sell. Eventually my daughters suggested that we sold ice cream, sweets, rock etc. So, we decided if we were going to do this we would make our own ice cream on the premises, made the way it should be. We now have several flavours as well as our delicious homemade dairy.

We also make cakes for birthdays and other occasions made from solid ice cream, with flavours of your choice.

We are a family run business and hope everyone enjoys our product. We would like to say thank you to all those who supported us during the winter months and hope they continue to enjoy our ice cream throughout the summer.

Also, a big thank you to Alan Quayle who helped design our window logo and flyers and was very helpful when setting up our business.

Battle of the Bands

The Battle of the Bands competition got off to a false start when Allerdale refused to allow the first competition to go ahead.

The first heat has now been re-scheduled for Saturday 25th April at 7pm in Silloth Rugby Club. There are seven bands; Brightside, Jocc, The Breed, The Alleys, Retrobution, Devil Trigger and With Lights Out. All this for only £3 entry, get there early or you won't get in.

The 2nd heat is on

Saturday 16th May at 7pm in Silloth Rugby Club. There are still a couple of places for the heats if you would like to give your band the chance to play at the Beer Festival. To enter contact Steve Hart on 016973 31517.

The T.Rex competition cut-off date has been extended to 27th May.

Get your early bird tickets at just £25 for a four day pass at the Silloth Music & Beer Festival, time is running

Photographic Competition

Following the success of the 2008 photographic competition on the theme of Solway Sunsets, Silloth Tourism Action Group are delighted to reveal there will be a new Prize Competition during 2009.

The theme this year will be "Wildlife around the Solway".

The list of prizes have not yet been finalised but hopefully will top the total of £160 awarded

last time. Conditions of entry are detailed on the Solway Buzz website, one major change from last time is there will be a limit of six entries maximum from each person and a minimum print size of 7" x 5" and a maximum size of A4, although the preferred option for entries is by email to photocomp@ solwaybuzz.co.uk. The minimum file size is 500k

and maximum file size is 10mb. Please do not reduce the image size for emailing as these cannot be used. There are two categories, 16 and under, also adult. If entering the junior category please provide your age. All entries must include a full postal address and to be submitted by 31st December 2009. No professional photographers please.

Food Club

Report by: Karen Evans

Solway Community School Food Club has been really busy over the past few weeks working on a variety of projects within the theme of "EGGS".

The first project was to decorate blown hens eggs and this provided amusement for all as we learned how to blow an egg and then spent the evening decorating them. We then moved on to making chocolate egg shells and homemade sweets. A variety of different flavoured truffles and creams were produced and in some cases they were chocolate covered. These cellophane wrapped eggs looked really good and I hope made it home as gifts for

the family!

The final project was to make Victoria sandwich cakes and decorate them ready for Easter. The results were excellent as you can see



from the photograph. We look forward to starting new projects in the summer term and would like to remind you that everyone is welcome to join in the fun on a Thursday at 3.15pm in Food Technology.

Parents are most welcome.

Mammy, Sister, Brother Bees by Evannah Irving from Silloth Primary School

Skinburness Residents Association

A combination of postponements and the Easter Break resulted in a very disappointing turnout at the meeting on Thursday 9th April. There were not enough members present to form a quorum. It was decided that the AGM will be re-arranged for early

June. (Date and time to be notified in the June edition of the Solway Buzz)

In order for the association to survive/ progress it is essential that a new committee can be formed and opinions given as to the future direction of S.R.A.

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Abbeytown Indoor Bowls

Report by: Gladys Temple

March has been a busy month for Abbeytown Indoor Bowling Club.

The first match of the month was at Blencogo where Harry Douglas welcomed 15 members to a friendly game. The first half Abbeytown were leading but after a delicious supper Blencogo took over and the score ended at Abbeytown 40 and Blencogo 50. The raffle winners were Joyce Wilson and Gladys Temple from Abbeytown, Carol Haines and Eileen Prestwich from Blencogo. Audrey Harrison thanked Blencogo for a very friendly and enjoyable evening.

The next match was at Kirkbride where the home team were leaders before supper and though Abbeytown were catching up the last game was a whitewash and the score ended at Abbeytown 28 Kirkbride 43. The raffle winners were Jean Kenny from Kirkbride, Joyce Wilson, Audrey Harrison, Robert Lightfoot and Malcolm Temple from Abbeytown.

Malcolm thanked Kirkbride for an enjoyable game and delicious supper. A fixture was made for a return match next season.

Bobby Watson welcomed Abbeytown

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Indoor Bowling Club to Bothel Village Hall for their last match of the season. Five games were played before a delicious supper was served. The Abbeytown members held their own on the new mat but the home team had the advantage on the old mat. Another five games were played and the score ended with Bothel 46 Abbeytown 36. The raffle winners were Michael Faulkner from Abbeytown and Jean Dequincey, Maggie Bell and Victor Dequincey from Bothel. Malcolm Temple thanked Bothel for a good evening and

organised a return match

at Abbeytown next

season.

Prize Draw

One lucky Allerdale resident can get their hands on a 32" LCD TV and Wii Fit game system by taking part in a leisure survey for Allerdale Borough Council.

The Council is keen to hear people's views on their local Council-owned leisure facilities, whether they are a user or a nonuser.

Allerdale Borough
Council and Carlisle
Leisure Limited have been
working in partnership
since April 2004 to
manage the three leisure
facilities within the
borough – Workington
Leisure Centre,
Cockermouth Leisure
Centre and Keswick
Leisure Pool.

During this time, the partnership has invested

over £1.6 million into the leisure facilities and has improved the quality and range of facilities available to users. These improvements include the recent refurbishment of the changing rooms at Keswick Leisure Pool and the major scheme at Cockermouth which created a new entrance foyer, activity studio, meeting room and fitness suite

The aim of the survey is to find out what people think of the current leisure provision and to see if there are other activities or opportunities that can be provided so that anyone who wishes to participate, can.

Every completed questionnaire returned will be entered into a free prize draw to win a 32" LCD TV with Wii Fit and board.

To enter, fill out the leisure survey in the Spring 2009 edition of the residents' magazine Allerdale Outlook – which is being delivered to households across the borough over the next few weeks – and return it to the address provided by 15 May 2009.

Keswick Society Of Art Spring Exhibition 7th May until 19th May

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Silloth Pensioners Coffee Morning

Report by: Patricia Froggatt

Diane Shaw, Chairperson, welcomed members to the AGM and asked the Secretary to present the Minutes of the previous AGM. She then gave her Annual Report in which she thanked everyone for their efforts during 2008, and went on to say that it had been a successful year, particularly, the Annual Outing, Strawberry Tea, Christmas afternoon tea and Christmas Party at Stanwix Leisure Centre. She then asked the Secretary and Treasurer to give their reports. Both reiterated her sentiments on the success of 2008, and the Treasurer outlined the statement of accounts which members had been given at the commencement of the meeting.

The Committee for 2009 was elected as follows: Chair: Diane Shaw Vice Chair: Maureen Irvine Joan Carey Secretary: Carol Haines Treasurer: Jennifer Austel Press Officer: Pat Froggatt Committee: Margaret Durham, Margaret Crawford, Pat Bell, Elaine Johnson.

Birthdays,

Anniversaries,

Parties,

Events,

etc.

It was decided to hold a special event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Recreation Hall, and this would take place in September.

A coffee morning for Silloth & District Pensioners was held at the Pensioners hall on Saturday 4th April and once again this was well attended.

We were pleased to welcome a number of visitors to Silloth along with many local residents.

The cake stall and bric-a-brac stall did a roaring trade and were the first port of call for most people before settling down to enjoy their coffee, tea, scones and biscuits. There was a general buzz in the room as everyone met with friends and acquaintances and caught up on the local news and gossip.

During the morning Nan did her usual mannequin parade showing off items of clothing in the hope that she could tempt customers to purchase some of the stylish items available for sale.

The raffle was well patronised and there were five prize winners. The amount raised was £120.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to all the helpers.

Silloth Children's Centre Launch



Report by: Hannah Davison

Fifty green balloons were released over Silloth on Thursday 9th April to mark the official launch of the towns' children's centre.

The purpose-built children's centre was opened last year near Silloth Primary School, Barnardo's have now celebrated a successful beginning with a launch ceremony. The day was packed with activities for the children to enjoy, these included Easter egg hunt, face painting,

balloon launch and Cheeky Charlie.

The launch was an opportunity for parents and members of the community to have a look around and find out a bit more about what services are currently available and what is planned for the coming months.

The centre provides

integrated services for families with children under five including family learning, training courses for parents, breast feeding support, healthy eating advice, play development and family support.

In addition, rooms in the centre are available for community use.



school holidays the centre also provides a wide variety of family activities and play schemes for children up to 11 years old.

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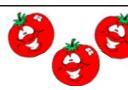
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Sfilloth.RNILT.Shop

Shop Opening Hours

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 apologies 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.

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

Sessions are on:

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

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

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Dates for the Diary

Book Sale. Stalls

Spring Bank Holiday

Book Sale, Stalls

Bavarian Night in

& refreshments at Waverton

& refreshments at Waverton

Church in aid of Christ Church

aid of Silloth First Responders

in Golf Hotel, tickets £15 inc

glass, tel 016973 31438

Church in aid of Christ Church

April

Garden Open at Lilac Cottage, Blitterlees from 11am to 4pm under the National Gardens Scheme, entry £3

Battle of the Bands 25th 1st heat in Silloth Rugby Club @ 7pm contact S Hart 016973 31517 (Re-scheduled)

Police Surgery at 29th Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm

2nd Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall, Eden Street

Curry Night 2nd in aid of RNLI from 7pm in St Andrews Church Hall see article

4th May Bank Holiday

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

Plant Sale, Crafts 10th & Produce at Culterham Hall, Mawbray 10am to 4pm

St. Andrews Church 10th 125 year Anniversary Church open to all with free entry, come and see our displays

11th Silloth Town Council meeting

Useful Tel Numbers

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01228 544444

MP, Tony Cunningham:

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Copy date for the June issue

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

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Wigton Theatre Club 12th present 'Ladies Day', tickets from Station Road Garage 016973 44620 @ £5 / £4.50

Causewayhead WI 13th Resolution Meeting at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth, 7pm

Wigton Theatre Club 13th present 'Ladies Day', tickets from Station Road Garage 016973 44620 @ £5 / £4.50

Wigton Theatre Club 14th present 'Ladies Day', tickets from Station Road Garage 016973 44620 @ £5 / £4.50

Wigton Theatre Club 15th present 'Ladies Day', tickets from Station Road Garage 016973 44620 @ £5 / £4.50

16th Crunch Service Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

16th Battle of the Bands 2nd heat in Silloth Rugby Club @ 7pm contact S Hart 016973 31517

Wigton Theatre Club 16th present 'Ladies Day', tickets from Station Road Garage 016973 44620 @ £5 / £4.50

Silloth Annual Town 18th Meeting in the Discovery Centre @ 7pm

Council meeting at 7:30pm at Silloth Community Hall

Holme Low Parish

Book Sale, Stalls

19th

22nd

21st Book Sale, Stalls & refreshments at Waverton Church in aid of Christ Church

& refreshments at Waverton Church in aid of Christ Church 22nd Megson play

traditional songs in Culterham Hall, Mawbray at 7:30pm tickets £6, tel: 01900 881353

23rd Book Sale Stalls & refreshments at Waverton Church in aid of Christ Church

__ Football Training_

Silloth Football Club

Times 2009

Under 7's & Under 9's

Monday 5pm to 6:30pm

Contact Melanie Irving 32850

Under 10's

Monday 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Contact Kevin Dixon 31954

Under 12's

Thursday 4pm to 5:30pm

Contact Derek Wallace 32050

Under 14's

av 5:30nm to 7

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Men's

Tuesday 6:30pm to 8pm

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Over 35's

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Time

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

6th Annual Outing of Silloth & District Pensioners

Garden Open at Lilac Cottage, Blitterlees from 11am to 4pm under the National Gardens Scheme, entry £3

7th Abbevtown Road Run, call 016973 61105 or 016973 61798

10th Causewayhead WI meeting at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth, at 7pm. Topic: 'Cheese Making

20th Crunch Service Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

20th Vintage Rally on Silloth Green

Wigton Theatre Club 20th present 'Tutti Frutti', for 4-7 year olds at 3pm, tickets from Station Road Garage 016973 44620 @ £6 / £3.50 Family ticket £15.50

Giant Car Boot Sale 21st 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

Strawberry Afternoon 4th Tea in St. Andrews Hall, Solway Street

Police Surgery at Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm

6th Silloth Town Council meeting

Julycontal

Causewayhead WI 8th 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

11th Crunch Service Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

16th

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

Summer Sandwich

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

24th Summer Concert by Christ Church & St. Pauls Men's Choir

25th Silloth Kite Festival on Silloth Green

25th Abbeytown Carnival

26th Silloth Kite Festival on Silloth Green

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

August_

Police Surgery at Abbeytown Assembly Rooms 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Police Surgery at Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm

3rd to 16th Port History Exhibition @ Silloth Discovery Centre

Crunch Service Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

Craft & Produce Sale at Culterham Hall, Mawbray 10am to 4pm

15th Greenfest on Silloth Green

16th Greenfest on Silloth Green

Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm at Silloth Community Hall

Solfest 2009 www.SolwayFestival.co.uk

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30th Solfest 2009 www.SolwayFestival.co.uk

31st Silloth Carnival

September

5th Silloth & District Pensioners Golden Anniversary

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**

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

Local Food, Craft 13th & Produce Sale at Culterham Hall, Mawbray 10am to 4pm

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

19th Crunch Service Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

_October____

Old Time Music Hall in Trinity Methodist Church at 7pm, Dig out those old clothes and enjoy yourselves

Coffee Morning in the 3rd Recreation Hall, Eden Street

Police Surgery at 4th Abbeytown Assembly Rooms 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Police Surgery at 4th Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm

5th Silloth Town Council meeting

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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.

This month the winner is Sadie Jackson from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee called "Michael Jackson - The Bee Version".



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.

Recycling

Silloth Plastic Recycling Bank

Allerdale Borough Council would like to remind people of the need to put the correct materials into recycling

Recently there have been reports that the plastic bottle recycling bank on the Criffel Street car park in Silloth has contained a number of materials other than plastic bottles. In particular, a lot of nonrecyclable waste is being dumped in the recycling bank, including dirty nappies. Such abuse of the recycling facility threatens the sustainability of providing this service.

Allerdale Borough Council relies on contractors to reprocess the materials collected in the recycling banks and currently these contractors are only able to collect the higher grade plastics that are used to produce plastic bottles. Collecting these higher grade plastic (identified by a number 1 or 2 in the recycle symbol on the bottom of most plastic products) means that the operation is more resistant to down-turns in the recycling market as there is a greater demand in the UK for these higher grade

Residents are urged to check that the number printed on their plastic bottles is 1 or 2 before putting them into

the recycling bank, as any different types of materials can cause an unnecessary disruption to the recycling process. Low grade plastics such as those used in food trays, yoghurt pots and polystyrene packaging are more difficult to reprocess and therefore should not be placed in Allerdale Borough Council's recycling cages. The Council cannot collect these types of plastics as it does not have a market for them. Plastic bottle tops can be accepted, although they should be removed and the bottles squashed before being placed in the

Allerdale Borough Council would like to thank residents for their understanding and their continued support of the borough's recycling schemes.

Poop Scooper

Free poop scoop bags set to continue

Councillor Sam Standage, Allerdale Borough Council's Executive member with responsibility for the Environment, announced at last night's full Council meeting that dog owners would not be charged for poop scoop bags.

The Council had been recommended to introduce a 50 pence charge for a pack of bags – which it has given away free for the past five years – in order to cover the growing cost to the Council of providing this service. Councillor Sam Standage said: "We didn't feel that the charge was warranted in the current financial situation as it could create more dog fouling on the streets and in parks, with people possibly being reluctant to pay for the poop scoop bags when they've had

them free in the past. The benefits from the income it would bring the Council would have been far outweighed by the problems it may have caused our residents and visitors, which is why we chose to continue providing the free poop scoop service."

The decision to distribute free poop scoop bags was introduced in 2004 to encourage residents and visitors to clean up after their dogs. Almost three million poop scoop bags have been provided to people free of charge by Allerdale Borough Council over the last five

Currently none of the borough's neighbouring local authorities give out free poop scoop bags. Any additional costs will now be met by Allerdale Borough Council's budget for 2009 to 2010.

Arthritis Support

Report by: Gladys Temple

Apologies were received from Francis Green, Eleanor Hodgson, Edna Marper, Mary Peile and Christine Smithson at the March meeting. Cards had been sent to Eleanor and Joan. Joan Gilbertson took the chair to take the meeting and welcomed everyone a new membership list was passed around to up date the records.

Joan welcomed Keith Milner from the Cumberland Building Society who gave us a very interesting talk on personal finances and the effect the present turmoil in the financial world is having on everyone. Mary Harrison thanked Keith for taking the time to come and talk to us and making such a subject so very interesting.

Anne Graham and Margaret Armstrong served refreshments. The lucky raffle winner was Fred Wilson

The AGM began with the election of officers. Christine Smithson is Chairman, Mary Peile Vice Chairman, Gladys Temple secretary, Mary Harrison treasurer and Anne Graham refreshment organizer. The other committee members being Joan Gilbertson, Peggy Bray and Edna Marper. Jack Bray thanked the committee for doing such a sterling job organizing the programme and arranging the meetings so efficiently.

Vice-Chair Mary Peile welcomed everyone to the April meeting of the

Arthritis Support Group. Apologies were received from Edna Marper, Francis Green, Christine Smithson, Margaret Armstrong and Peggy Bray. Best wishes were sent to those who were ill.

Mr Bert Richardson was introduced to talk about 'Life in a Village Shop'. He was very pleased to see one of our members, Fred Wilson, who used to deliver to his shop in Caldbeck many years ago. Bert explained how his father took on the shop and how over the years it was modernised firstly selling sugar, flour and other dry goods weighed out as required and then prepackaged. Self-service was introduced and other modern ideas until it gradually became the first village shop in Cumbria to introduce scanning. This was a great boon to the shopkeeper because of all the paper work to do with VAT. After answering numerous questions Bert then brought out his beautiful accordion and entertained everyone with lots of Scottish tunes. Mary thanked Bert for a very entertaining afternoon.

Anne Graham organised the refreshments and everyone enjoyed a social time reminiscing about the memories Bert had invoked. The next meeting will be on 1st May when Mary Heslam will entertain with her poems and the next chapter of her book. Anyone interested in Arthritis Support is welcome to join us.

COASTAL

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Parkinson's Society

Report by: Jane Mathews

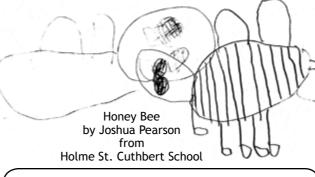
Members of the Solway Parkinson's Disease Society met at Wheyrigg Hall Hotel, Wigton on 1st April for their monthly gettogether.

After lunch Geoff Wilkinson, Cumbria Information and Support Worker, gave a very interesting talk about the Parkinson's Disease

Society. Members were surprised to learn that only about a quarter of Parkinson's sufferers in the UK are members of the Society. In this 40th anniversary since the founding of the PDS support workers are trying to raise its profile. 20th to 26th April is

Parkinson's Awareness Week.

The next Solway meeting will be at Wheyrigg Hall Hotel on Wednesday 6th May at 1pm when members and friends are looking forward to hearing Mary Heslam and her Cumbrian Tales.



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Red Noses @ SCS

Report by: Karen Evans



Students from Solway Community School raised over £300 for Comic Relief this year.

Staff and students chose to wear something funny for money and there was a catwalk parade at lunchtime for the 25 staff and students with the best costumes.

Staff entertained students to a rendition of the Comic Relief song during assembly much to the amusement of the students.

Students also took part in a fiercely contested 5 a side football tournament over three days. Eventual winners were 11 KJ known as Solway Seagull and from KS3 8JQ known as Polish your Noses.

Other events included



a talkathon in which students from different years attempted to talk continuously for 1 minute on a subject picked from a prepared list. This proved far more difficult than it looked as most students are very polite and listen to what the other person said. The rules of the talkathon meant that a student was drawn against another student and each had to talk at the other for 1 minute. It's much harder than is sounds. The overall winner was Megan Hope in Year 11.

Solfest tickets are selling steadily and anyone wanting them should not waste any time in buying them.

Solfest

We can now announce the first acts to appear on the Bar Stage. New Yorker Francis Rodino, Blues band Tantrum return after a huge response when they last appeared in 2007, also returning from the same year are fusion act Kwame D. The legendary Yaz Alexander who has sung with just about everybody who is anybody brings a touch class reggae, and punk/ indie band Geometrics and Geoff "Hurricane" Watson who returns from last year complete the initial line up and there are more yet to come.

On the Drystone Stage, Tarras will be returning after their brilliant reunion set last year and Orange Unsigned Regional Finalist Emma Gillespie.

On the Mainstage too Seth Lakeman is back at Solfest after an astounding set in 2006.

For full details as they are announced visit www. solwayfestival.co.uk.

Causewayhead WI

Report by: Patricia Froggatt

The History Of The Postal Services In Cumbria

President Pat Bell, welcomed members to the meeting which was held at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth on 11th March, and asked Secretary Jean Vorley to read the minutes of the previous meeting.

The members were informed that one of our darts teams had reached the final round of competitions which were to be held at Wigton Bowling Club on 30th March, any members wishing to go to support the team please let the committee know.

A vote was taken on whether a) to continue the raffle at the present cost of 50p. per ticket and prizes to be taken out of this, b) return to 30p. with designated members purchasing the raffle prizes, c) to abandon it altogether. Option a) was adopted.

Destroyer Bee Malena Stanners from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Members were then asked if they would a) prefer the suppers to remain as they were, b) just to have tea and biscuits. Option a) was adopted but to be monitored for the current

The Grocery parcels were also considered and it was decided on a majority vote to discontinue these.

Frances Jackson reported that the last beach clean had only produced four bags as the beach was surprising clear of rubbish.

Olga Hetherington then read out relevant details from the County News and members were informed that this was available for anyone to obtain dates, etc. from any of the items they were interested in.

The evening was then handed over to Mike Mapleton for his talk on The History of the Postal Services in Cumbria.

This proved to be a fascinating and informative talk, particularly into the history of the Post Horn and the early Stage Coach delivery of the mail. He also demonstrated the postman's whistle which none of the members were aware of. This was used to attract attention in the same way that a police whistle was used in the early years.

The first Postmaster General, Henry Bishop,

was appointed in 1660, and the Penny Black was introduced in May 1840. Mike had a large sample of early letters and postcards which he handed round after giving details of the type of letter, etc. In the early years it was mainly lawyers who sent letters and where there was no stage coach to a particular area, young boys of about 13 were employed to deliver them. Some of these boys being attacked as there were a large number of highwaymen or similar on the roads who were keen to obtain cheques which were sent in this type of mail. He gave many anecdotes and stories regarding some of this mail. He also had a number of postcards which had been sent from Silloth, Allonby, and surrounding areas by visitors who were keen to contact their families or friends whilst on holiday.

The whole evening proved to be an absorbing story of the postal services in the early years.

Olga Hetherington gave a vote of thanks which reflected everyone's thoughts on the evening.

Competitions: Raffle: Maureen Irving, Marjorie Roberts **Grocery Parcel:** Ann Harrison, Audrey Dunbar, Sheila Worsnop Flower: Ann Harrison, Jean Day Postcard: Jean Graham, Jean Wilson

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Cop Turns To Crime

Local author, Matt Hilton of Abbeytown, gave up his job as a Police Constable with Cumbria Constabulary last March when he secured an unprecedented five book deal with Hodder and Stoughton publishers.

Matt, who was based at Wigton, left the force to concentrate on writing crime/thrillers starring his hero, Joe Hunter. The first book in the Joe Hunter series is due for release on Thursday 14th May 2009.

In recognition of all the support and wellwishes he has received, Matt Hilton is holding a launch of his debut novel, Dead Men's Dust, in Carlisle on the eve of its official release.

The launch will begin at 6.30pm on Wednesday 13th May at Waterstone's, Scotch Street, Carlisle.

Matt invites readers to come along and purchase their copies early, have their books signed and hear Hilton talk about his

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Abbeytown Flower Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

Ruth Pinguey welcomed members and especially Elsie Foster who has been ill recently.

She read the record of the AGM in February and reminded member's the subscriptions were still £7 each. Yvonne Benn was then introduced to give a flower demonstration.

Her first was similar to a table decoration she had done for a wedding at Greenhill recently, which was composed of red roses and cream carnations with lots of greenery draping down a square glass vase filled with red coloured water. Yvonne told how she worked at home on her parent's farm for 12 years milking the Jersey cows until foot and mouth forced them to diversify and her Mam opened a coffee shop called Cups and Saucers while she had various jobs until she decided to go into flower arranging. The second arrangement was on a large flat plate with silver candles in the centre. Ivy made a base with skimmea, red roses green curly chrysanths and golden rod finished off with red ribbon bows. A tall wrought iron candle stick with a glass centre was the base for the next arrangement also with ivy softening the outline with lysyanthus, button chrysanths, broom and cream carnations, The last arrangement was in a large yellow cup and saucer with two types of hebe, freesia lysyanthus and button chrysanths.

Angela Middleton thanked Yvonne for a very enjoyable evening and wished her luck with her wedding and floral arrangement business.

The lucky winners of the arrangements were Margaret Greenup, Joyce Wilson, Jackie Cleveland and Leslie Evans. Noeline Foster, Audrey Harrison and Angela Garner won the competitions for a photo of a winter scene. Margaret Greenup, Pat Wise and Isobel Baird served refreshments.

The meeting on 16th April will be a flower demonstration by The Lily Basket from Maryport and the competition a flower arrangement in a teacup.

Lifeboat Naming

Report by: Eddie Studholme

The naming ceremony, which was to be held on Saturday 6th June for the new lifeboat, has been cancelled!

I will let you know as soon as possible when the new date will be - think its going to be later in the year.

Girls in Aerospace



Report by: Karen Evans

Five Year 10 girls had a great day out at the 'Girls in Aerospace' day at Southfield Technology College.

The day was organised by Aim Higher. Also attending were some female students from Manchester University, these students were all studying engineering.

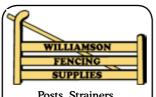
The pupils were all split into different groups with girls from different schools in the area. The main idea was to work with people they didn't know; they had to work as a team to design a hovercraft. Everyone worked well together. The morning soon flew by.

After lunch they had to finish off the hovercraft. T-shirts had

to be designed for the pilot to wear during the races which were held later on in the afternoon. After a few heats, team Music won the race with the teachers to claim the prize of the best and fastest hovercraft.

The teams were also judged on how they worked and communicated as a team, Laura Armstrong was part of the winning team, and she was given a cuddly bear and a HMV voucher.

Five very tired girls (Laura Armstrong, Bethany Wise, Lauren Ramsay, Leonie Graham and Hayley Pearson) returned to school, they had all had a good day and made many new friends.



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SCS React Award



Report by: Karen Evans

This award, sponsored by the React Foundation, is open to all Year 11 pupils who are thinking of entering 6th form next year and planning on studying engineering related subjects; maths, sciences, product design at A Level, to encourage future Engineers.

The Foundation, a charity, was conceived to encourage West Cumbrian students to attend university to study an engineering related degree.

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As an engineer you have the capability to benefit societies across the globe with projects aimed at improving infrastructures, reducing pollution, developing new sources of energy or more efficient transport systems. If you are not happy with the way the world is heading then, as an engineer, you will have the capacity to change

things - for the better. An engineering degree will also help ensure you are equipped with many of the skills needed to succeed in life such as a logical approach to problem-solving, effective communications and an ability to think 'outside of the box'. Studying engineering and working on team projects will also benefit your management skills which will be highly prized by potential employers.

Mrs Baird put forward the names of all the Year 11 pupils from Solway Community School who were intending to take up such a course - then the React Foundation made the selection; the lucky winner was Ryan Johnstone who will receive a cheque for £200 once he enrols on the appropriate course in the future. He and his form tutor Miss Jones went to Workington to receive his award recently.

Further to this there are also sponsorship awards for sixth formers to apply for from the React Foundation of up to £3,145 which will pay for the first year's tuition fees for any pupil taking an Engineering degree.

Big Concert Night



Report by: Derek & Diana Shaw

On Friday evening 03rd April 2009 a Concert was held by the Dalston Male Voice Choir at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth.

The event started with a 1/2 hour organ recital by Derek Shaw. This was followed by the main event of the evening, the Choir, being announced by Mrs. Elizabeth Lowther.

The strong personality and hard work of the Musical Director, Hillary Hodgson, was evident in the high level of performance of the Choir ably assisted by the accompanist, Lorraine Gash, who did an excellent job.

The variety of the Choirs music ranged from traditional, to songs from around the World. During the New Zealand section we were entertained by the "HAKA", which was definitely different and powerfully displayed. A Barbers Shop Quartet "Close Shave" gave an excellent harmony

in both halves of the evening.

The announcer was Michael Williams who added some humorous connotations throughout the evening. The Choir ended with an encore "SHALOM" which was a very fitting end for the occasion.

The Rev. Kim Hurst, Superintendent Methodist Minister, gave a vote of thanks at the end of the performance.

The evening continued in true Trinity Methodist fashion with refreshments by the ladies of the Church.

Thanks and appreciation goes to these ladies for the hard work they put in baking

and serving home made Buttered Scones, Fancy Cakes, Shortbread, Biscuits, Tea and Coffee. Again heartfelt thanks to Dalston Male Voice Choir for "Male Voice

Choir singing at its best" with close knit harmony. It was a treat to see them enjoying their singing. A full house had a truly memorable and enjoyable evening.



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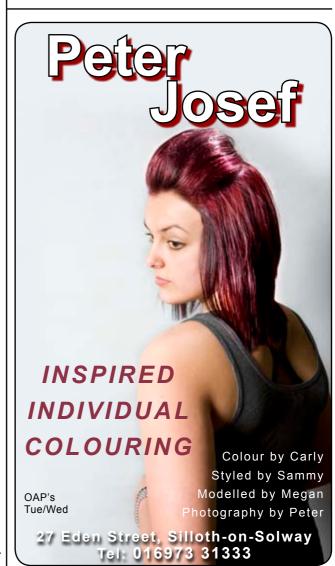
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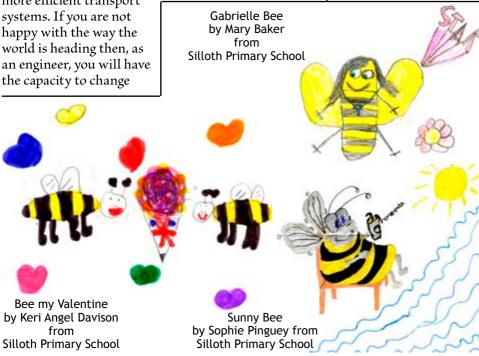
Sammy and Carly have created a fantastic new colour for our model Megan, Summer Fruits was their inspiration.

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Mayors Report

Report by: Graham Wilkinson

The Chairman reported he had attended six functions within the past month ranging from a choir concert in Carlisle hosted by the Chairman of Cumbria County Council, a brass band with mail voice choir in Whitehaven and the Inter Junior School Choir at Stanwix Park, all very enjoyable evenings.

The police report included several arrests for theft within the town, several incidents of criminal damage together with unsocial behaviour around the town.

The meeting welcomed Mike Philips who introduced Andy Bush, Andy is the newly appointed Chief Officer for the North Allerdale Development Trust. He gave a brief history of his background from living in the Lincoln area, past work experience in obtaining funds for projects and he has now moved to the area.

Correspondence dealt with included Cumbria County Council minerals and waste development framework policies and proposals. A request for permission to site a memorial seat on the Green or seafront and requests for use of the Green for events throughout the summer.

Reports from representatives included the Primary School post for a Deputy Headmaster, this been advertised, plans are also afoot to extend the school hall. The Joint



Advisory Committee area management plan is out to consultation, the Chief Officer of Natural England is due to visit the area in mid May.

The Regeneration Partnership said the Heritage Lottery Fund bid for the upgrade of the Green was hard work but this has paid off with an award of funding for the project. However much more paperwork and planning will be required before work can start.

Solway Community Technology College students have been extending lessons until 7pm to enhance their studies with help of school staff. Many feel it is a benefit rather than doing the work at home where there are distractions. The Annual Town Meeting will take place at the Heritage Centre on Monday 18th May at

Requests for financial assistance were received from Silloth Vintage Rally, North Allerdale Development Trust and the Great North Air Ambulance, these were all agreed. A request from Silloth Tourism Action Group was referred back for further information.

Allotments are in

Silloth Green Funding Report by: Tony Markley

increasing demand, there is a waiting list of around 20, a meeting is to be held to see if further land can be found or better use

made of the existing site.

The annual salary review was discussed following the agreement by the National Joint Council for local government services, the details of the final settlement were agreed.

Heritage Lottery Bid for the Regeneration of the Green

On behalf of Silloth Town Council, the residents and visitors to Silloth, thanks must be given to the Regeneration Partnership chaired by Bill Allison for there hard work over the past three

In association with Liz Carlisle of Consultants Ruby Tiger Ltd who has drawn together all the parties i.e. Town Council, North Allerdale Development Trust, The North West Development Agency, Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council in the preparation of the submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Thankfully the many hours of hard work have paid dividend with the panel members of the Heritage Lottery Parks for People Fund accepting the bid.

However there is still a large amount of work to be done on the project before work can start on the ground.

After years of dedication by members of Silloth Town Council, Silloth Regeneration Partnership and Liz Carlisle at Ruby Tiger Consultants, I must thank everyone in the team for their hard work and welcome the announcement of securing the Heritage Lottery Bid. This will kick start the regeneration of Silloth.

Time and dedication shown by certain members of the Silloth Town Council and Silloth Regeneration is a credit to the town. We all had a vision and through hard work, persistence and skill, the first stage of the bid has been successful.

We must now progress and negotiate additional funding to promote Silloth, which in my eyes can only be described as the "Crowned Resort on the Solway Coast". Together we have and

This just goes to show what team work can achieve, well done everyone, and thank you the Heritage Lottery Fund and other funding bodies.



Regeneration Partnership, said: "I am delighted that the hard work of the team involved in the Silloth Green Project has been recognised at national level. The high level of partnership working has now been rewarded, and we look forward to working once again with all our partners to ensure the Stage 2 bid comes to fruition. This project has already delivered many benefits to our community through the intensive consultation process, from which ideas and suggestions have been forthcoming

Silloth and the surrounding area as a direct result of the success of this bid. On a personal level I wish to thank all those who have been involved, for their help and support with the scheme; this truly is a massive achievement and I feel it will be proven to be the catalyst for other projects that the Silloth Regeneration Partnership are

and welcomed from all age groups. We

now see light at the end of the tunnel and

major future benefits for the community of

presently working on."



Lottery Statement

National Lottery puts a spring into North West's plans for park transformations.

Helen Bullough, Big Lottery Fund Head of the North West region added: "The Big Lottery Fund is pleased to be part of the renaissance of our public parks that can be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike."

During the summer months The Green is the venue for popular events including a beer festival, a kite festival, vintage car rally, fairs and markets.

Like other seaside resorts, the fortunes of Silloth have waned in recent decades and this is reflected in the condition of The Green. However, the Lottery development

grant will enable the Council to work up their plans for a major £2.5 million restoration project to the site.

Plans are expected to include restoration of the historic elements of The Green including the 1850's pagoda and 1920's ladies toilet. The history of The Green and of the town will be brought to life in orientation panels and a nature trail with associated interpretive shelter will reveal more about the site's wildlife.

Plans also include a new putting green and water play area, alongside the re-introduction of the performance area or 'Happy Valley' that was once a feature of The Green in bygone days.



Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

The 83rd Birthday of Abbeytown WI took a new format this year. The party has always been held in the Assembly Rooms with guests and a large raffle but this year is was suggested members would like to go out for a meal and Denton House, Hesket New Market was chosen as the venue.

President Audrey Harrison welcomed 20 members who joined Sebergham WI, they were also celebrating their Birthday and everyone

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enjoyed a lovely meal.

This meant that the large draw had to be held at the committee meeting on 2nd March in the Assembly Rooms. The lucky winners were Jessie Ostle, Margery Dargie, Robert Lightfoot, Kirsty Fraser, Jane McGough Alison Holliday, Kath Holliday, Phyllis Dockeray, Brian Robertson, Jean McDonough George Briggs, Jack Robertson, Mary Briggs, Mary Mattinson and Ann Richardson.

Italian Night

Report by: Avril Quinn

Year 10 went to Stanwix on Tuesday 24 March for bowling, pool and an Italian meal.

It was fabulous great fun and excellent food. Adam Ellis was the bowling champ with the highest score, Ben Rowell and Marios were the doubles winners and Caris Mackay was the top potter at pool!

We'd like to thank Claire and Stephen for their excellent organisation of the night, we are looking forward to the next one!

Thanks to Mr Green, Mr Harris and Andy Johnstone for giving up their time to come with



Mortgage Advice Report by: Jenny Beattie

Over the last ten years or so, house prices have risen rapidly and mortgages have been relatively easy to get. Today, you don't need to be reminded that house prices are falling and fewer mortgages are available, but that doesn't mean that you can't still find a re-mortgage deal.

If your fixed rate mortgage deal is coming to an end, you may think that the recent reductions in the Bank of England base rate will mean your mortgage will get cheaper when your current deal ends. You may be right, but it's wise to check. Despite a combined drop of 4.5% since the start of October, mortgage rates vary from lender to lender and changes to standard variable rates (SVR) since the Bank of England rate reductions have been; well, variable.

If your deal is due to expire, or already has, check whether your existing mortgage deal requires you to pay an early repayment charge to redeem your mortgage early. This shouldn't stop you thinking about

switching, but you will need to weigh the costs of redeeming your current mortgage against the savings that could be made by re-mortgaging.

The credit crunch is responsible for a significant reduction in the number of mortgage deals available but there is still a choice, and that choice is likely to increase as the dust settles. Don't think the reduction in the number of mortgages means there are no deals to be had.

However, re-mortgaging won't be an option for everyone. Borrowers with a low amount of equity or a history of struggling to make payments may find it difficult to get a new mortgage. Many financial organisations will now only consider new mortgage applications from borrowers who have over 25% equity in their property. Most mortgage providers have reduced the loan to value (LTV) ratio they offer largely because they are not sure what's going to happen to house prices. While prices continue to fall, lenders do not want to offer

mortgages on properties which may be worth less than the value of the mortgage in the future.

When thinking about re-mortgaging, many people start out with good intentions, but are deterred by the perceived hassle. Don't let this put you off though. Re-mortgaging does not involve the same amount of preparation, paperwork and pressure that moving home does.

When you have chosen your new deal the hard part is over, and all that remains is to contact your solicitor who will organise for the repayment of your existing loan with your current lender at the same time as your new mortgage starts. Some lenders will include 'free legal work' within their re-mortgage offer, and will organise the legal work for you.

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Letters

Dear Buzz,

Once again, Sarah and her team at the Open Door Lunch Club excelled themselves for their Easter lunch, with around sixty residents and visitors enjoying a lovely lunch all for a donation.

The event started with some wise Easter words from Rev. Bill Asbury who gave a talk on hot cross buns and painted hard boiled eggs, after which he presented two loyal helpers with eggs he had painted earlier. Then followed songs from Country Rose and

Everyone enjoyed the meal and had a good natter, please support the cause.

G. Wilkinson

Dear Buzz,

CAN ANYONE HELP

We are a Silloth rock band called Rigsby and we are in need of somewhere to rehearse. So far, Douglas and Mandy at the Balmoral Hotel have been great, but we are a bit noisy and really need somewhere where we will not disturb the neighbours. Can we please issue a plea to anyone in the surrounding area of Silloth who has a barn, shed or out-house with electricity that we could use for an hour or two once a week. We will happily pay for the electricity we use. The sooner we find somewhere more private, the better. Please contact Dan on 016973 32620 or 07809 899024 or at 9 New Street, Silloth.

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Dear Buzz,

I picked up the April edition of your excellent community newspaper when visiting the wonderful Gincase with my grand children over Easter. Congratulations on a well-produced paper giving a real sense of the strong community in North Allerdale.

I feel, however, that I should correct a slightly misleading impression given in the report from Solway Arts. While Solway Arts has been an invaluable champion of the arts for many years and it is highly regrettable that it has lost its Allerdale funding, it should be pointed out that high quality arts events are still being supported by Allerdale B.C. through Arts Out West, the West Cumbria Rural Touring Scheme. The scheme operates successfully in Mawbray, Plumbland, Aikton, Caldbeck, Ireby, Torpenhow, Kirkbampton and Bowness at present. It has recently completed a two week residency by African musicians World Muzik Makers in Bowness on Solway, culminating in a schools concert at the White Heather Hotel attended by 350 parents. Pat Williams, Solway Arts chair, makes a comparison with Cockermouth where she says the arts continue to be funded by Allerdale. In fact investment in Cockermouth has also been heavily cut this year, and in any case was always very

> **Bob Pritchard** Arts Out West Project Coordinator

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Yours sincerely,

Dear Buzz,

I am hoping either someone on your staff or one of your readers can help me locate the location of a Public House called the Foresters Arms in Silloth in about

I am researching my wife's ancestors and one of them moved from the public house called The Nab (location known) in Causewayhead to the Foresters Arms in Silloth. Hoping someone can assist me in finding the location as it certainly is not known now.

Thanking you in anticipation, My e-mail is mark493@talktalk.net.

Mark Hannan



Luke Buzz Walker by Andrew Wise from Holme St. Cuthbert School

Blackpool Trip

Due to the popular annual Blackpool Trip, I intend to organise another on 20th September.

Everyone is welcome, please book your seats as soon as possible, (some regular trippers have already booked!).

Contact Olga M Wood, 1 Petteril Terrace, Silloth, or phone 31013.

Thank-you for your support.

Poems

These words taken from The United Nations Environmental Sabbath Service are surely food for thought

A Prayer of Sorrow

We have forgotten who we are. We have forgotten who we are

We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding

We have become estranged from the movements of the earth

We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.

We have forgotten who we are. We have sought only our own security We have exploited simply for our own ends We have distorted our knowledge We have abused our power.

We have forgotten who we are. Now the land is barren And the waters are poisoned And the air is polluted.

We have forgotten who we are. Now the forests are dying And the creatures are disappearing And the humans are despairing.

We have forgotten who we are. We ask forgiveness We ask for the gift of remembering We ask for the strength to change.

A Prayer of Healing

We join with the earth and with each other. To bring new life to the land To restore the waters To refresh the air

We join with the earth and with each other. To renew the forests To care for the plants To protect the creatures

We join with the earth and with each other. To celebrate the seas To rejoice the sunlight To sing the song of the stars

We join with the earth and with each other. To recall our destiny To renew our spirits To reinvigorate our bodies

With the environment in peril maybe we should be thinking a little more "green"

The image of the Green Man across the world is far too old to be clearly defined; but possibly THE FATHER FIGURE OF MOTHER EARTH may suffice.



Carving of Green Man by Michael Faulkner

With MAY DAY just ahead of us it is noticeable that celebrations of the May Queen and Maypole Dancing appear to have slipped away somewhat - seems a bit of a shame.

Celebrated across Europe and associated with the banishment of Winter heralding the new life of Spring, most towns and villages did their own thing and they were always colourful and happy occasions. There are still quite a number of events held in the UK, some quite large and take over entire towns involved e.g. Padstow "obby oss", Jack in the Green Hastings, Rochester Sweeps, etc. (There are numerous web sites full of information).

Who knows, perhaps we could have a revival here in 2010.

We join with the earth and with each other. To create the human community To promote justice and peace To remember our children

We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery: for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life.

One Day in The Month of May by Pauline Mole

In the sun, on my sunbed, one afternoon in late May, I listen to the sounds around, whilst in comfort I lay. The faraway drone of the mad motorway rush, Is in complete contrast to the trill of the Thrush.

My neighbours are gardening, busy pulling out the weeds, The digging of a trowel, which a tidy garden needs. Further over is a lawn mower, striping up a lawn, But it doesn't spoil the Blackbird's song, as the grass is neatly mown.

Then I open one eye and peep up at the sky, To see the sapphire blue of a ceiling so high. It is splotched with white splashes, all abstract and bright, And I watch, as they so slowly, move o'er the great height.

Nearer comes an aeroplane, so noisy and loud, And as it journeys into yonder, the birds continue singing proud. I sit up now, to view my own dear garden there, Where smiling pansy faces, are trying hard not to stare.

Pink, blue and purple colours, cascading over the wall, Tulips tall and straight, above the Stonecrop, short and small. Bluebells guard the Oxalis, which will bloom in June, July, While the miniature Azalea flowers, are sadly due to die.

Hebes and Conifers, each different in shape and size, Amongst Berberis and Spiraeas, are a varied and mingled prize. Soon it will all change again, new life is yet to grow, Yes, even when the snow has gone, and all is covered in snow.

But THIS warm day, in the month of May, is a blessing from above, I can feel the peace and delight, of my own little world of love. Even the gnomes look happy and ready for the days ahead, And, now I'm relaxed and refreshed, I'll tackle my next flower bed.

A Prayer of Gratitude We rejoice in all life. We live in all things All things live in us

We rejoice in all life. We live by the sun We move with the stars

We rejoice in all life. We eat from the earth We drink from the rain We breathe from the air

We rejoice in all life. We share with the creatures We have strength through their gifts

We rejoice in all life. We depend on the forests We have knowledge through their secrets

We rejoice in all life. We have the privilege of seeing and understanding We have the responsibility of caring We have the joy of celebrating.

We are full of the grace of creation We are graceful We are grateful We rejoice in all life.

Report by: Tommy Legs

support is shown.

March was quite a busy month with eight ships visiting the port. The ERIC

HAMMAN was first with fertilizer from Rouen followed by the KELVARI with fertilizer from Gydinia. The ARKLOW SPRAY then brought fertilizer from

Rouen. The BEN VARREY brought wheat from Liverpool, the MIKHAIL DUDIN brought fertilizer from St. Petersburgh and the SYAM brought wheat from Wolgast.

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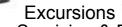
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Silloth Foodies

Report by: Karen Evans

Solway Community Technology College is to become a national leader on school meals and food education!

The School was selected by the Lottery funded Food for life partnership to become one of 180 flagship schools and communities that will be recognised as national leaders on food quality and food education. Taking up the challenge laid down by Jamie Oliver's school dinners' campaign, the Food for life partnership has been funded by the National Lottery.

The Partnership will now help Solway School put more fresh, local and organic food on the menu and get the pupils

and interested parents and groups cooking and growing food and visiting local farms.

The FFLP regional co-ordinator said "Solway Community Technology College has been selected as a flagship school because they are committed to giving food the priority it deserves as part of their commitment to the life-long welfare and skills of their pupils, and are willing to share their learning with other schools. To get involved Schools should visit www. foodforlife.org.uk."

Headteacher, Susie

Shepherd, said: "We are delighted that the school's innovative practice in food technology and the excellent standard of our school meals have been recognised by the Food for Life partnership. We are looking forward to working with the partnership to involve even more of our students in cooking and growing food. Our cooking club is very popular".

Solway Community Technology College has also been Highly Commended in the recent Year of Food and Farming School Challenge.

Tide Table

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

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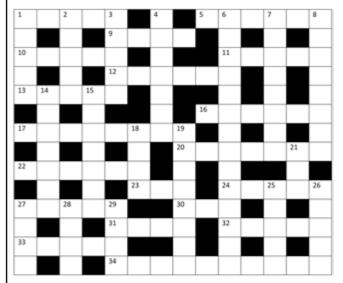
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- 1. Cereal plant (5)
- 5. Express disapprova 9. See 26 Down (5-4)
- 10. South American animal (5)
- 11. Species of duck (5) 12. Type of finch (6) 13. Flavouring (5)
- 16. Pattern (6) 17. Greek muse of epic poetry (8)
- 20. Existing in name only (7)

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- 22. Flag (6) 23. Make mistake (3) 24. Capital of Ghana (5)
- 27. Untidy (5) 30. ___ Gibson = . 31. Therefore (4)
- 32. Acknow
- 33. Kingly (5)
- 34. Successful (10)

Editors apologies, the answer to issue 73 crossword will be in the next

edition due to a mux-ip. Fred Bee

> from Silloth Primary School

- 1. Island on which the 'Venus de Milo' was found (5) Highly decorated form of Japanese porcelain (5)
 Obliterate (5)
- 4. North Western suburb of London (7)
- Ancestral home of Dukes of Maril
 Title of a poem by Keats (8)
- 8. Fatal (8)
- 14. Pacify (7) 15. First day of month in ancient Roman calendar (7) 18. Glant (4)
- 19. Huge (8) 21. Ventilate (3)
- 25. Original character in last of the Summer Wine (5)
- 26. and 9 across Latin phrase meaning 'Guilty Ac
- 27. Bog (4)



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Report by: Jimmy Lettice

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The sessions provided

by the club are free and delivered by qualified coaching staff. Our aim is to encourage youngsters to participate in regular healthy exercise through the rugby session while also having fun.

We firstly introduce basic skills and disciplines of Rugby, progressing to playing games against other clubs and schools in the County. Should any parents wish to help, their support will be very welcome.

Silloth Tennis Club Juniors

Report by: David Wise

Liam & Joe Make Good Progress In Maryport Mini Red **Event**

Liam Lightfoot and Joe Beaty showed good improvement by making the semi final and quarter final stages respectively of the Easter Mini Red competition at Maryport.

Mary Hollick won the plate event as well as Kieron Oliver performing well in his first higher level event it was another good day for Silloth's young players.

(Liam, Mary, Joe and Kieron among the mini red players).

King Kev Takes First Tennis Title!

After many years of close misses Kevin Brown's continued hard work has finally paid off with his first ever tournament victory at a very windswept Maryport Tennis Club during the Easter holidays. In fact, Kevin was in control all day and apart from a very close semi final against another in form Sillothian in the shape of Matthew Oliver his victory was a very comfortable one. He eventually beat Workington's Luke Todd 4-0 in the final. For his part, Matthew rounded off a good day for Silloth players by winning the 3rd place play off, beating Workington's James Murray 4-2.

(Kevin is on the left of the photo).





SCS Football

The Allerdale Soccer League season is drawing to a close with games against Keswick this week. Results so far:

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Craft and Produce Markets Culterham Hall, Mawbray Village

The very popular markets at Mawbray are returning for a 6th season and will be held on Sundays from 10am - 4pm on the following dates

> Sunday May 10th Plant Sale, Crafts & Produce

> > Sunday June 21st Giant Car Boot Sale

Sunday Aug 9th Craft and Produce

Sunday Sept 13th Local Food, Craft & produce

> Sunday Nov 22nd Christmas Market

If you are interested in having a stall please contact Karen Simpson 01900 881353 for details.

We run a very popular and profitable Tea Room when we hold the markets. If you are interested in doing the catering please contact Karen on the above number for more details.

Silloth Social Club

VACANCY

Part time Barperson required, must be flexible with hours, Nationally agreed rates paid.

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Contact: The Secretary, Silloth Social Club

라Culterham Hall 년 **Mawbray Village**

Friday 22nd May 7:30pm

Megson

Folk Awards. Stu and Debbie perform their own compositions

Bring your own refreshments. Tickets Adults £6 contact Karen Simpson 01900 881353

Junior Fishing

Report by: Jimmy Lettice

Silloth Rugby Club are finding their Junior Fishing Competition is becoming even more popular and was a great success this year.

The event was kindly sponsored by Royal Mail and with over 20 young anglers participating it was always going to a close competition. The lack of fish during the first two hours proved to be a test of nerve and patience. As high tide arrived the fish started to bite, many were landed unharmed and put back. There were codling, dabs, flounders and plaice were a plenty.

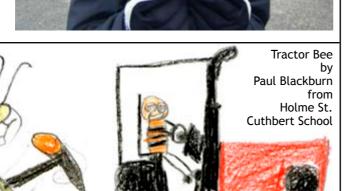
Thirteen year old Robbie Harrison was again star of the day with twelve year old Ross Jefferson a close second. Third place went to Adrian Williams from Abbeytown. All contestants received a prize (or two).

Special thanks must go to Bill Aymes for helping with the tide times and ensuring the competition was a success.



Above: Champion Robbie Harrison Below: Runner up Ross Jefferson





Junior Captain's Drive In



L-R Ryan Murphy, Daniel Lettice, Blane Clorley, Luke Graham, Hannah Smith, Oliver Tallontire and Jonathon Tallontire

The new season got under way with the Junior Captains Drive In on March 15th.

Captain Oliver Tallontire hit the first tee shot confidently down the first fairway. Oliver playing with Vice Captain Daniel Lettice continued in fine form to win the main competition with an excellent score of 44 points. Blane Clorley came through to take the runners up spot thanks to an excellent level par back nine, Blane said afterwards the wind kept blowing my hair out of place on the front nine but playing partner Hannah Smith gave me a

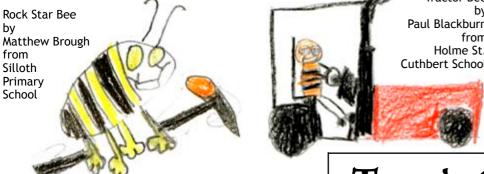
couple of tips and I never looked back.

In the high handicap section Ryan Murphy came through to take the prize in his first ever competition! Well done Ryan. To round off an excellent day for the Tallontire family younger brother Jonathon came through to win the Black Marker competition, proud father 'Tally' has promised both boys new clubs for doing so well.

In the Fraser Cup Daniel Lettice came through to win in

difficult conditions edging out Oliver Tallontire into the runners up place. Ryan Murphy once again claimed the High Handicap prize with Rachel McSharry taking the honours off the Black Markers.

Junior coaching is now taking place on Saturday mornings for those without handicaps and non members and Saturday afternoons for members with handicaps, dates and times are available by contacting the pro shop.



Sir Matt Buzzbee

Andrew Blackburn

Silloth

Tennis Coaching

Summer Tennis Programme Under Way

This summer sees the introduction of an adult coaching and competition programme at Silloth Tennis Club.

We will have coaching for beginners, improvers and even over

50 coaching as well. For further details or to book a place on the adult coaching programme please contact David Wise on 07742 547767 or Chris Whittle on 07599 990651.



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