

Silloth Childcare Initiative

A steering group has now been formed and a site has been identified for the new childcare centre. Linda Henshall and Pamela Johnston from R.A.S.C.A.L.S. Nurseries who have set up several centres in the North East are acting as advisors for the project.

A full days seminar was held recently in order to establish a business plan to move the project forward by applying for funding.

The centre will be a much needed facility for

Silloth and surrounding areas. It will hopefully incorporate a breakfast club, after school club, Holiday play scheme, crèche and full time and sessional day care.

The project has backing from the Primary and Secondary Schools, the council and businesses from Silloth and the surrounding areas.

Steering group meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month in the Community Hall at 7pm.

Discovery Centre Gardens



Photo courtesy of Bill Allen

Have you had a look at the Garden outside the Discovery Centre at Silloth recently? Have you seen working parties of ladies beavering away with trowels, spades and rakes?

This is Causewayhead W.I.'s contribution to the Community Members have offered to weed, rake and generally maintain the Gardens. The whole area has been weeded, bulbs planted and a quantity of litter (mainly sweet wrappers) picked up.

There have already been appreciative comments, and we do thank the ladies at the Discovery Centre for the welcome cups of tea or coffee at the end of our labours !

Buzzing Good Volunteers

Many thanks to our new Solway Buzz volunteers, after last months appeal for The Crofts, straight away three people came forward then a fourth stepped in to act as reserve for any of the three.

Without the many volunteers helping out everywhere, this little paper would not be the success it is, keep up the good work and once again a very big thank you each and every one of our fantastic volunteers.

Art Exhibition

The Inner Wheel Club of Silloth-on-Solway are holding an Art Exhibition of Watercolours, Oil Paintings, Photographs and Antique Prints, in the Ballroom of The Golf Hotel on Friday 16th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May, at 10am to 5pm each day.

Exhibiting artists from Silloth include Kaye Ritchie, Frank Reynolds, Marjorie Littleton, Photographer Peter Cusack and Heather and Olive Wood who are kindly helping us with this event.

Also exhibiting is Judy Currie from Alnwick who is a teacher of Art and has exhibited widely in Northumberland.

Andrew Johnstone from Maryport will be exhibiting his work with an interesting oil painting of

the marsh.

There is also a fascinating collection of Victorian prints and engravings exhibited by Stuart Brownrigg and Wallace J. Bisset.

Admission fee of £1 is payable at the door which will be a donation to Cancer Research U.K.

On the evening of Friday 16th May a "Cheese & Wine" evening is to be held in the Exhibition from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Tickets for this event are £3.50 with proceeds to Cancer Research U.K.

Please come along to either (or both) of these events to see a wonderful display of local art and help support a very worthy cause.

Tickets are available from The Golf Hotel.

Blue Peter Bikeathon

Blue Peter Bikeathon is coming to Silloth

Following two hugely successful events – and an astonishing £850,000 raised so far for Leukaemia Research – the Blue Peter Bikeathon is back on Sunday 4th May.

Children from Silloth are being asked to join the fun.

"It's all happening at Silloth Promenade" said local organiser Beth Allison "and we're hoping for

a fantastic turnout from kids in the Silloth area. Children from all over the UK are taking part, cycling hard and hopefully raising loads of sponsorship money."

More than 24,500 people are affected by leukaemia and other blood cancers like lymphoma and Hodgkin's disease.

To register visit www.bbc.co.uk/bluepeter.

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