

## First Responders

**Silloth will soon have its own First Responders.**

First Responders are volunteers who are trained and equipped to provide life saving skills in the local community.

Twenty Two volunteers started training at the start of January in which they will be taught life saving skills.

The volunteers met at the Silloth Fire Station for the first of a series of sessions during which they will be trained to cope with cases of heart attacks, unknown collapse, drowning, choking and other categories of emergencies.

Trained by Paramedic Andy Dolton, they will provide cover 24 hours a day 7 days a week to provide help with emergencies when requested by Cumbria Ambulance Service.

Fund raising has started to raise the set-up and running costs. Set-up costs will be approximately £8,000 which will buy the defibrillator, training equipment, pagers and extensive first aid kit.

Local horse Needwood Spirit's owners "The Famous Five Racing" came out front by donating two C.P.R. Training Mannikins. The Town Council have paid for the first years' rental of the pagers. Silloth Rotary Club have offered to fund half of the defibrillator costs.

The First Responders are looking for people interested in being on the fund raising committee, with one of the first events being a charity auction in February or March.

Anyone with goods to be donated to be auctioned-off, please deliver them to The Golf Hotel, or OakLeaf Hardware, you can also leave donations at these locations.

For more information about First Responders, or to help fund raise, or to join and train as a volunteer, contact Peter Gilmore on

## Silloth Xmas Lights Switch On



Bill Allison, Silloth Town Mayor, performed the xmas lights switch on ceremony on Friday 30th November, a group of children from Silloth Primary School (above) sang Christmas Carols to entertain the crowds in Eden Street on a night which started wet but soon dried up.

## Raffle Winner



A young guest drawing a winning ticket from the tub held by Business Association Chairman, Peter Cusack.

Silloth & District Business Association held the draw for their first annual raffle in The Golf Hotel after the Xmas Lights switching on ceremony.

The first prize of £500 cash went to June Cusack.

Five runners up prizes of £100 cash each, went to: Owen Taylor, L. Allen, Clive Whittle, Margaret Fletcher & Louise Carr.



Top: Street entertainment  
Middle: Santas' Grotto  
Bottom: Silloth Rotary raising

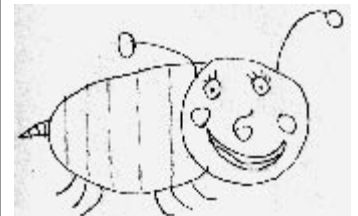
## Silloth Rotary

Silloth-on-Solway Rotary Club had their 26th Charter night in The Golf Hotel on the 18th January.

President Tim Barker welcomed over 100 Rotarians and guests from all over the County and as far as Glasgow for what is known as one of the best Charters in the Northern Area.

Silloth Rotary are appealing for old or unused Spectacles to send to Third World Countries, if you have some to spare please take them to The Golf Hotel.

President Tim and all members would like to wish everyone all the best for the New Year.



Bumble by Lauren McMaster from Holme St. Cuthbert School, Mawbray age 8.

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