

Local History - Skinburness

Skinburness was developed with the establishment of a Cistercian Abbey at Holme Cultrum (Abbeytown) in about 1150 A.D. The Monks as an extension of their intensive cultivation of land encouraged local people to farm the Solway Marshes. These Cistercian Monks developed a small Port at Skinburness to export wool. Skinburness became a famous town in the district and was famous for its salt industry.

During the reign of Edward 1st and 3rd the Abbey was held in Royal regard with Royalty often visiting, especially during the Scottish wars.

The Abbots supremacy in the area ended with the dissolution of the monasteries under the rule of Henry 8th.

During the 13th century under Charter of Edward 1st, Skinburness became a considerable market town with a market held every Thursday and a fair once a year

In 1299 Skinburness was a chief Port for the supply of arms to Edward 1st forces for their naval expeditions against Scotland and for eight years was the home of the English Navy.

In 1301 the Abbot of Hulme Cultrum was granted powers to build a Church at Skinburness (there is a

field along Grune Point that has always been known as Chapel or Church Field).

In approximately 1302 the village of Skinburness was destroyed by a storm leaving the village buried beneath the off-shore sands, the cause of which is unknown. As a result of this disaster the remaining inhabitants moved further inland and built their new town on the march, namely Newtown Arlosh. This new township to all intent and purpose replaced the village of Skinburness with the powers to build a Church there being granted in 1303 and the rights held by Skinburness to hold a market and fair being transferred to Newtown Arlosh in 1305.

Despite this disaster the Edwards continued to use the Port at Skinburness, but the Port was never developed as had originally been planned.

During the reign of Elizabeth 1st it was proposed to construct a Port in Silloth Bay, but this did not come to fruition during her reign because of the continual Scottish boat raids.

During this whole period with Skinburness as an active Port, coupled with dangerous tides and shifting sands there were numerous ships wrecked, upon which a smuggling industry grew aided by the isolation of the area and the ability to avoid shore patrols.

Grants Meeting

Solway Coast Neighbourhood Forum are having their next Grants Meeting in the Community Hall, Silloth, on Friday 25th February.

Any applications submitted will be dealt with at this meeting.

For further information, please contact Pat Ackred on: 01900 325013.

Christingle Service

The Annual Christingle Service will be held in Christ Church, Silloth, during the family service on Sunday 3rd February at 10.00am.

This is the nearest Sunday to Candlemas.

Everyone is invited to participate and receive a Christingle Candle



Barbie Bee
by Hollie Wills
from
Holm Cultrum Abbey
Abbeytown

Tips for the Top

Mid Length Bobs

How to get 'the look'.

Keep your hair smooth with regular Clynol Intensive Treatments.

Go for colour, to achieve a healthy shine and contrasting texture.

Create ticks by using a round bristle brush, tie a small section of hair around the brush as you blow dry.

Try using hairspray to maintain volume at the crown.
Peter Cusack

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It's up there

Two men, standing on a clear night on Silloth Green!

They quite probably live in Lawn Terrace and are looking for the I.S.S. (International Space Satellite) which can be seen clearly at certain times. For instance on the 21st December @ 17:28 'til 17:33 it was visible looking to the right-hand side of Carrs Mill, travelling to an altitude of 20 degrees, towards Skiddaw.

For information on sightings, log on to www.heavens-above.com

Alternative Column

Have you checked your 'Stars' today in the national newspapers?

Did you read through the special supplements this month telling you what the rest of this year has in store?

You did?

Well, don't be afraid to own up - I did, too! But it really shouldn't be taken as 'gospel'! Unless the astrologer has the personal birth data for each of us i.e. date, time and place of birth - then what you're reading is an extremely simplified appraisal of general trends at work for each sign.

The effects of the movement of the planets upon each individual can only be properly interpreted by a detailed analysis of the birth chart of each person at the time they were born. So we really ought not to take those predictions to heart!

In that case, what will The Alternative Column offer its readers? Quite simply, a light-hearted look at those personality traits common to each sign of the zodiac, together with a few snippets of alternative information that you might not be aware of!

After we've looked at all twelve signs of the zodiac (and assuming, of course, that you're all still reading the column!) we can then have a look at the increasing spread of alternative therapies that are becoming much more familiar to us. These can offer an alternative to - or complement - conventional medicine. For example, areas like Acupuncture, and Reiki - a form of spiritual healing that most people may be completely unaware of, but which has, in fact, produced some positive results.

However, all that is for

HELP!

Mawbray Village Hall
is in need of cheap / free sound equipment to help
with their various live shows.

If you can help,
please contact Steve Weedall on 01900 881499