

Letters to the Buzz

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Grateful thanks must go to the owners who decorated their windows and also to the members of the public who helped put up the town Christmas lights,

It has now become a ritual for myself and friends (who visit every New Year) to go round town with the “winners” list and view the windows. Unfortunately only 5 were lit out of 11 or so (New Years Day 7pm) but they were magnificent. Thanks to all - especially Amanda and Colin of Waver Street who switched them on specially for us when they saw us “snooping”.

Bill Amyes has been seen regularly both putting up and taking down the street lights (with his assistant Marilyn holding the ladders) - so to both of you, and unseen others, many thanks. It must be a very cold and dismal job in this weather, but we do appreciate it.

Isabel, Kevin, Lynne and Steven

Queen’s Jubilee

At the last Town Council meeting the subject of celebrations for the Queen’s Golden Jubilee was discussed. It was suggested that it should be mentioned in the Solway Buzz and that ideas should be requested from members of the public as to what sort of celebrations (if any) they would like to see.

The Bank Holiday weekend of 1st to 4th June is when most events will be taking place for the Jubilee. Monday 3rd June will be an additional Bank Holiday to mark the Golden Jubilee. The Spring Bank Holiday, which would otherwise fall on 27th May, will be moved to Tuesday 4th June when there will be a National Service of Thanksgiving at St. Paul’s Cathedral.

Suggestions can be sent to the Town Clerk at 5 Burnswark Terrace, Solway Street, Silloth or passed to any Councillor.

Silloth Community Development Centre



Top left: Hazel Allen, Linda Cork, Carol Carr, Judith Davison, Gillian Jones, Christine Strickland.

Bottom left: Tommy Akitt (Community Tutor) Marlene Abbot, Diane Graham (Manager & Community Tutor), Juliet Thomas, and David Catton. All these students completed short courses in either Introduction to IT or Desk Top Publisher.

Certificates were also sent out to students who completed a full days course on Food Hygiene. These students are:

Geoff Betsworth, Sarah Betsworth, Dee Bosward, Jacci Der-rane, Kay Elliot Irwin, Debbie Fearon, Amanda Fisher Jean Pat-
tinson, Peggie Richardson, Nicola Scott and Deborah Fearon.

Silloth OAP’s Association



Photo courtesy of: Bill Allan

Committee and helpers in the kitchen, left to right, Angela Hoodless, Isabel Gilmour, Isabel Thomlinson, Dorothy Maxwell, Margaret Smith, Maureen Irving, Dorothy Rowell.

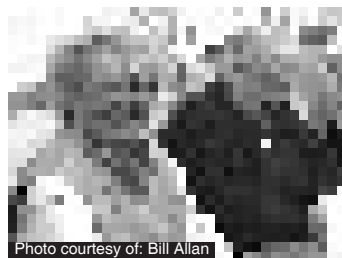


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Chairperson – Diana Shaw and Mrs Denard on the cake stall.

Silloth OAP’s held the first coffee morning of the year, which was a great success, £115 was raised. These are normally held on the first Saturday of the month.

The money raised from

these and the weekly whist and domino drives is used to fund the Annual Trip, Christmas Party, as well as the upkeep and running of the Pensioners Hut.

Whist drives are held every Tuesday at 2pm and Thursday evening at 7:30pm and Friday afternoon at 2pm.

Everyone is welcome. Coffee morning dates are: March—cancelled, April 6th, May 4th, June Trip July 6th, Strawberry Tea Sept. 7th, October 5th, November 2nd.

The Christmas Party will be held on November 30th.

Organic Gardening

A practical new course on organic gardening starts on Wednesday 3rd April between 7:00pm and 9:00pm.

The aim of the course is to transform a previously uncultivated piece of land on an allotment in Salta into an organic vegetable garden.

Course members will also be making compost and working in a greenhouse. Most lessons will have a strong practical element so gardening shoes and clothes, as well as a fork and spade will be the order of the day.

You will experience the joys of harvesting your own vegetables, even better you will be able to savour the pleasure of full avoured food you have grown yourself in the best way possible.

The course consists of ten lessons spread over the growing season.

The course costs £30 (concessions at £18/£7.50), for more information please contact Steve Weedall on 01900 881499.

Bee Facts

A bee carries about 30 to 40mg. of nectar on each journey, this means that between 40,000 and 50,000 journeys are required to produce 1Kg. of honey.

A colony needs about 100Kg. for its own use and produces from 20Kg. and 50 Kg. surplus for the beekeeper. It collects about 30Kg. of pollen for bee food.

Each colony makes seven to 10 million bee journeys per season.

A good colony will have up to 60,000 bees at the height of the season. Eight hives gives about 500,000 bees.

Beeswax can remain unchanged for thousands of years. It has been found in 2,000 year old Egyptian mummies. It probably has more uses than any other natural substance and has valuable antibiotic properties.

Propolis is a sort of ‘bee glue’, it is extremely valuable and has many uses in many areas, pollen has medical and nutritional properties.