

## Eden Street Play Area

At the last Town Council meeting concerns were raised yet again about the mindless vandalism that often occurs here. The play area on Eden Street is paid for by local ratepayers for the benefit of locals and visitors alike. Last year over £7,000 was paid for new equipment and for maintaining the play area.

It can be soul destroying to hear that youngsters have purposefully vandalised some of the equipment. It is the mindless actions of a few that spoil it for all the others.

This month we had a letter from a lady in Workington who took her two grandchildren to the park, but due to the intimidating behaviour of a group of youths aged

between 9–11 years old, her grandson (aged 7) was injured as he fell from a piece of equipment in his attempt to get away from them. This type of behaviour reflects poorly on the town and needs to be stopped.

Another incident recently resulted in a young boy seriously cutting his knee on a piece of glass left on the ground. The play area is inspected on a daily basis by the town handyman but he can't be there 24 hours a day.

We are constantly being told by our local Police that they can't do anything unless incidents are reported. So please, if you see anything, give them a call Tel: 01900 602422 or speak to one of our local Policemen.

## £190 Raised

The Songs of Praise service held on Sunday 4th August in Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth, was based on the theme 'This is my story'.

The congregation enjoyed singing the hymns chosen by church members. Mrs E Chambers, Mrs F Preston, Mr E Charlton & Mr A Randall explained the reasons for their choices.

The service was led by Revd. I Haywood and Mr Derek Shaw was the organist. A collection was taken which amounted to £190.00. This was sent to the South Africa Famine Relief Appeal.

Topsy  
by  
Sarah-Jane Peile  
aged 7  
from

Holm Cultram Abbey School

## Apology

We have recently moved [solwaybuzz.co.uk](http://solwaybuzz.co.uk) to a different Internet Service Provider with a view to launching a web site for the Solway Buzz.

In the confusion caused by the move it would appear that a substantial number of emails sent to us have gone astray. Unfortunately we have no idea how many or who had sent them, so if your article has not appeared this will be the reason.

**All we can say is SORRY, it should not happen again.**



## Citizens Advice Q & A

**Q** I'm a student and I've been doing some casual work over the summer at a local hotel. They offer work to me as and when it's available. If I can't work I don't get paid which they say is because I am not an employee but am employed on a "casual but required" basis. This doesn't seem right to me. Shouldn't I be entitled to the same benefits as other people that work there?

**A** In short, the answer is no. Casual workers are not normally classed as employees. This is because there is no "mutuality of obligation" between employer and worker. For a contract to exist both employer and worker must be under obligation to each other. The employer has an obligation to provide

work and the employee to carry out that work. You are free to work when you want and the employer is free to offer you work when he/she wants. This means that there is no contract of employment and therefore you would not have any of the protection given to employees by legislation. However, if you were to be offered work on a casual but regular basis, this can raise the question of whether there is an element of obligation. This is a very complex argument though, and each case would be considered on its own merits.

If you believe you have a contract of employment you need to see a specialist employment adviser at your local CAB  
Contact: Wigton CAB  
TUESDAYS only 10am – 2.30pm  
Tel: 016973 44026  
E-mail:  
[wigtoncab.wigtoncab@virgin.net](mailto:wigtoncab.wigtoncab@virgin.net)

## School Head Retires



Mrs Robinson with all the infants

Sadly we have said goodbye to Mrs Robinson after seventeen years here at Holm Cultram Abbey C of E School.

Mrs Robinson made an enormous contribution to our school, making sure the new starters were happily settled in each year and laying the foundations for their primary years. She saw many changes during her time here. The last seventeen years have seen a constant stream of educational changes and new initiatives from the government which have had to be assimilated into the work of the school.

There have also been changes of head teacher, staff and the big change to a single site school. Mrs Robinson has always given her unstinting support to the changes within school and has helped the school to continue to develop.

Everyone at the school sends a big thank you and hopes you are happy in whatever you do from now on.

**There will be no Solway Buzz in October.**

**The next issue will be November which will come out during the third week of October**

**Copy date for the next issue**

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

**7th October 2002**