

Buzzin' Letters

Dear Buzz,

May I through your paper thank all the people who came out on a very wet Sunday afternoon 18th August to support the fund raising event for the local MacMillan nurses (MacMillan Cancer Relief Fund). Despite the weather and due to all the people who gave freely of their services not least the wonderful baking, the day turned out to be a success with the sum of £570 being raised.

Molly Marsden won guess the weight of the cake, which was 6lbs 2ozs.

Winners of the raf e were as follows:

Malt Whisky—Abi Martin
Grouse Whisky—Andrew Graham
Occasions Voucher—Julie Tremble
Champagne—Samantha Tremble
Basket of Fruit—Kath Littleton
£10 Butchers voucher—A Edwards
Shiras wine—Stephane Porche
Cherry Brandy—Susan Clow
Chess set—Stacey
Cut & Blow voucher—A Williamson
RHS address book—A Graham
Don Danas Vine—Isobel White
Thermos Flask—Molly Marsden
Donkey—Mrs Parkinson
Photo Frame—Joyce
Toiletries—Sandra
Coffee—Andrew G
Fox's Biscuits—Allan Bowe
After eights—Mr Nicholson
Stockings—David Marsden
Thank you all for what turned out to be an enjoyable as well as successful day.

Judith A Leigh



Lattrallana Bee
by Izabella Kerr aged 6
from Silloth Primary School

Dear Buzz,

The letter regarding an 'open and shut bridge linking the south promenade with the pier' is, to say the least, a bit far fetched. There will never be enough money from whatever source to accomplish such a project, but if there was, for what need? Prior to the 1960's when thousands of visitors descended onto the West Beach, and happily walked the only path from Silloth to get there, it was the 'thing to do,' sit in the sand all day and watch the kids make sand castles, but those days are sadly gone in the wake of cheap holidays abroad. Come on G.T. surely you must know that established seaside resorts like Blackpool and Morecambe with shops and facilities to hand, are struggling to survive, what chance do you think there is for the West Beach even with landscaping, toilets, car parking and lighting etc? Incidentally, a millennium grant was mentioned, whatever happened to the 'pie in the sky' idea for a Millennium Green at West Silloth, I thought a grant for that had been sanctioned, what happened to it, does anyone know?

Gus Proud

Editors Comment

I had always hoped the letters page of the Solway Buzz would be used to highlight the many positive aspects of this area. There are other publications well known for their willingness to 'stir up a hornets nest', but I do not intend to let the Buzz do that. From now on only positive views please!

Concrete Arrows



Volunteers clearing the grass off the arrow

Story & Photos by Beachcomber

The concrete arrows were constructed during World War 2 to point out to RAF aircraft the position of the targets, which were well down the beach near the low water line.

The larger arrow, which is about 80 feet long and on an alignment of 242 degrees was originally painted white to indicate 'smoke bombing'. The smaller arrow 40 feet long was painted red for live bombing practice.

The narrow gap along the arrow was to be filled with petrol and lit up for night attacks.

There was also an observation point on top of the sand dunes and the foundation of this is still visible.

The arrows are behind

the dunes between Beckfoot and Mawbray. The wind blown sand and encroaching turf have partly covered them.

The big arrow has now been cleared and as these are relics of wartime, volunteers are needed to complete the clearance.



Bring a sharp spade and report to Bill Allison at the Albion.

The aerial view shows the location with Bank Mill Nursery at the top left and the other photo shows two volunteers busy clearing up on a frosty day.

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