

## Xmas Carol Concert

Culterham Hall in Mawbray is the venue for a Christmas Carol Concert by Flimby Sax Horn Silver Band.

As well as lovely music there will be mince pies and sherry or mulled wine to keep you warm and cheery. There is also a display of twelve Christmas Trees decorated by local parish groups.

Come along and join the fun on Thursday 12th December at 7:30pm, entry is only £3 or £1 for concessions, the mince pies and sherry would cost that much anywhere else.

## Local Organisations

Calling all Clubs and non profit making Organisations of any kind who are involved in the community.

Silloth Regeneration Partnership are going to hold an event in the Golf Hotel on Sunday 23rd February 2003 giving the public an opportunity to see what Organisations, etc., are working in this area.

In order to participate in this event, you need to apply for space in the Hall where a few representatives from your Organisation can set up a simple display to explain what you do. You may be a Youth Group, Camera Club, Pensioners Association, Fishing Club – anything at all, this is your chance to show yourselves off and who knows you may find there are more prospective members and volunteers available than you ever dreamt of.

Plans for the event are not finalised and suggestions are welcome, the intention is to open to the public from 2pm to 5pm on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd February. Refreshments and a buffet will be available and there will be a Prize Draw giving all visitors the chance to win a prize. Any ideas as to how we make this event as much fun as possible would be appreciated.

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Breeze  
by Abigail Dowden  
aged 9 from Silloth Primary School

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## Silloth Xmas Lights Competition



Last years winner was 47 Waver Street

**Get those fairy lights checked, the Christmas Lights Competition is on again in Silloth.**

The competition is organised by Silloth-on-Solway Town Council, Silloth Tourism Action Group, and the Silloth & District Business Association.

### Cash Prizes

**The winner will receive £50 and two runners-up will each receive £10.**

Go on, cheer your house up and you will cheer the whole town up so get all those lights checked and fitted for the pleasure of the whole town.

Judging will take place during week commencing 17th December, so keep the lights burning in case the judges visit when you least expect it.

## Memories of Days Gone By

I remember the road from Blitterlees over the golf course to the Battery, which was in use before the second war started. I remember seeing a big gun on a low loader rail wagon on the railway, which was said at the time it was a 16" gun to be put on the "Rodney" a newly built warship. Armstrong Whitworths were the gun makers. When it was being tested they hoisted a red flag, and also told people at West Silloth to open their doors and windows as the blast may damage the

property.

We had soldiers billeted in Barracks, which were situated between the bakehouse and Betty Tiffens house, which was then known as the Isolation hospital. All this activity took place after the First World War and continued for a few years and then it was finally closed down. Local people occupied the Barracks, until they found somewhere more to their liking and they were then sold off as holiday chalets.

Before the second war started they were building

the aerodrome and a great lot of sand and gravel was taken from the land owned by the Golf Club to build the hangers and living accommodation. At that time we had a busy dock, we had the Yarrow sailing twice a week to Douglas and Dublin taking passengers and general cargo, and bringing back barrels of Guinness for Carlisle Brewery to be bottled there. They also brought over cattle to the lairage to be kept a day or so then sent off by rail cattle trucks to various destinations.