

## Buzzin' Letters

Dear Buzz,

Just a word first to say how enjoyable is this lovely little publication. Many I have spoken to agree that it brings together, indeed unites all that is so pleasant about this coastline.

I have enclosed two short poems which may be of interest to your readers, one is certainly topical.

Dr. Peter Wheatley

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank the kind people of Silloth-on-Solway for being what they are, the people of this wonderful village are magnificent in their own rights. I only live down the road at Cleator Moor, I do however own a caravan berthed on the Solway Holiday Village complex.

I get up to my caravan as often as possible just to be among you wonderful and helpful folk and I mean very helpful indeed, your shopkeepers bend over backwards to help and advise you on any problems that you may have, especially the gentlemen from the Oak Leaf hardware shop and Jay Bee's.

There are no individuals in PARADISE-on-Solway, ok SILLOTH does not have the BLACKPOOL glamour but it has one very important factor that BLACKPOOL does not have, it has a community. Ask any local for any assistance, if they cannot help you they will certainly put you in touch with some-one who can. This I have found to my greatest of pleasure with regard to problems I have encountered with my caravan. Now with the Solway Buzz web site, I now can keep in touch any time with the place I now call PARADISE-on-Solway, I cannot wait until the season starts again next year.

Once again thank you for your wonderful hospitality.

Anthony Gray

Dear Buzz,

What wonderful news to see the community news revived like this. My mother used to forward the community news to me and I have missed reading it.

My sister (Angela Hoodless) who lives in The Drive has given me the web site address for the Solway Buzz which I have sent on to some other old Sillothians I keep in touch with.

Keep up the good work, I can't wait to see the completed version of the web site.

Anita Wilkinson (nee Trespadernes-Slack)

Dear Buzz,

I thought Solway Buzz readers might be interested in this amazing coincidence which occurred in September.

I was part of the Barton/Bland Australian contingent who descended on Silloth for the carnival weekend in August. After leaving Silloth we continued on to St. Andrews in Scotland for the marriage of my daughter, Margaret Bland.

I left St. Andrews with my son Geoff Bland Jnr and Tina to return to London on Sunday 1st September as we were returning to Australia on 3rd September after our lovely stay in the UK. We were travelling on the motorway which was jammed with traffic from Birmingham.

The trip was pretty boring and my son Geoff had Radio 2 on the radio and we were listening to "Stewpot's requests". I was half dozing in the back of the car when Stewpot announced that an Anita Trespadernes had phoned in a request for the song "There's A Summer Place" as this song always reminded her of the lovely summers of her youth in Silloth!! We were all wide awake then. Apparently she is living in the south of England and sent out greetings to any Sillothians who may be listening.

I phoned the radio station and left a message for her explaining we had virtually just left Silloth and were on our way back to London but I don't know if it ever came over the radio. I couldn't even calculate the chances of this happening. Although I am an Aussie as many of you know, I had lived in Silloth for many years and like everyone else in the town knew the Trespadernes. Geoff Jnr said it was quite 'freaky'!! Perhaps she gets a Solway Buzz and may read this.

Hi to everyone,

Annie Bland (nee Barton)

Dear Buzz,

Having moved into this area of Cumbria from Kendal some seven months ago, an ex-serviceman and proud member of the British Legion. I wanted to do my bit for the 'Poppy Campaign Appeal' like I used to do for my branch in Kendal. I would like to convey my grateful thanks to all the residents of the Crofts Estate and the surrounding area, for all their kind donations and friendliness given. Special thanks to all the small children, the Beaver Group and the teenagers I met on route. They showed interest in what I was collecting for, and from the smallest child to the eldest teenager gave me donations, some of them from emptying their pockets for me.

## Tom Stalker Raises £1,805

Story by Kelly Eve

It's all smiles for Robert Errington, the brave West Cumbrian boy with cerebral palsy who won the hearts of News & Star readers throughout the county. Generous Cumbrians have helped his family raise a whopping £27,000 in the last three years, ensuring that six-year-old Robert, of Workington, receives pioneering treatment until the end of 2004.

Our readers answered his family's calls for help, raising a magnificent £12,000 in three months. And their generosity has resulted in Robert changing beyond all recognition since he began visiting the Advance Centre in East Grinstead, West Sussex, a little over three years ago. This treatment is backed up with four hours of exercises carried out on Robert each day - around 1,000 hours a year - by his mother Alison and grandmother Pat Wallace.

He can now lift his head, crawl backwards off his exercise pads, his muscles have developed and he can pull his body up too - a world of difference from the lifeless child Alison remembers three years ago.

Alison and Pat still believe

*I was absolutely astounded at their generosity and feeling. The parents of this younger generation should be proud of them, as they all came to me on route, not me to them. My wife and I are equally as proud and grateful, to be able to retire to this lovely part of Cumbria, we have been made so welcome here. Thank you all so very much.*

Barry Oram

Robert will walk one day, thanks to the support here in Cumbria. Pat said: "Without everyone's help and support we would not be at this stage with Robert. "His pathways are now opening up and the messages are getting through to his body. "He was suffering a lot of seizures this year but the centre put our mind at rest and told us that there is



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now so much demand on his blood flow because the pathways were opening up."

Alison added: "People often stop me in the street saying they couldn't put in all the hours we do but if you want to help your child you do it, you get on and do it."

One of the latest fundraising drives for Robert's appeal has been led by Tom and Irene Stalker, of The Crofts, Silloth. Tom and his friend David Bell ran this year's Great North Run, topping up their sponsorship with a charity night at The Cumberland pub, Silloth, on October 12. Tom handed over a cheque for £1,805 yesterday.