

Buzzin' Letters

Dear Buzz,

I cannot understand why we have two very different tide-heights published for Silloth. First we have the Cumberland News and the Buzz using the Admiralty data as used by A B Ports. Secondly we have BBC Radio Cumbria using UK Hydrographics Office web-site and it is consistently 1.5 -- 2 metres higher than the Admiralty figures. I have contacted both organisations who have replied stating where they get the information from but are reluctant to inform the public of the large difference. I think the people of Silloth and surrounding district should be aware of this. These widely different heights cannot both be correct and therefore misleading to people who do refer to them.

Lawrence Marshall

Dear Buzz,

Issue number 15 has just reached me courtesy of my daughter who now lives in Silloth. I enjoy reading the magazine and have sent copies to relatives across the world. My grand children enjoy the tennis lessons etc. set up by David Wise and his excellent write up in the buzz gives lots of children a mention and also gives lots of encouragement. He is to be congratulated for his efforts.

David Croxon

Dear Buzz,

To mams, dads, boys & girls of Silloth.

First of all I would like to say sorry for taking so long to write this letter to you all. But as you will understand I was very tired after such a busy Christmas period, so I had a little holiday. I would like to say a special thank you to Silloth Rotary Club for providing the selection boxes and trailer on Sunday 22nd December and to Bob Critchlow for giving me a lift around the town with his sleigh and Rudolf junior. I had a very good night meeting all the boys & girls at Silloth and lucky with the weather. Don't forget boys & girls you have to be good all year round and not just a few weeks before Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all again this year, so keep an eye in the Buzz for times and dates. We had some selection boxes left over so I took them to the boys & girls at Whitehaven & Carlisle Hospital and to the Boys & girls in the Hospice at Carlisle. Many thanks and see you this year.

Santa Claus

Dear Buzz,

Driving from Cleator Moor to Silloth is a laborious journey until I round the bend in the road opposite Maryport Golf Club when I clad my eyes across the bay upon Allonby then I know I am within fifteen minutes drive from Silloth. Further on from Allonby there's a point when the Church spire and Carrs our mill come into view, rounding the left hand bend in the road at the end of Blitterlees, with Stanwix Park on my left. Calm down Tony I tell myself, one can only take so much excitement at one time. Further on up the road over what I take to be the railway bridge on to the cobblestone streets, my mind goes back in time and wonders what it must have been like in the days when you could smell the smoke from the stacks of the steam trains and hear the sound of horse drawn carriages, upon the cobbled stones. What sort of folk lived in those magnificent houses that line the streets? I'm driving but at the same time I notice there's not a shabby house in sight and at the same time I detect just how clean the streets are. I've just come into Silloth and within a few minutes I'm in a Charles Dickens novel, with the tune Unchained Melody going through my head.

My only regret is I've left it a bit late in life to start enjoying this wonderful place, but I intend to make up time, even if it's only walking the streets to take in the sights. Every household is magnificent in its own way, is this to benefit the householders or to impress the visitors? Do the neighbours get to discuss the colour scheme as I note that there's not one house that outshines the other? Again this reflects the unity in the village. I've even got to the point where I am looking for the local rugby clubs results at the weekends. Doctors of Silloth I ask you, is there a cure for this addiction to this place? Clean streets to clean greens to clean foreshore and a cheery street cleaner... I'm only a caravan owner but I will do my utmost to retain this standard you maintain by keeping the outside of my van clean to fit in.

Tony Gray



Queen Bee
by
Charlotte Edney
aged 7
from
Holme St. Cuthbert School

Dear Buzz,

It gives us great pleasure to announce to you that Free for All Community Recycling has won the Community Environment Award Category at this years Cumberland News Countryside Awards 2002. It will be official announced in this coming Friday's Cumberland News. Our section was sponsored by WCF Country Centres [Big Thank You!!] Free for All was thrilled to receive this award which was presented to us by John Craven from BBC's Countryfile programme last Friday [24th] at the awards dinner, held at the Shepherd's Inn, Carlisle. We are now the proud owner of a "Herdi" as they are being called! If you would like further information please get in touch with us by e-mail or telephone contact details below. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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Buzz Distributors Wanted for The Crofts

Our long term distributor in The Crofts is moving house and has our grateful thanks for the sterling job he has done with the last 15 issues. He delivered three times as many papers as our other volunteers – so we are looking for three people to take over his patch. Most of our volunteers deliver to about 30 houses which takes around 15-20 minutes.

Can you help?
If no volunteers come forward – no-one in The Crofts will get their Buzz delivered, so it is down to you – not your neighbour. Come-on, give Kath a call on 016973 32272 and do your bit, join our other 60 great volunteers, you will feel good about it.

Solway Coast AONB

Solway Coast Volunteer Unit dates

Thursday 3rd April - Ragwort pulling on the dunes at Mawbray. Volunteers are asked to meet at 10:30am at Mawbray Yard Car Park please bring wet gear and lunch.

Monday 7th April - Bird Walk through gorses to Grune Point starting at 1pm until 4:30pm anyone attending is asked to bring wet gear and binoculars.

Tuesday 6th May - The Solway Coast Volunteer Group invite anyone interested in lichens and the history of local churches and churchyards, to meet at 10am at Newton Arlosh Church where Mr Norman Hammond will lead a fascinating discovery of the wildlife within the Churchyard followed at 2pm with a visit to Kirkbride Churchyard those wishing to visit both should bring a packed lunch.

Friday 9th May - Meeting at Bromfield Church at 2pm (off the A596 between Wigton and Aspatria) for a guided walk through the churchyard and environs of the church.

Monday & Tuesday 12th & 13th May - Evening Natterjack survey sites between Allonby and Silloth time to be arranged for both evenings.

Wednesday 14th May - Annual Natterjack Toad Conference at the Discovery Centre Silloth time to be arranged.



Bertie the Buzzing Bee
by David A Pearson
aged 11
from
Holme Cultram Abbey School