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Merry Christmas



Alan & Jean Retire from RNLI



Report by: Julie Emary
Lifeboat Press Officer

Silloth RNLI lifeboat crew paid tribute to Alan and Jean Howe, on Sunday 18 October 2020 on the occasion of Alan's retirement from the lifeboat service, after being their Treasurer for the last fifteen years, from 2005 - 2020.

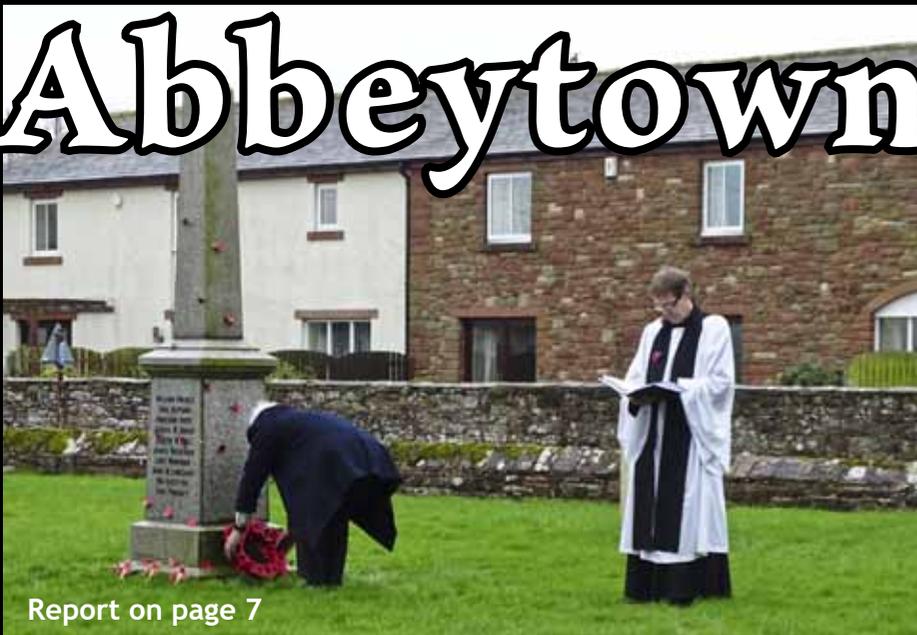
The presentation was made outside their home in Skinburness, according to strict Covid 19 conditions.

The crew presented Alan with a bronze statue of a lifeboat crewman along with a certificate. Jean received a certificate for her continuous support and help. They were also

presented with an RNLI plaque in joint names to commemorate their time with the lifeboat station.

Silloth RNLI lifeboat crew would like to thank Alan and Jean very much for their dedication to the service and wish them both all the very best for their well earned retirement.

Abbeytown



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Zoe Raises £310 for Cancer Research

I am Zoe Glencross and have a family history of cancer.

I lost my mum and my uncle to cancer in 2019, my auntie has had breast cancer twice and in June 2020 after a short illness, we lost my mums cousin Elizabeth to cancer. I also have some very dear friends who have been diagnosed with cancer and going through treatment.

During the start of the pandemic, like many people, I found myself getting out of shape and really wanted to do something about it; however I am prone to bouts of tendinitis in my hips and had been advised to avoid high impact sports like running.

When I heard about Elizabeth's passing in June and knowing she was only a few years older than myself, it kick started something in me. I decided that I would try the couch to 5K, but that if it started to affect my hips, I would stop. It takes nine weeks and three runs a week to complete the couch to 5K. It is recommended that you take it at your pace. I found that I was managing the pace and completed the course in the nine weeks.

It was then that the race for life 2020 for cancer research was being advertised. This is a 5K event which can be ran or walked. Due to the pandemic, the race was to be done in your local area. It was a



no brainer for me to do the event! My aim was to run/walk around Silloth and to raise £200.

The event was held on Saturday 26th September. I started from home, ran around West Silloth and along the prom, coming back along Skinburness road into Silloth. I managed a combination of running and walking. Not only did I achieve 6.3K on the day but I also raised £310, exceeding what I was aiming to raise, thanks to very kind donations.

Although I'm in a bit of pain after the event, it is nothing compared to what cancer fighters go through. No matter what your circumstances, it is possible to achieve and support wonderful organisations in the process.

Two Scam Alerts!



Many grateful thanks to one of our members for a recent piece of information about a scam that I feel you should be aware of: 'More than once, and reported to Action Fraud, I have received telephone calls purporting to come from Amazon to say that money due or a Prime subscription would be taken from my account.'

I contacted Amazon who confirmed that Amazon never sends messages asking for money. I am not and never have been a subscriber to Amazon Prime.

On my mobile 'phone I

received a text to say that a subscription for Playbox (but spelt wrongly) would be collected from my account. Since I never play games on the 'phone I went to Carphone Warehouse where I had bought the 'phone.

They have a way to block any such scams. If one enters £0.00 as the amount of excess permitted scammers cannot take any £ because the direct debit payment is limited to the original agreement'

You can report and get advice about fraud or cyber crime by calling 0300 123 2040



Avian Flu Warning for Bird Keepers

People who keep birds and poultry are being reminded to be aware of the risk of bird flu, following confirmed cases in swans on Ulverston canal.

Cumbria County Council's Trading Standards Animal Health team is reminding birdkeepers to remain alert for any signs of the disease and to report suspected cases immediately. People should also ensure they are maintaining good biosecurity on their premises and follow all official guidance.

Wild birds migrating from mainland Europe during the winter period can spread Avian

influenza to poultry and other captive birds.

The risk to public health from the virus remains very low and the Food Standards Agency advises that the disease poses a very low food safety risk.

The reminder follows the introduction of an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) across the country on 11 November 2020.

The prevention zone means bird keepers across the country must: Ensure the areas where birds are kept are unattractive to wild birds, for example by netting ponds, and by removing wild bird

food sources;

Feed and water your birds in enclosed areas to discourage wild birds;

Minimise movement in and out of bird enclosures;

Clean and disinfect footwear and keep areas where birds live clean and tidy;

Reduce any existing contamination by cleansing and disinfecting concrete areas, and fencing off wet or boggy areas.

Poultry keepers and members of the public should report dead wild birds to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77 and keepers should report suspicion of disease to APHA on 03000 200 301.

Further information on how to help prevent the spread of the disease can be found at <http://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>



Rocket Bee by Spencer
from Silloth Primary School

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*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.*

*The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.*

*When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.*

*The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tinny reindeer.*

*With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!*

*"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, on Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"*

*As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.*

*And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound.*

*He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of Toys he had slung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.*

*His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.*

*The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!*

*He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself!
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.*

*He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!*

*He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"*

Bill & Marilyn Amyes Charity Walk Raises £450

Report by: Alan Rowntree
Photo by: Brenda Bennett

The members of **Silloth Over the Hill Club** have taken over this event because Bill is no longer able to do the organising.

We intended to walk from Silloth to Allonby on the 3rd of October, a Saturday, but that coincided with Storm Alex so we re-arranged it for the Friday.

It was a very pleasant walk and we had lunch at Bay Watch, some of us stayed to have a well earned drink while a couple of foolhardy members walked back.

We raised £450 which we shared between the Great North Air Ambulance and Eden Valley Hospice. We would



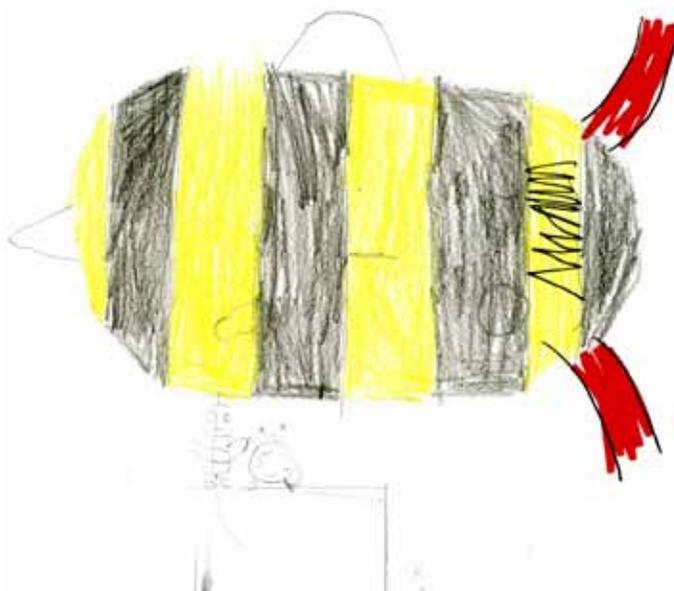
like to thank everyone who sponsored us. We will hopefully be doing it again in 2021

and will try to advertise the event a bit better.



Beeoncey

by Summer Yates from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Mr Vampayer

by Willie Paisley from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Grant Funding Available for Covid Support

Cumbrian charities and other voluntary organisations working to alleviate problems during the Coronavirus crisis are being urged to apply for grants.

Cumbria Community Foundation launched the Cumbria COVID-19 Response Fund in March to support communities affected by the

coronavirus outbreak by helping local organisations to deliver vital support and services directly to vulnerable people. The charity has so far awarded £1.5m to more than 170 groups with grants ranging between £100 and £75,000.

The Fund has to date raised nearly £1.9 million with donations from local businesses alongside the National Emergencies Trust appeal and many individuals.

Funding is still available to directly support community organisations who are working at the grassroots and providing care to those who need it throughout the pandemic.

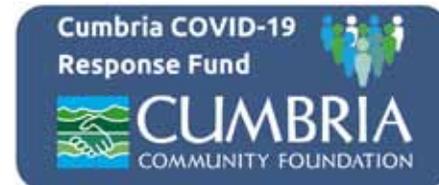
It will prioritise projects and organisations playing a vital role in helping and supporting communities, making sure people don't go hungry, that their emotional wellbeing is being

looked after as much as it is possible, and they have access to vital advice and guidance for the longer-term support they may need. It will also support projects that give young people the best chances to maximise their learning and

employment.

Jenny Benson, Director of Programmes & Partnerships at Cumbria Community Foundation, said: "These groups are doing so much to tackle the effects of Coronavirus and the lockdown, which as we know have affected most seriously those people in the community who were already at a disadvantage. The funding can help to make a real difference to the lives of people in Cumbria and I urge any of the groups who are doing great work for the community to apply for a grant before the 10th November deadline. Our grants team are very supportive and if anyone has any questions about the process, please do get in touch with them for help."

For more information or to apply, call 01900 825760 or visit www.cumbriafoundation.org



Jackie's Special Christmas Lunch Cancelled



Jackie McCormick regrets to announce that unfortunately due to the current circumstances and the unknown future caused by the Covid situation she will have to cancel the Christmas day lunch this year.

She has pondered over doing deliveries but thinks people are all

a bit unsure and a lot of the people that came will probably be staying safe indoors.

Jackie is really sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but will hopefully be back next year.

She hopes you all have a lovely Christmas and see you all next year.

New Allerdale Lottery to Help Support Local Groups

A new community lottery has been launched aimed at helping local groups and charitable organisations raise much needed funds.

Over twenty community groups and organisations recently attended the good cause launch of the Allerdale and Lakeland

Lottery which was hosted by Allerdale Borough Council and the community lottery organiser Gatherwell.

The lottery is due to start around Christmas this year. Once established members of the public will be able to buy a lottery ticket online for £1 a time, with a chance to win up to £25,000 a week. However, the focus of the lottery is very much on helping the good causes. For every ticket bought, supporters can choose to provide 50p towards a charity of their choice which is registered with the scheme. A further 10p goes towards other good causes in Allerdale.

At the launch event, attendees heard more about the benefits of the lottery and how signing up is simple and free for groups and organisations. The lottery is open to all eligible community groups and

organisations based in Allerdale. More information can be found on the lottery website: www.allerdalelottery.com/

So I'd encourage any group who is interested in signing up to go on the website and complete the simple online form and see how you can benefit.



Speaking at the launch Cllr Marion Fitzgerald, Executive member with responsibility for Policy, Governance and People Resources, said: "We know how every community group – whether it provides

advice to those in need or organises Sunday league sporting events – adds value to our communities and makes Allerdale a great place to live. We also know that getting access to funds is always a struggle for many of these groups. That's why we have set up this lottery – as another way for you to raise much needed income, for the benefit for all. We've teamed up with Gatherwell who are the experts in all this. They have set up successful lotteries up and down the country which are providing much needed funds to many local groups and organisations."

Support Scheme for Those Told to Isolate

Residents in Allerdale can now apply online for the new government Test and Trace support scheme.

Anyone working, on a low-income and who is required to self-isolate, could be eligible for a £500 payment. If they live within the Allerdale area, they can apply by filling in an online form available at <https://www.allerdale.gov.uk/en/coronavirus/coronavirus-council-tax-benefits-and-financial-support/test-trace-support-payment/>

Under the new scheme, payments of £500 will be available for eligible individuals who have received notification from NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate, providing that their period of self-isolation started on or after 28 September 2020.

The Test and Trace Support Payment is available to those receiving Universal Credit; Working Tax Credit; Income-Based Employment and Support Allowance; Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance; Income Support; Housing Benefit; and/or Pension Credit.

Anyone told by NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate, that is working or self-employed and will lose income, may be entitled to a Test and Trace Support Payment.

Discretionary support may be available, for those that do not receive one of the listed benefits and will face financial hardship, if they are unable to work while self-isolating. However they must meet the scheme's other criteria.

Anyone that meets the eligibility criteria and is told to self-isolate will be able to claim.

Applications for support must be made within 14 days of the end of a period of self-isolation at the latest and the scheme is available until 31 January 2021.

Face Masks Raise £400 for Silloth First Responders

Sandra Parker is pleased to announce that the face masks she made raised £400 which was given to Silloth First Responders.

Sandra would like to thank Silloth Bowling Club and Hayleys

Launderette for helping to sell the face masks.

The Silloth First Responders do a tremendous job looking after us all, in our time of need.

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Garden Waste Changes

Allerdale Borough Council has made some small changes to its waste collection services over the Christmas and new year period.

Collections of garden waste will now end one week earlier to allow crews to collect the Christmas and new year waste and recycling.

The final garden waste collections of 2020 will be made in the weeks beginning 7th or 14th December. There will be no garden waste collections in the weeks beginning 21st and 28th December.

There has traditionally been very little garden waste collected over this period, and by stopping the collections earlier crews can collect the waste and recycling

which tends to increase over the Christmas and new year period with more people also making use of the brings sites around the borough. Residents can check their bin day, and download a bin collection calendar, at www.allerdale.gov.uk/en/bin/collections/. Collections of garden waste will resume in March as normal.

Garden waste can continue to be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centres in Maryport, Wigton, Workington and other parts of Cumbria. Residents are also encouraged to consider buying a compost bin.

More details can be found at: www.recycleforcumbria.org/inthegarden/composting.asp

Friends of Silloth Green



Report by: Graeme Aiken

Winter Warmers from The Friends Of Silloth Green!

Despite the chilly and damp weather, Friends of Silloth Green brought some cheer with the first "Winter Warmers" stall on the Green. Beautiful hand-made Christmas Decorations made from locally sourced items raised a fantastic sum all of which will go towards our exciting new projects in the New Year. Huge thanks to Judith Scott and Ann MacKenzie for their hard work in producing such lovely items and to Katie and Rachael Scott who donated all the beautiful bird ornaments to enhance the products. We

were delighted to welcome local MP Mark Jenkinson, showing his continuing support for Silloth Green.

We hope to have another Stall on the Green before Christmas – keep an eye on our Facebook page for details.

Although a quieter time of year, the wonderful volunteers continued with the regular Wednesday morning sessions keeping the Green looking great and adding some much needed winter colour until lockdown again stopped group work. Hopefully, but the time you read this lockdown will be over and work can start again, – details on the Facebook page.

Looking forward, we have some really exciting projects lined up for next year, not least new raised beds and we must thank Carr's Mill and Silloth on Solway Community Shop for their amazing donations which will help us take all these forward.

You can also help raise funds via the Co-op by nominating The Friends of Silloth Green your chosen local good cause. Don't forget, that every single penny raised goes directly towards projects to enhance and maintain The Green!

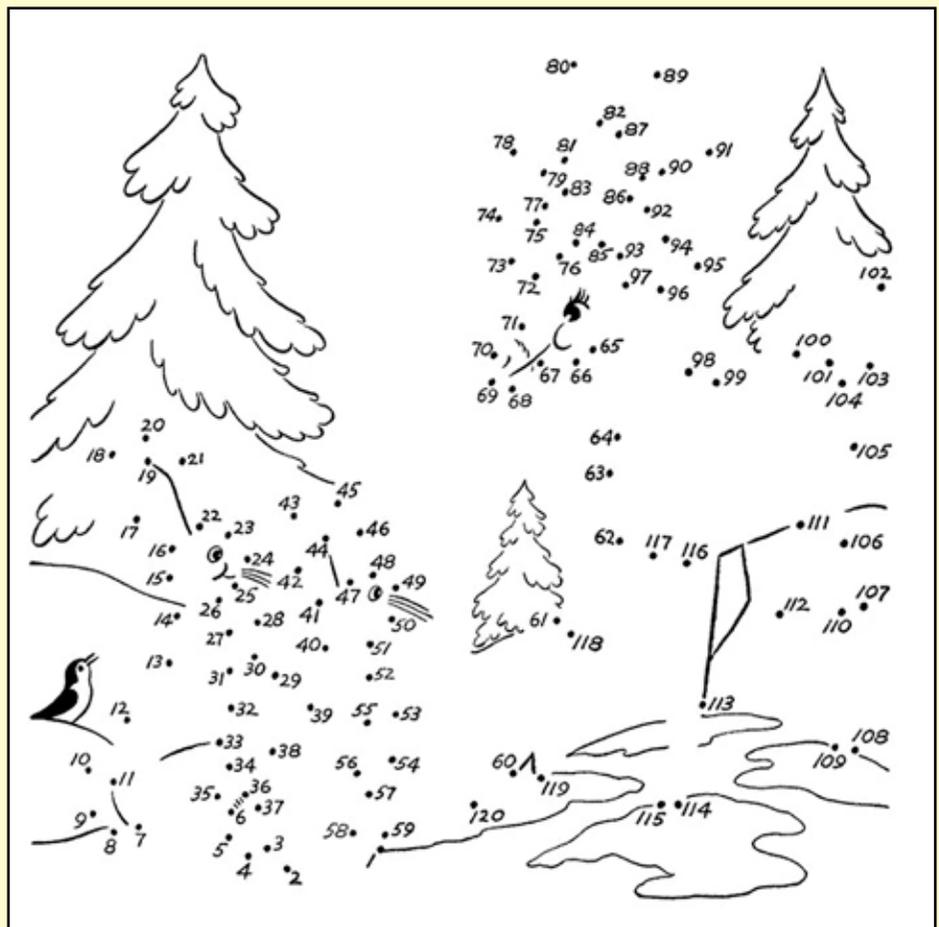
Finally, can we wish all our brilliant volunteers and supporters a Very Happy Christmas and a rather more Peaceful New Year!



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by Jake from Holme St Cuthbert School

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Not Just for the Kids

RNLI Tractor Rescue Training

Report by: Julie Emary
Lifeboat Press Officer

Silloth RNLI lifeboat crew had three days of training on West Beach, at the end of September, beginning of October. The purpose of this intensive course, led by Andy Williams, from the RNLI, was to familiarise the crew with the procedure to be used if the tractor was to get bogged down in the sand on the beach, when it launches or recovers the lifeboat.

The first thing to do was to bury the tractor up to its axle in the sand, so it couldn't move. Normally in the soft sand on West Beach, this would cause no problem but conditions meant that the sand was quite hard and the crew had to dig some large holes for the tractor to sink itself into. The winch on the tractor was deployed and attached to two sand anchors that had been placed in line some way away from the tractor. The winch was made taught and when at optimum leverage, the tractor was put into reverse gear and working with the winch and the anchors, was able to extract itself from the 'hole' that it had got itself into. The anchors didn't always dig into the sand correctly - sometimes they hit a buried stone, forcing them to veer sideways and become ineffective. They then had to be reset and the sequence started again.

There is a lot of skill involved



in dealing with the driving of the tractor; using the right amount of acceleration/revs, watching the instructions from the Banksman and steering, all at the same time. All the tractor drivers were very

successful in the training sessions. Valuable assistance was also given by the rest of the lifeboat crew, who were able to get time off work and support the training.

The Winner of the 2020 Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Award is:

The Fairydust Emporium has been recognized as a 2020 Travellers' Choice award-winner for Best Cafe. Based on a full year of Tripadvisor reviews, prior to any changes caused by the pandemic, award winners are known for consistently receiving great diner feedback, placing them in the top 10% of hospitality businesses around the globe.

Vicky Hope, owner of The Fairydust Emporium said "We are absolutely delighted that our customers have given us this award. I could not be prouder of my team especially with the restrictions and uncertainty of Covid, they have continued to offer visitors and locals the best food and service.

We reopened on July 1st and have never been as busy taking on three new members of staff and having to have three sittings in the

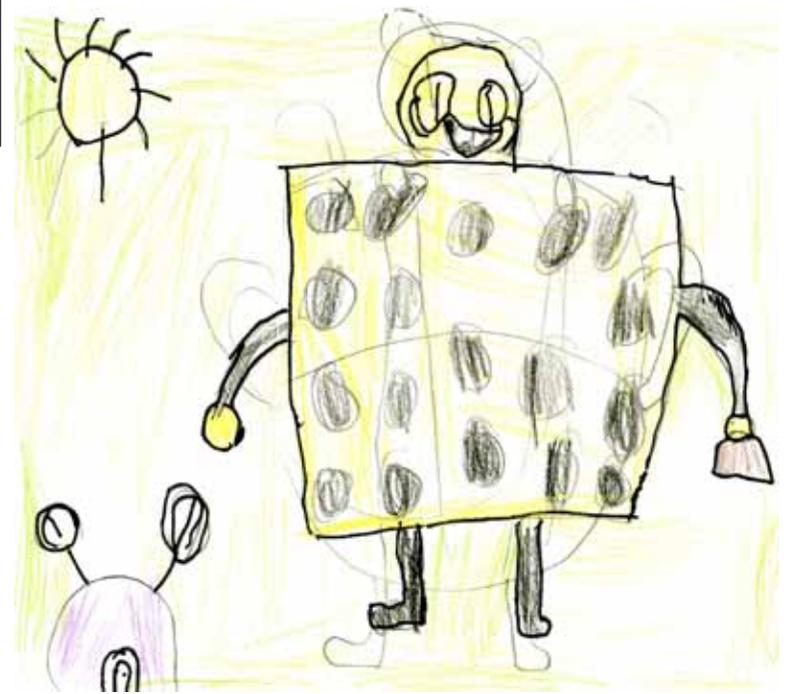
café is not what I was expecting. It is overwhelming to welcome back our customers and their dogs, just amazing."

"Winners of the 2020

Travellers' Choice Awards should be proud of this distinguished recognition," said Kanika Soni, Chief Commercial Officer at Tripadvisor. "Although it's been a challenging year for travel and hospitality, we

want to celebrate our partners' achievements. Award winners are beloved for their exceptional service and quality. Not only are these winners well deserving, they are also a great source of inspiration for Diner's as the world begins to venture out again."

To see diner's reviews and popular menu items of The Fairydust Emporium, such as The Biggest Hot Chocolate in Cumbria, visit www.tripadvisor.co.uk



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ABBEYTOWN REMEMBERS



Report by: Lawrence Marshall

Christ Church at Silloth held an outdoor remembrance service on Sunday 8th November. It was conducted by team rector Bryan Rothwell who was assisted by recently ordained Andrew Calloway, he is now part of the Solway team.

Only flag-bearers and wreath layers were allowed in the church grounds due to the covid-19 restrictions. A number of people assembled on the pavement outside the church grounds. Prayers and readings were read and during the music of the last post the union flag was lowered to half mast. A cannon supplied by Silloth RNLI with Eddie Studholme and Gareth Jones in charge of it, was fired to begin two minutes of silence. After the period of silence it fired again and the flag was raised to full height. Kevin Anderton was operating the flag and Janine Nicoll narrated the words before and after the period of silence.

Wreaths were then laid around the cenotaph by; Royal British Legion - Sheona Nicoll, Submarine Ass. - Ian, Army Air Corp. - Janine Nicoll, RAFA - Duncan Finlay, RNLI - Eddie Studholme, Fire Service - Ryan Morris, First Responders - Lori Quayle, Town Council - Mark Orchard, Mayor, Church Council - Lawrence Marshall, Rotary - Joe Scott, Masonic Lodge - Duncan Finlay, STAG - John Cook,



Brownies - Angela Hoodless, Scouts - Amelia Shires.

On Wednesday 11th November there was a shorter version of the above service. RAFA personnel performed the readings and flag bearing. Dave Palmer, Chris and other RAFA members attended including Chairman Jimmy Maddison.

Silloth people appreciated that these services took place.

Report by: Laura Sim

A small Act of Remembrance took place outside the Abbey on Sunday 8th November and was lead by Rev'd Malcolm Stilwell and was observed by a small number of people.

It was a touching service, the wreaths were kindly laid by Bill Jefferson and

Norman Foster on the War memorial and War grave and we rang the bells as we remembered each of the 27 people from within our local community who sadly lost their lives during both WWI and WWII.

We will remember them.

Silloth Music & Beer Festival

BEYOND MADNESS

The North's No.1 Tribute To Madness



Report by: David Wallace Chairman

The latest news from Silloth Music and Beer Festival Committee about 2021's event, on 9th to 12th September.

There are a few changes to the 2021 line-up – only to be expected in these uncertain times. The bad news is that due to a previous engagement AWOL will not be opening on Friday night, and Live/Wire, the AC/DC tribute can't be with us in 2021, but we hope to welcome them both in the future.

The current line up is: Thursday night's headliners are the Kopycat Killers, back by popular demand. Friday is party night with Roy G Hemmings and his glittering Motown and Philadelphia show.

On Saturday afternoon The Lancashire Hotpots will be up to their usual larks, and we can thrill to the tribal music of Scottish sensation, Clanadonia. On Saturday evening our headliners are Cregan & Co, the Rod Stewart

songbook – highly recommended by the man himself! Supporting them are dS:uK, the quintessential Dire Straits tribute band.

Sunday afternoon rounds off our Festival beginning with party band Sweet Sensation, followed by the four glamorous girls of Little Fix, and the final flourish is the high energy band Beyond Madness.

All this and a fantastic range of

Real ales and ciders, and our very own Gin Bar!

Early Bird tickets are on sale now at £42 - a huge saving on full price tickets – so get yours before they run out.

All details and the latest news can be found on our website: www.sillothbeerfestival.co.uk. We're looking forward to seeing you, but till then – keep safe!



Check Your Smoke Alarms Work?

Smoke alarms save lives and in the event of a fire they can provide precious time to escape.

Smoke alarms fail to activate in 20% of accidental dwelling fires in the UK. The most common reason was because the fire was outside the alarm's range. So, we are asking householders to ensure their whole home is covered by:

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During the coronavirus pandemic Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service is carrying out telephone-based Safe and Well Visits which aim to help people live independently and deal with any potential fire hazards in their homes. We give general fire safety advice and carry out an initial home fire safety assessment. If potential fire hazards are identified, the Service will offer to visit your home to give further advice and where applicable, fit a 10-year powered sealed cell smoke detector.

All Safe and Well Visits during the pandemic will be conducted adhering strictly to the government's social distancing guidance.

Will Richardson, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service Prevention Manager, said: "Smoke alarms do save lives but only if they work. Test yours every month to make sure they are in good working order and approximately every six months clean them out so they are in the best working order possible. However, smoke detectors have a life span of ten years and must be changed. Inside they have a sensor that will decay over time, so it's

well worth setting a reminder on your phone's calendar to prompt you about your monthly tests, six monthly Hoover and ten-year exchange."

James Bywater, NFCC Lead for Home Detection commented: "NFCC want people to think about the risks in their homes and ensure they

take action to prevent incidents and that they have the right detection in the right places to be alert if an incident happens."

Only around 15% of households have carbon monoxide CO alarms. CO is a highly poisonous gas, which you cannot see, taste or smell. NFCC recommend households install CO alarms in any room with a fuel burning appliance such as an open fire, wood burning stove or gas appliance such as a boiler or cooker.

Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in all rooms where there is a fuel burning appliance

Test all alarms regularly to make sure they work

Ensure all appliances are installed and maintained correctly by registered and suitably qualified tradespeople

For more advice and information about keeping safe in your home, please see Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service website - <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/cumbriafire/services/safetyathome/default.asp>



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Silloth Rugby Club



L-R: Linda Abernethy, David Allen, Bob Hetherington and David Beeby
Report by: David Henderson

Prior to the lock-down, Silloth Rugby Club had a visit from a former resident of the town; Mr Bob Hetherington.

Bob left Silloth in 1954 following the death of his father, Ted, who was killed when working on the sea defences at Morecambe. Ted Hetherington was a member of the Silloth RUFC teams that won the Cumberland Cup in 1935 and the Cumberland Shield in 1947 and Bob was returning to Silloth to present his father's Shield medal to the club. The medal was received on behalf of the club by Linda Abernethy, David Allen and David Beeby.

During his visit, Bob, who now lives in Salford, told us about his life in Silloth. He was born and

lived in Raglans Court and his mother, Margaret, and her seven siblings were raised in the Salt Cottages next to the Convalescent Home.

He also related a story about his grandfather, Michael Power, who worked as the Keeper on the Lees Scar Lighthouse (Tommy Legs). Unfortunately, Michael also liked to spend time in the local pubs and he was suspended by the local harbour master for failing to attend work. Seeking revenge, Michael then set fire to the lighthouse.

After leaving Silloth, Bob joined the army and met his wife, Sylvia. They have now been married for 55 years. We hope that it will not be so long before he makes another visit to the club.



Back Row (L-R): Billy Shanks, Eric Sim, Tommy Slack, Tommy Anderson, Ormond Holiday, Jack Bell, Bill Cameron, George Foster (Referee), Middle Row: Joe Bell, Alf Hazelwood, Ted Hetherington (Captain), Tommy Jackson, Bobby Clow
Front Row: Tommy French, Percy Bell, Eddie Robinson. Final - Silloth v Cocker-mouth at Ellis Sports Ground, Workington. Silloth won 3-0

Invest in Your Community and Feel Good!

The Lowther Arms Community Project Ltd (LACP) received a big boost to its funds this week when a local person bought £20,000 in community shares. This means the LACP is within touching distance of its £250,000 fundraising target to buy the Lowther Arms as a community pub.

"We're so close, now" says Chris Atkinson, Chair of the project "and only need to raise another £37,500 in shares. This individual's contribution is a huge boost to our project, and we're delighted and extremely grateful for their investment."

"We'd also like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped - we can't believe how far we've come in such a short space of time! We're a small village of 50 houses and Parish of just 465 people, but the response we've had from the community is unbelievable. Of course, there have been doubts along the way, but the support we've received from everyone including our 200 shareholders, our Patrons, Elaine & Malcolm Wilson of M-Sport Ltd, and organisations like Co-operatives UK, Plunkett Foundation, Key Fund and CAMRA (the Campaign for Real Ale) proves we can do it!

"Experience from other community pubs shows that when the target is within reach, this draws in many more people who were sceptical at first, plus it increases the confidence of existing



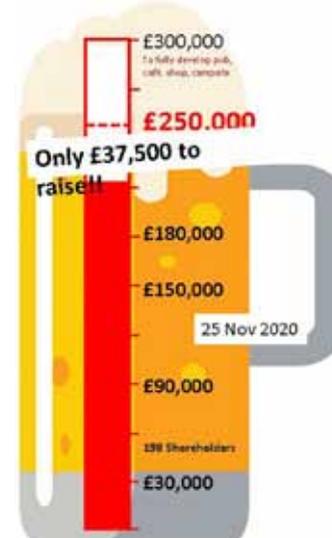
L-R: Annette Gibbons and lucky Shareholder No 173 Pauline Bezusko

shareholders to buy more shares. Remember too, that, with every share you buy, you get a free entry into our fantastic Grand Prize Draw to win a beautiful, bespoke, original drawing worth £1,000!

People can invest from as little as £100, and what better gift could you buy this Christmas? Buying shares

and giving someone a piece of their own pub is the gift that keeps on giving. Knowing you have helped save a pub that's part of a community and being able to visit and enjoy the pub will bring pleasure for years to come.

It's a very low risk investment (you can ask to withdraw all your money later), and you can feel good knowing that community pubs are making a big difference to the communities



they serve. This has been particularly noticeable during Covid as these community hubs have provided support and services that otherwise wouldn't have been available. Research shows that the power of community enterprises can fuel a rural recovery. Of course, should the unthinkable happen and we fail in our bid, all monies will

be returned.

Says Chris, "We're all pulling together, so let's make this happen as soon as possible. The great news is that it's win-win - the owners will get the sale they're looking for and the community will have a pub - hopefully in time for Christmas! Cheers!"

Anyone who is interested in buying shares or making a donation can find out more at www.thelowtherarms.co.uk or contact Vivienne Coleman on 01900 881441. News is updated on the Face Book page @ [lowtherarmscommunityproject](https://www.facebook.com/lowtherarmscommunityproject). viviennecoleman@btinternet.com



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Solway Community School 'Race for Life Day' Raises £470



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On the 30th September, our whole school took part in the Race for Life to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

We all have our own experiences of the devastating effects that cancer can have on individuals, families and communities. By embracing the 'Race for Life' we all felt that we were making a positive contribution to the valuable work being done to improve the quality of life of people living with cancer and hopefully, one day, finding a cure.

After rain threatened to postpone the race, we weathered the storm and eagerly made our way out onto the sports field. While keeping socially distanced, some sprinted, some jogged and others walked but what was clear from everyone were the smiles and pride in the fact that we were doing something to help others. It was an opportunity to come together as our close-knit school community.

On the route, we all had a chance to reflect over our own experiences of cancer and share stories with each

insert the link below.
fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/solway-community-schools-very-2020-race-for-life

Right: a pupils view of the school
 Below: profiles on Ms Schafer and Mr Hailwood

other, many with positive endings surely helped through the work of Cancer Research UK.

In these difficult times, when charities are struggling more than ever to raise funds, every member of our school community embraced the event and recognised the difference they were making.

It felt good to give something back.

We're delighted with the sponsor money we have already raised. If you would like to sponsor us, please

Role: Executive Head

Interesting fact: I used to row for Great Britain back in the 1980s, but more interestingly got arrested while working as a teacher in Uganda for taking pictures of a dam. I was kept in a cell with a machine gun armed guard until the consulate rescued me (I was innocent!).

Favourite place: Lanercost Priory, on a sunny summer evening - the most peaceful place in the world; or Christmas lunch at my mum and dad's house in Scotby with all the family

Why do I love teaching?: Because having the opportunity to work with young people who will in the future shape the world we live in is a tremendous responsibility and privilege. Watching them grow, mature and have the confidence to do the right thing when they find themselves in charge of their own destiny is the best feeling in the world.

Role: Head of School

Interesting fact: I have identical twin boys.

Favourite place: New York.

Why do I love teaching?: For me, the greatest moments in teaching always involve being part of students success; be that when they achieve the GCSE results they have worked so hard for or simply learning something new and difficult. Students find it impossible not to smile on such occasions, and it is great to be part of it.

Jack Barnfather

Dear Year 6,

I am writing to you to tell you about my first few weeks at Solway School. Some of you will be worried about getting lost around the school, but really it's quite a small school and nothing to worry about.

At first, I was quite worried about getting a detention/isolation, but if you just follow the rules there is nothing to worry about. If you nervous about new teachers and making new friends I assure you that all the students and teachers are very nice and will welcome you nicely. I was worried about the homework at first, but it won't trouble you and here is a tip, when you get your homework do it the day/night you get it even if you have a week to do it (of course, because a week will soon seem like a day).

The food here is very nice and you can even get something from the canteen at break time like pizza, lobster, hot chocolate, bacon or sausage sandwiches and even fizzy drinks. After the first week now I feel comfortable in this school. If you decide to come to this school you won't regret it and you will make loads of friends in no time! I assure you that you will love this school.

Yours sincerely Jack Barnfather

Major Fire Ravages Skinburness House



Marsh House at Skinburness gutted by fire. The alarm was raised just after 10:30pm when the sound of the roof caving in alerted the neighbours. Fire engines from as far away as Carlisle and Penrith attended, however Silloth's own crew were the first on the scene and managed to get control of the fire.

The building was in the process of being renovated so there was nobody in the house that night. The team also used lightweight portable pumps, ladders, main jets, hosereels, small tools and one set of breathing apparatus while tackling the blaze. After five hours of hard work, the fire was fully extinguished.

Abbey Monthly Munch

Report by: Laura Sim Treasurer, Holme Cultram Abbey PCC

The Holme Cultram Abbey Munch Team were back in action in August with their Alternative Munch as takeaways after to having to adapt to these unprecedented times.

These have since been a great success and have attracted old and new supporters. The munches that we have had so far have raised an amazing £1,458.00 plus some other donations that we have received.

Our alternative Christmas munch preparations have also been fun, we drew straws to see who got to stuff or pinch the parson's nose on turkey, who wrapped the pigs in blankets and how much sherry to put in the trifle. We are sad that this year we didn't get to sit down and share this with everyone but we look forward to the day when we can all sit down and enjoy a meal together again.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has continued to support us and we wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. With our love and prayers and keep safe.



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Upside Down Bee
by Maddox Coates from Silloth Primary School

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by Adam from Silloth Primary School

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by June from Holme St Cuthbert School

Your Very Welcome Buzzing Letters

Dear Buzz,

I fail to see how Carlisle and Workington libraries are open and Silloth remains shut, are the residents of both towns immune from the virus? Or is it Silloth getting the rough end of the stick.

For many of the older generation it is one of the only forms of pleasure left in the lockdown situation and actually keeps some of us relatively sane.

Can we not get it open for two mornings a week just to keep morale up, to return some books and educate some of us on these darkened nights. Apologies to all students and the younger who actually enjoy reading.

ps: From the story in the last issue of the Buzz; how would Archie find out how many legs a caterpillar had if the library was closed?

C. Briggs

Dear Buzz,

I enjoy the shipping page in each issue of the paper, and many thanks are due to John Forrester for his excellent pictures and informative text on the vessels which have called. Likewise, Harbour Master Tim Riley provides an interesting summary of Silloth's shipping and the various issues facing the Port.

I appreciate the way he keeps the wider community informed and aware of matters at the docks.

Perhaps the development plans on the Port estate which have been mentioned recently could be shown on a plan in the Buzz, so readers can see exactly what is proposed and where.

Wishing the Port and it's staff a healthy future,

Stephen Wright
Carlisle

Dear Buzz,

The family of the late Brian Bosward; Michelline, Dee, Garry, Dawn, their husband's and grandchildren would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, all the cards, phone calls, messages, flowers etc.

We'd also like to announce the total of the very generous donations in Brian's memory for Cancer Research UK of £2,187. Also a special thanks to Jonathan Hill, Undertaker, for all his care and attention. Not forgetting Margaret Gates for the lovely eulogy and comforting words.

Dee Bosward

Dear Buzz,

I would like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Silloth Green for the great job they have done creating the gardens on the Green.

I visited in September and was really impressed with the variety of plants and colour. The place was teeming with butterflies and other wildlife, making it a nature reserve in it's own right.

This is a great example of what can be achieved when the local community works together. I wish them continued success in this and the other projects planned for the Green.

Stephen Wright
Carlisle

Dear Buzz,

Colin and Maureen Irving from Skinburness Drive have decided not to send Christmas cards this year.

We would like to wish our friends and neighbours all best wishes and a healthy New Year.

Colin & Maureen Irving

Dear Buzz,

R.A.F.A. Club Notice

On Tuesday 22nd of September the R.A.F.A. Club held its AGM. Mrs Sheona Nicoll decided to step down as club secretary, after many years in the role. The club would like to thank her for her service.

Also to the other members of the committee, who decided to step down, we thank you for your time and hard work keeping the club going over the years.

The committee has many new members and we hope that we can continue the good works that the previous committee achieved.

The R.A.F.A. Club is striving to support and keep its members safe during these times and look forward to seeing old and new members in the coming months.

Mr B Duff (Secretary)

Dear Buzz,

Dear Friends,
I'm sure you will understand if for this year only, I will not be sending Christmas Cards to all my local friends and associates. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year and pray that 2021 will get us back to some sort of normality. Keep Safe All.

Pat Bell

Do you have a poem or letter for the buzz?
We welcome all submissions, there is no charge.
Please remember to include your contact information.

Dear Buzz,

I am so sad to be leaving Silloth, having lived here at the Wath Courtyard for 17 years. I just want to record my gratitude for the privilege of living in this lovely friendly town. Between fantastic Sunrises and Sunsets Silloth offers many amenities for young and old; the Events on the Green throughout the year, many Clubs and facilities, my favourites being Art and Woodcarving what talented folk! I was too busy to join the WI, Sewing and Craft Groups or the Pensioners Club (didn't think I was old enough at 80+). Since 2005 I was helping out at Open Doors/Our Door's Open, a free lunch on Tuesdays at St. Andrews Hall - really inviting and friendly.

One never needs to feel lonely in Silloth.

I shall miss the local shops; Post Office, Coop, Butchers and couldn't leave without mentioning JayBee's - they sell everything you might need and my motto for them is "If you need 'it' they've got 'it' and if they haven't got 'it' they will get 'it' for you".

Above all I've enjoyed fellowship and have many friends in all our six Churches. Thanks for Churches Together where we can serve God and grow as Christians regardless of what label we choose to worship with.

So you will surely be missed. May God bless you all, with my love and best wishes.

Cherry Asbury



The Queen Family!
by Ebony Nicholson from Silloth Primary School

Masthead Bee Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered Kids Rucksack to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and £5 Gift Voucher.

So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Return to your school, or the Discovery Centre, or post to the address on page 14 (large stamp) and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered Rucksack from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.

You don't have to be at school here to send a bee to us. If you are here on holiday we would love to have your bee drawing. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to us, our address is on page 14.

This month the winner is Connor Riddick from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee drawing called "Simon Bee".

Well done!



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Buzzing Poems

The Gospel Van
by Joan Bennett

*The children wait with bated breath, the van is coming soon,
For two whole weeks, they'll have some fun, every afternoon,
Mid July the sun is shining on the village green,
Some children are on holiday, the van they've never seen.*

*Uncle Phil and Uncle John both arrive each year,
To teach the children of God's word in voices loud and clear.
The van is here the children shout, the van is here at last,
Uncle Tom, waves and smiles, then says sit on the grass.*

*The sound of children's voices can be heard so clear and loud,
They sing rousing choruses, attract a massive crowd,
Uncle Phil tells stories from the Bible of our Lord,
Little Jim Brown asks him, does God live abroad?*

*The atmosphere, wonderful, the children in good voice,
They would stay much longer, if they had a choice,
Come to Chapel, six o'clock, Uncle Johns inviting,
They prefer the Gospel van, it's much more exciting.*

Autumn Ballet
by Penny Stimson

*The dance of the leaves is Autumn's delight,
the colours and beauty is such a sight.
Reds, yellow and gold
a cacophony of colour to behold.
The breeze is cooling, a chill in the air,
conkers are falling everywhere.*

*And then the Ballet of Autumn begins
as the breeze takes the leaves, flying them like wings.
Twisting and turning, up and down
then they pirouette round and around
falling exhausted on to a pile
of leaves that have danced, and are resting awhile.*

*Two join together twist and turn
as if a new dance they have to learn.
Oh, what a joy they are to see,
as they weave and twist, fluttering free.
Flashes of rust, browns and gold
glint in the sun as round they go.*

*The Ballet is short soon it is no more,
tree's stand bare, skeletal arms sore,
into the sky looking undressed,
now is the time for nature to rest.
She left with a vision of beauty and grace,
a gift from above for the human race.*

Snowstorm
by Sophia Lodhi

*Through the frame of our window, we can see -
From seemingly nowhere - the first snowflake appear:
Light as a petal or a joyous tear,
A vision so sparkly and silent and near!*

*Soon, in the spotlight of crisp, bright moonlight...
Spiralling softly from the still of the night...
Whispering and hushed: myriads more
Gently fall, just outside our door!*

*Enraptured, we don our scarves and hats...
Wide-eyed, we step outside, still cosy and wrapped
In the warmth from the log-fire, which now quickly fades
As we brace ourselves to watch the chill snow cascade...*

*A shimmery flurry swirls before our eyes,
Clothing skeletal trees in dazzling whites...
Marvelling, we laugh and smile and sigh:
A snowstorm is falling on Christmas night!*

Christmas 2020
by Pauline Mole

*We've made no plans to go away this year,
There's too much fear and dread.
This covid pandemic has taken over,
So we're just staying home instead.*

*Will we deck our home this year,
With the usual happiness and cheer?
We won't be having visitors,
No one will dare come near.*

*I hope the little children
Can still look forward to new toys.
Maybe not as many this year,
Like when WE were girls and boys.*

*I'm in my 70's now, but can still remember
Many happy memories of the 25th of December,
But let's not forget what Christmas really is,
It's Jesus' birthday, and that day is especially HIS.*

*Yes, we WILL look forward to the future,
Yes, we WILL put up the tree,
Because we WILL meet up and hug again,
Just you wait and see.*

Night Thoughts
by Mrs J Bailey

*Why is it when worries come on with a bite,
They always enlarge in the dead of the night.
When you're all alone and need comfort and cheer,
The whole world's asleep and there's nobody near.*

*No one to talk to of troubles and grief,
No one to hold you and give sweet relief.
You sit and you cry, your whole being gives way,
You're in desolate turmoil and long for the day.*

*The dawn then emerges through misty grey gloom,
The sun starts to shine and brings life to the room,
The long night is over, the day will now start
To help sort your thoughts out and give you new heart.*

*When all is resolved and peace reigns supreme,
You'll climb back into bed and drift off in a dream.
You'll forget all the heartache, the pain and the fright
That worrying brings in the dead of the night.*



Two Bees by Summer
from Silloth Primary School

Pauline's New Book

Pauline Mole's new book 'Some More of Pauline's Poems' is her second book of poetry. It is much bigger than the first book which had 23 poems, this new book has 82 poems on eighty pages and includes 22 in the Cumbrian dialect.

They are mostly very amusing. Others are a wide conglomeration of poems, ending with five assorted Christmas poems.

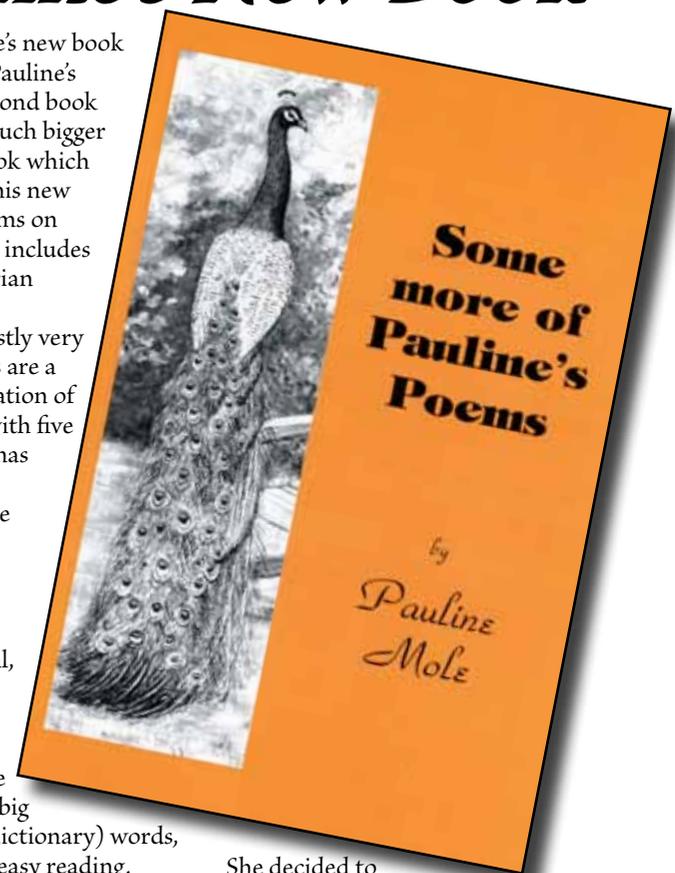
Some of these poems will have you nodding in agreement, reminiscing, or feeling emotional, but many will make you smile and even laugh out loud. Pauline doesn't use very big (look up in the dictionary) words, so they are very easy reading.

It's a great gift for just £5, or a little treat for yourself, to pick up and put down anytime.

Pauline was born in Wigton. She has lived around Penrith for over thirty years but has always come to Silloth from being a child.

She decided to move to Waver Street, Silloth in 2006 and is totally at home here.

If you would like a book, there are some in Winter's Post Office and Coffee Shop, or you could phone Pauline on 016973 31764.



MEMORIES OF OUR FIRST CAR

My Dad's first car, I remember it well,
I think I was about 10, as far as I can tell.
It was an Austin Seven, and very small,
It's number plate, AHN 5, I can still recall.

My brother named her Dorothy, - don't know why,
But no other name to her, did we apply, -
Although, my DAD would sometimes call her a word,
That my brother and me, had never even heard!

She had to be started by a long steel handle,
And each light wasn't much brighter than a candle.
Her little indicator arms flicked out from each side,
But often required a quick bash, from us inside.

Sometimes she needed a bit of help up a hill,
So we had to get out, and push her, until, -
She spluttered and coughed, and then decided to go,
Oh, yes, she had a mind of her own, you know.

She didn't have a heater though, poor little thing,
So in winter, we used to know what to bring, -
Like hot water bottles, and thick warm rugs,
Flasks of tea, and plastic mugs.

To my brother and me, she was THE attraction,
But however, could drive my dad to distraction.
Mam said, dad didn't swear before we got her,
But really, we all loved Dorothy, our first ever motor.



A page from Pauline's book

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If you have an event to promote or you have something to say, please note the next copy date.

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Silloth RNLI Shop

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December

12th Mawbray Village Hall Film Club presents SCROOGED at 7pm, see advert

20th Mawbray Village Hall Film Club presents POLAR EXPRESS at 7pm, see advert

20th Santas Sleigh supported by Silloth Rotary will be touring the town.



May

2nd Soul on Silloth Green at 11am

January 2021

7th Abbey Monthly Munch - see advert

9th Mawbray Village Hall Film Club presents FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS at 7pm, see advert

23rd RNLI Fundraiser Coffee Morning and Cake Sale In BESSIE'S at Winters, Eden Street, Silloth From 9:30am

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The film starts at 7:00pm

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While fire safety is vital throughout the year, the extra distractions of Christmas make it especially important to be vigilant during the festive season. Therefore, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service is asking people to take extra care over the festive season to ensure that their families and loved ones are safe from fire.

The most common room where fires start is, perhaps unsurprisingly, the kitchen. Nearly 60% of all the accidental fires attended by firefighters in Cumbria around the Christmas period last year started in the kitchen.

Darran Irwin, Watch Manager for Silloth Fire Station, said:

"We want everyone to celebrate safely and take fire safety seriously this Christmas. Many of the things we enjoy over the Christmas period, such as fairy lights, candles and decorations, can all be fire hazards when proper care isn't taken. We also need to be mindful that leaving cooking

unattended can be one fire hazard that could be prevented, as could using the correct charging devices for items such as phones, laptops and torches."

Here are some simple tips from the National Fire Safety campaign to help you and your family enjoy Christmas safely:

- Ensure you have working smoke alarms installed on all levels of your home. Working alarms can give you the vital time needed to escape in a fire. Test your smoke alarms regularly and never remove batteries.

- Never leave cooking unattended. The majority of fires start in the kitchen so this is a high risk area. Many of us enjoy a tippie over the festive season but be sure to avoid cooking whilst under the influence of alcohol. Always turn off kitchen appliances when you have finished cooking.

- Never leave burning candles unattended. Keep candles out of the reach of children, and away from decorations, cards and wrapping paper, fires, lights and heaters.

- Put your cigarette out, right

out. If you smoke, make sure your cigarette is fully extinguished and take care when under the influence of alcohol or if you are tired. It's very easy to fall asleep while your cigarette is still burning and set furniture alight.

- Never use heaters to dry clothes. Heaters can start fires when things are placed too close to them. Keep them well away from curtains, clothing and furniture.

- Don't overload sockets. Ensure only one plug per socket. Always turn off plugs when they are not in use, except those that are designed to be left on, like freezers.

- Ensure you switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the home. Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard (BS EN 60598) and are in good working order before use.

- Always use an RCD (residual current device) on outdoor electrical equipment. This safety device can save lives by instantly switching off the power if there is a fault and can be found in any DIY store.

- Do something good this Christmas. Test the smoke alarms of someone you know who may need help such as an older relative or neighbour to ensure their safety as they are at greater risk from fire.

Make sure that everyone in your home knows what to do in a fire - in the event of fire you should get out, stay out and call 999.



PCSO's Support Rural Communities

Cumbria's Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) have received specialist crime prevention training aimed at helping people to protect themselves and their property. The training has been funded by Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall and includes bespoke advice for rural communities.

Despite the restrictions under COVID-19 PCSO's are actively engaged in their communities providing the specialist advice in a range of different formats. A key focus for the PCSO's has been rural crime and helping to 'target-harden' the rural areas. People are encouraged to contact their local PCSO if they feel that they would benefit from the advice.

Peter McCall comments: "Our PCSO's work closely with local communities and this training allows them to focus on community safety. Community crime prevention is vital, and I am encouraged that our PCSO's have achieved this Level 3 qualification. Anyone who feels at risk of becoming a victim of crime, should contact their local PCSO for support."

T/Chief Superintendent Rob O'Connor, Cumbria Constabulary, said: "The work of PCSO's in supporting our communities with issues of antisocial behaviour, crime prevention and quality of life is important to the policing service we provide. This accreditation will further enhance the knowledge and skills of our PCSO's, which in turn will have a positive effect on the local areas they serve."

PCSO Karen Dakin, Eden Local Focus Team, said: "The

training for the Level 3 award provided myself and my colleagues with updated understanding of how we can further work with our partner agencies to support people within our communities.

Of particular note, was the emphasis placed on crime prevention for rural areas. A key aspect of our role is to support rural communities and provide them with practical prevention advice to reduce their chances of being a victim of crime. The learning and experience gained through this training was really beneficial and I am sure this will have a positive effect to how we engage with public and the effectiveness of the advice we provide."

National Farmers Union Cumbria County Chairman, Ian Bowness, said: "Making sure Cumbrian farmers are no longer a primary target for thieves is a priority for my membership organisation and why we've launched our Lock it or Lose it campaign. Free crime prevention surveys on farms, delivered by specially trained Police Community Support Officers, are an integral part of our campaign. This would not have been possible without the training funded by Police and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall and on behalf of the farming community I'd like to thank him for his continued support."

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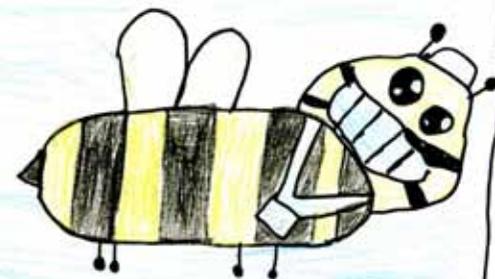
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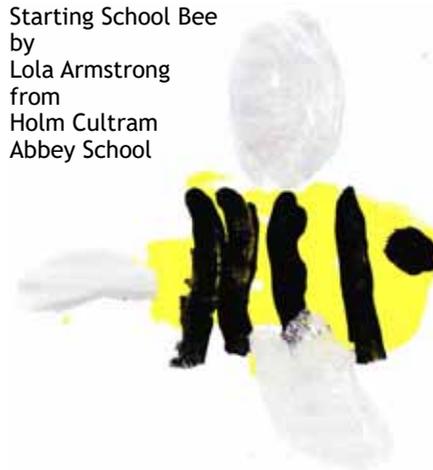
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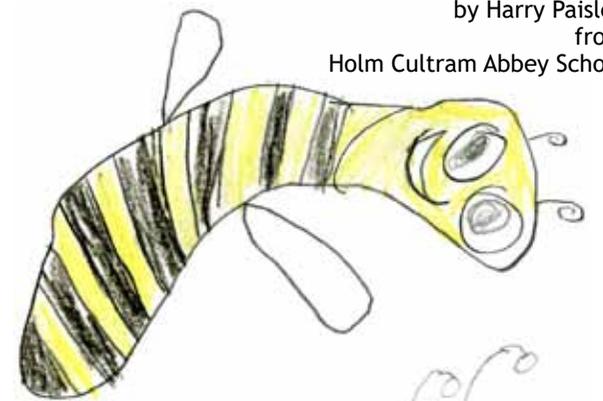
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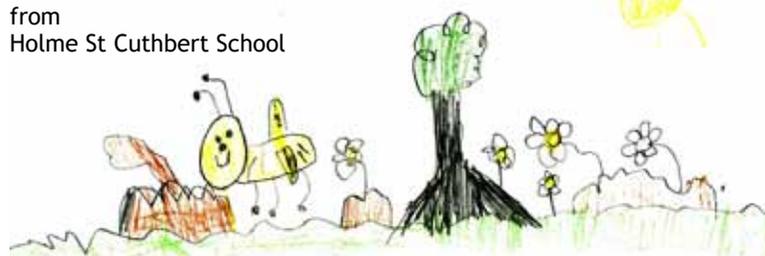
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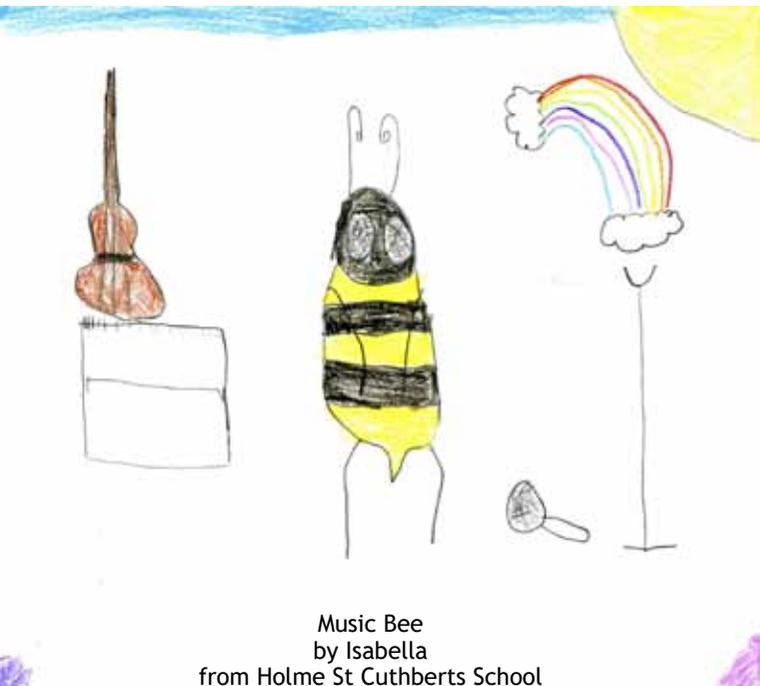
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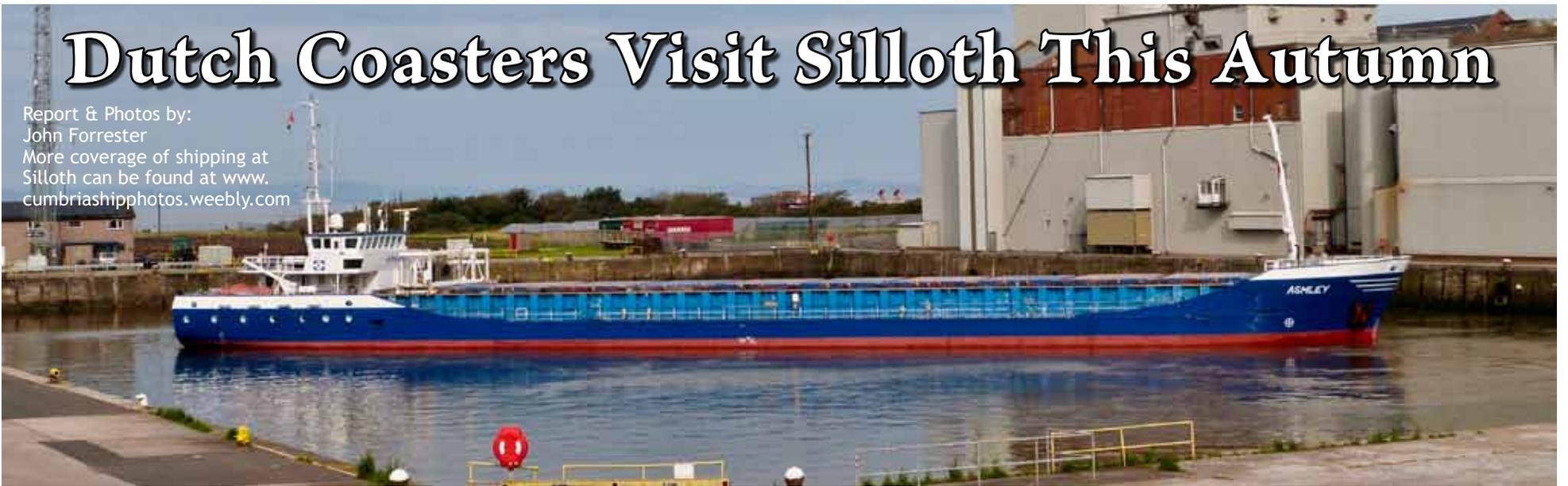


Dutch Coasters Visit Silloth This Autumn

Report & Photos by:

John Forrester

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Recent fine autumn weather encouraged ship enthusiasts to venture out with their cameras to see some new visitors to the port. The Netherlands was well represented with the two Dutch coasters, ASHLEY and MARRY-S, bringing fertiliser from mainland Europe. The smart appearance of both ships was as expected from this proud maritime nation whose vessels are regularly seen at Silloth.

The Solway was unusually calm for the arrival of ASHLEY. Having reached Cumbria ahead of schedule, ASHLEY waited overnight at Workington anchorage before being taken up to Silloth by the pilot. The ship passed smoothly into the dock where she was turned and brought alongside the unloading berth. Bringing fertiliser from Rotterdam, the largest port in Europe, illustrates the importance of smaller vessels in distributing cargo to regional ports. The ship has a complete Dutch pedigree, being built there ten years

ago, and remaining in Dutch ownership throughout. She is now privately owned, registered at the inland port of Enschede, and contracted to a large Dutch company for day-to-day operations.

The second new visitor made her entrance overnight. Luckily, MARRY-S was unloaded and ready to sail on the following tide when she was photographed. The sun shone as the ship lined up to exit the dock, completing the tricky manoeuvre by squeezing past the dock gates. Power was then applied as the ship made her way into the Solway where she would head south to pick up her next cargo in South Wales. Ownership of the ship is another example of a Dutch family-run business, which they have named 'Sierra Maritiem'. Their sailings across Europe can be followed on social media where the owners explain that two brothers take turns to captain the vessel, which they have named after their mother Marry.



Festive Silloth Ready for Christmas



Lindsey Blake took this picture of her dog Barney Blake who approved of the nativity scene at Christ Church so much that he wanted to be a part of it

MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM SILLOTH

Sept/Oct/Nov Shipping Movements at the Port of Silloth

Report by: Capt Tim Riley, Harbour Master, Short Sea Pilot

September

September was a very poor month.... Not much else to say.
2nd Scot Pioneer with Wheat from Vordinborg then on to Dublin.

15th Ashley with Salt from Rotterdam then on to Lochaline.

The port of Silloth only had two visits this month, well below par for the time of year, however we have had lots of discussions going on in the background over port utilities, car parking, and revitalising some of the infrastructure.

Our local partners in the port have also been involved in discussions and work will soon start on moving the weighbridge to a more suitable location, making the entrance closest to the Golf club more secure and more accessible to HGV traffic.

As part of this work, we will be looking at removing the old derelict port office and the somewhat dilapidated weighbridge office, which currently has various issues making it basically awful to work in. This work will be carried out by our Stevedoring company, DA Harrison with some sub-contracting for craneage, etc.

Overall, this will improve the entrance to the port, make it safer for access to the port and provide better security at the main weighbridge entrance. We are also working with Harrisons to get some damaged concrete surface work done on Berth 6, which will enable us to work cargo more safely on that berth.

Coming later in the year, we hope to carry out further maintenance works on our old lock gates and have them fully refurbished, including the sluices which allow us to drain or level the dock with the sea level outside.

We are still awaiting confirmation of details of changes to parking arrangements for access to West Beach, updates to parking for the Golf Course and changes to Solway Logistics business entrance. We hope to be able to provide full information on these within the next few months.

October

We had a fairly good month this month, the return of Zapadnyy, the pilot neatly stopping the vessel in the entrance for photo opportunities for the local ship spotters!

6th Marry-S with Fertiliser from Ghent the on to Newport.

17th Marietje Hester with Fertiliser from Aviles then on to Belfast.

18th Wilson Leith with Fertiliser from Klaipeda then on to San Ciprian.

30th Zapadnyy with Molasses from Amsterdam then on to Klaipeda.

30th Eastern Vanquish with Furness Bottom Ash from Londonderry then on to Larne.

As Autumn and the farming seasons change we are now into the tuppung season and the sheep are going through "lick" as fast as they can get it, Farmers are preparing the fields for the winter lay over and if I knew more about the fertilisers, I might be able to explain what each one is used for. Perhaps someone from the farming community might like to teach me? Three loads of fertiliser boosted our volume very nicely and it was also good to see Furness Bottom Ash back again as the building companies have been back at work, unfortunately, this may slow down again during the next month of "lock down".

TN Trawlers arrived right at the end of the month with two of their vessels popping in, carrying out a bit of maintenance and going straight out again. We expect to see them visit regularly over the coming months through the scallop season off the Isle of Man.

Although we are now back in lock down, the port remains fully functional, with our two ship drivers remaining completely apart as the port would have to close if we contract "Covid"

our Marine Ops chaps continue to work around the tides and we have commenced some work on maintenance of the sluices which help us drain the dock to levels so that ships can enter or leave at more appropriate times.

Harrisons will be starting work on moving the weighbridge soon and we can already see they have removed their old (decaying) portacabin and replaced it with a new one.

We still await the Council decisions on changes to car parking and footpaths for West Beach as part of the coastal cycle path, this could be a few months yet.

As we move closer to Brexit, we are now

building up to becoming a border control point, customs and excise will visit more often, probably be more border control officers attending and a slightly higher police presence periodically when we have ships visiting our quiet spot in the North West corner of England.

November

The final month of a topsy-turvy year!

25th Sea Ruby with Fertiliser from Antwerp then on to Lochaline.

29th Langeland with Wheat from Vierow then on to Glensander.

November was a slow month once again in the shipping world, with anticipation of an end to COVID in sight we were plunged back into lockdown and slower movements. With Brexit now very close to going through with no deal on the cards, there seems to be little appetite for much in the shipping world.

Both vessel calls this month were small quantities, just over 2,000t in each vessel, however TN Trawlers carried out a couple of round trips bringing in scallops and doing a spot of maintenance.

We have been advised of several vessels already for the run up to Brexit, so maybe we will claw back some of the losses of November during our final month



of 2020.

On the port works side, we have progressed with repairing and renovating our sluice gates, the south sluices are now completed and working well. They had a brief tangle with the North sluices in an attempt to extract them last week, however they have been installed somewhat differently and require a different approach for them to be removed and may take a while longer than the South Sluices.

We have a further meeting with the Council regarding the Cycle path and extensions/ revisions this coming month and look forward to the works being

completed.

Would be nice to get the road to Maryport resurfaced as well soon as there are some pretty big potholes in the section just north of Beckfoot!

Have a great Christmas Holiday period and we'll see you all hopefully in the New Year.



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Abbeytown u16 Girls Winners



Abbeytown u16 Girls won the Cumberland County Cup beating Northbank 2-0

Sports Development Grant Funding for Silloth

The incredible work of sports clubs and groups across Allerdale is benefitting to the tune of more than £30,000 thanks to a new grant scheme from Allerdale Borough Council.

In the summer organisations in the borough were invited to bid to the council for funding for projects that would make a significant difference to their members and users from the local community.

Projects put forward must deliver against at least two of the scheme's priorities, which include creating new participation opportunities, improving resilience, improving economic/environmental sustainability of the organisation, improving access for those more likely to be less active and encouraging new participants into sport or physical activity through innovative ideas.

The recipients of the first wave of funding have now been decided with almost £34,000 allocated to community clubs for projects such as improvements to changing rooms, investing in new equipment and developing new biking facilities.

The clubs or groups to receive funding in this first wave are:

- Workington Boys and Girls Club - £2,500 for improvements to their fitness area
- Thursby Sport and Recreation Committee - £2,250 for recreation field improvements including the cycle area
- Beacon Hill School Cycle Club - £10,000 for development of a pump track and MBT skills area
- Silloth Football Club - £10,000 for changing room improvement project
- Cockermouth Junior Football Club - £3,678.50 to improve facilities on their site and ground investigations for building development
- Seaton Bowling Club - £3,800 for completing club buildings to make them usable
- Gilcrux Village Hall - £1,500 for equipment to increase activity in classes, badminton and play area.

CLlr Tony Markley, Executive member for environmental services, said: "Sports clubs and other groups which give people the chance to participate in physical activity are so important to our communities. They provide great opportunities for young and old to keep fit, healthy and active while providing great platforms for those who want to play competitively."

Nathan is Going Places Fast



Silloth Athlete Nathan Gray has a chance to take his running to the next level. After lockdown came, Nathan kept going with his training, running every day at least once and keeping on top of gym work.

This lead to him recently running a 5,000m (3.1 mile) time trial in 14 minutes and 43 seconds, he now has the opportunity to look at heading to America as part of one of their sports scholarships (should he chose to do so).

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