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# Free Guided Walks on the Shore

They're back! Free low-tide guided walks on the shore at Dubmill Point, Allonby Bay, to look at the animals and algae that live in and on the shore and rocks – including the very special honeycomb-worm reefs, for which Allonby Bay is a Marine Conservation Zone.

As David Attenborough says, "No one will protect what they don't care about; and no one will care about what they have never experienced." So do join Dr Ann Lackie (writer Ann Lingard) to experience the wonders of our shores.

All details – dates, times, where to meet, what to wear etc are on the website for Ann's book about the Solway, The Fresh and the Salt. The Story of the Solway: see https:// thefreshandthesalt.co.uk/shorewalks-events/

Walks are about two hours long, dogs and children are most welcome, but booking is essential as places are limited: please use the contact form https:// thefreshandthesalt.co.uk/contact/ to book your place.

A short blog-post about 'Strange animals of the Solway shore' is on Ann's Solway Shore-walker blog https://solwayshorewalker. co.uk/2022/01/24/strangeanimals-of-the-solway-shore/ if you want to find out more about honeycomb worms.







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Violet the Unicorn Bee by Zdyah Winter Burns from Silloth Primary School

# If You Don't Need It, Don't Keep It!



# Return unwanted aids to your nearest HWRC

# County Council

The county council's Community Equipment Service is appealing for people to return equipment such as commodes, toilet frames, bed levers, over-thebed tables and shower chairs. This is due to supply issues related to the Coronavirus pandemic and Brexit leaving some people struggling to access the equipment they need.

Cumbria County Council's Community Equipment Service provides free equipment across Cumbria to support people with their mobility and to help with normal daily tasks. This helps people stay independent in their own homes, and the service desperately needs returns of equipment no longer in use.

You may have forgotten about no longer needed equipment, or not know what to do with it, either way you can free up some space by returning the equipment easily and conveniently through local Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs). The Community Equipment Service will then collect the equipment, professionally clean and service it ready for reuse by others in need.

Kate Vernon, Service Manager for the Community Equipment Service said: "People across the country are facing shortages of the essential equipment they need to stay as active and independent as possible. By creating an easy way for people to return equipment that is no longer needed such as commodes, shower stools and over-bed tables, in a good, clean condition to HWRCs we will be able to help many more people continue to live in their own homes."

You can find your nearest HWRC at cumbria.gov.uk/ recycling

Walking aids should still be returned to Wigton Community Hospital. Otherwise West Cumberland Hospital and the Cumberland Infirmary will have meet and greet volunteers at the entrance who will collect equipment handed in.

We are appealing to patients to return crutches, walking sticks and zimmer frames– after a large drop in numbers of returns over the course of the coronavirus pandemic.

Maybe you've found some lying around that you'd forgotten all about, or maybe you just never got round to bringing them back yet, either way it's time to free up the space they've been using.

The Trust asks patients given crutches, walking sticks or zimmer frames to bring them back once no longer needed. They'll be professionally cleaned and reused. A significant number haven't been returned.



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If you walk past the Abbey which gives the village of Abbeytown its name between 6pm and 7pm on a Tuesday evening and you listen carefully, you may hear a choir singing.

Open the big oak entrance door and you will realise it is not the ghosts of past Benedictine monks practising their Gregorian chant. Open the inner door leading into the body of the church and you will see and hear the dulcet tones of the recently formed Abbeytown Community Choir enjoying the music of the Carpenters, Les Misérables, the Beach Boys, tunes from Oliver and other well known, and not so well-known lyrics.

This choir is under the tuition and guidance of Michelle Dodds who has lived in Abbeytown for a number of years. Music is her passion and she would like to offer the benefits of music to others. Michelle herself is an accomplished musician on most brass instruments.

Many, many people have praised her singing voice which can be heard as part of the duet "Cultram" along with local musician Geoff Betsworth. The choir is accompanied by our wonderful, talented Pianist Carolyn Fyfe who also lives in the village. The benefits of music and being part of a choir are numerous. The breathing exercises and actual singing itself greatly benefit those with respiratory problems including asthma and COPD. Being part of a group is also beneficial to a person's mental health, self confidence and selfesteem. It increases the endorphins in your body and greatly lifts your mood.

There are many in the group who have never sung in a choir and never sung in public before, so do not be afraid about coming forward.

If you have nothing much to do on a Tuesday evening or if you just want to challenge yourself, please come and join Michelle and the other members of the choir as they prepare for their first public performance at The John Peel Community Theatre, Wigton, on Friday June 10th.

The object of the group is to HAVE FUN. We hope you will join us.

Tickets for the performance can be bought via Ticketsource

Adult Choir – Tuesday's 6 to 7pm

Children's choir -

Wednesday 4:30 to 5:30pm in Holme Cultram Abbey. Follow us on facebook!





Report by: Wendy Jameson

On Monday 14th March 2022, Silloth-on-Solway took part in the Commonwealth Day celebration, with the raising of the Commonwealth Flag in the Community Garden on Silloth Green.

Commonwealth Day was commemorated by 54 countries across the world, honouring their shared values and rich diversity as members of the Commonwealth.

Every year, people in Commonwealth countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Americas, the Pacific and Europe observe the day with a range of activities, including faith and civic gatherings, flag raising ceremonies and cultural events.

This year's celebrations, held under the theme 'Delivering a Common Future' will be historic, marking 70 years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and her role as Head of the Commonwealth.

At 9:45am, Cllr. Graham Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor of Silloth welcomed everyone to the Flag Raising Ceremony. The ceremony was well attended, with representatives from Solway Community School, Silloth Primary School and other groups and organisations in the town. It was a pleasant, if breezy Spring morning, interspersed with outbreaks of sunshine.

Despite issues with the PA system, Cllr. Wilkinson read out an extract from the annual message from, Commonwealth Secretary-General, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland in which she underlined the significance of Commonwealth solidarity during this time of global uncertainty: "In an uncertain world, with multilateralism under strain, the Commonwealth shines as a beacon of hope and promise, inspiring confidence in the benefits of international co-operation and collective action. We celebrate the diversity that enriches us, and the similarities that enable us to work to together. Our points of unity make the Commonwealth unique in our world. Drawing from the deep wells of our unique history, they enable us to face the challenges of the 21st Century with clarity, unity and purpose."

The Secretary-General called for all Commonwealth nations to "stand together" in the face of multiple global crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, which has claimed nearly one million lives in the Commonwealth, climate change and ongoing insecurity.

Four year 7 pupils from Solway Community School went on to read out the Commonwealth Affirmation. This common act of witness renews the commitment



Deputy Mayor Graham Wilkinson

of people in Commonwealth countries to work together inclusively and in a spirit of goodwill towards democracy and development in which all can share.

At 10am, Cllr. Wilkinson, raised the Commonwealth Flag, this being the eighth year that Silloth has taken part in the celebration.

Thank you to everyone for attending the ceremony.



Solway Community School pupils read the Commonwealth Affirmation



Granpa Bee by Ollie Taylor from Holme St Cuthbert School

# Local Police Activity

## SILLOTH

PCSO Kerry Harris has conducted regular patrols in Silloth during the past month.

On 18th February, Kerry provided crime prevention advice to a local resident who had asked for a home visit. If you feel you would benefit from a similar visit please contact your local PCSO, they can arrange to pay you a visit at your home address.

As part of her role, Kerry works closely with a number of partner agencies including Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service. Last month, Kerry took part in a follow-up visit with fire service colleagues who provided the resident with a fire retardant bedding pack.

Kerry attended a community engagement event on 18th February at The Links in Silloth

## E-SCOOTERS

We are urging people to fully understand the law before buying or riding an e-scooter.

We stopped a child on Mealpot Road who was on an e-scooter, and contacted their parents who attended and the e-scooter was seized. Advice was given on the laws. One adult made off from police on High Street on an e-scooter, it was abandoned on the street and seized.

E-scooters are illegal to use on roads, footpaths, cycle tracks/lanes, bridleways, or byways. The only legal place these privately purchased scooters can be ridden are on private land with the owner's consent.

E-scooters also are potentially dangerous to riders and other member of the public with some reaching speeds of more than 30mph.

E-scooters are classed as a powered transporter and come under the same legislation as motor vehicles, therefore you need a licence and insurance to ride them. They also need to be registered to be used on the road and are subject to technical standards such as MOT and vehicle tax.



**PCSO Kerry Harris** 

as part of her regular drop-in sessions. This provides residents an opportunity to let Kerry know about any concerns they have.

# **ABBEYTOWN**

PCSO Kerry Harris and PC Dawn Lowerson attended an address in Abbeytown to carry out a welfare check on a resident who had been victim of antisocial behaviour.

Kerry and Dawn spent time with the resident to understand the impact of her experience of anti-social behaviour and provided advice on how to report any future incidents or concerns.

Patrol activity will continue in the area to prevent further incidents.

If you are suffering anti-social behaviour in this location please report this online, via 101 or anonymously to independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

# Forgot Something? Don't Let It Be Your Password

23 million users used 123456 as a password!

Whether it's your Facebook, Amazon, or Netflix account, the explosion in popularity of online apps and services means more and more of us have to remember an increasingly long list of

passwords. Unfortunately,

some of us cope with this challenge by resorting to practices

that leave our data, devices and money at risk - by using the same password across multiple accounts, or by creating simple passwords that could easily be guessed by hackers. Bad password practice is more prevalent than you might think - the UK's National Cyber Security Centre carried out analysis of passwords leaked in data breaches and found that more than 23 million users worldwide used 123456 as a password.

Here are some top tips that will make your life easier and your online accounts more secure:

#### 1: Creating memorable passwords.

A good way to create strong, memorable passwords is by using three random words. But remember, don't use words that can be guessed (like your pet's name). You can include numbers and symbols if you need to. For

example, "RedPants'Tree4!" 2: Saving passwords in your browser.

Saving your password in your browser means letting your web browser (such as Chrome, Safari or Edge) remember your password

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This can help to make sure you do not lose or forget your passwords and protect you against some cyber crime, such as fake websites

It is safer than using weak passwords, or using the same password in more than one place. 3: Email account passwords

If a hacker gets into your email account, they could: reset your other online account passwords, access personal information you have saved about yourself or your business

Your email password should be strong and different to all your other passwords. This will make it harder to crack or guess.

For more of the government's latest advice on how to stay secure online, visit the Cyber Aware website: https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/ cyberaware



Rainbow Space Bee bv Imogen Brough from Silloth Primary School

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bv Robbie Tiffin from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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# Skinburness Residents Association Shut Down

Report by: Grahame Littleton SRA Chairman

As the Skinburness Residents Association has been moribund for several years, the last committee members got together and decided to wind up the group and dispose of the assets.

There was a total of £2,563.16 in the bank account, it was decided

to donate £1,281.58 to Silloth First Responders and also £1,281.58 to the Great North Air Ambulance. The bank account has now been closed.

The group also had a small marquee and this has been accepted by Silloth Rotary Club for use locally.



Shaun Bee by Connor Riddick from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Report by: Owen Martin

After seeing the horrendous invasion of Ukraine, which has subsequently triggered a huge humanitarian crisis, Christine Ray could not stand back and do nothing. She immediately advertised to start a collection of goods in Silloth and as usual the people of Silloth did an amazing job and rallied round.

The Youth Club was opened as a collection point at specific times and Well Pharmacy was also a collection point to allow people to drop off goods. Donations starting pouring in from across the town, with items such as first aid equipment, blankets, food, toiletries, baby food and much more. Donation were made by the local community, Silloth First Responders, Jaybees, Solway Community School and many more.

Christine said "I couldn't stand back and do nothing, I had seen other areas arranging collections so decided to do one in



Silloth. It's absolutely heartbreaking to see what's going on in Ukraine, we all must help in anyway we can. I would like to thank everyone who has donated, I'm overwhelmed by the generosity of the people in town.

If anyone would like to support Ukraine by donating to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. You'll help DEC charities provide food, water, shelter and healthcare to refugees and displaced families.

Go to: donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal Or, please call 0370 60 60 90.



EVERY THURSDAY BETWEEN EASTER TO OCTOBER FIND US AT SILLOTH GREEN





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#### Report by: Wendy Jameson

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates are being encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees.

Silloth are proud to be taking part in this initiative and the Town Council have agreed for the circular bed on Silloth Green, opposite Christ Church to be replanted. The bed is to be cleared of any old shrubs which have had their day, to create a new bed to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. We will be working with the Friends of Silloth Green to plant a selection of new trees and shrubs. Our local Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are also getting involved, with each child planting a tree for the Jubilee.

Elsewhere on the Green, the original rose garden was built in 1954 to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The garden is now planted with bee and butterfly friendly plants, to bring it into the 21st century and address pressing concerns over the welfare of our bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects, while at the same time preserving the history of the site.



# New Online Fire Safety Check Tool

Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service are pleased to announce the launch of a new online home fire safety check tool, which is live on Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service's website: www.cumbria. gov.uk/safetyathome The site has been

developed by the National Fire Chiefs Council, FireKills and SafeLincs and currently, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service are one of seven Fire and Rescue Service's nationally who are using it. Thirty more Fire and Rescue Services are in the process of embedding it into their referral systems.

The online home fire safety check tool is an online form which allows anyone to risk assess their own situation to see if they are at risk from fire in the home. Once the form is complete, it either offers some bespoke fire safety advice or generates a referral for Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service to carry out a follow up visit. The benefits of this system

mean that we can focus our



resources on those who are at the highest risk and still offer education and advice to members of the community who are not deemed to be a high fire risk. The system can also be used by family, friends, carers and partner

organisations to assess someone else's risk level and generate a visit from fire service staff if they need one.

For those who are unable to access the web-based system, a freephone number is available to access a free home fire safety check: 0800 358 4777.

Fire Minister Lord Greenhalgh said: "I am delighted to support the National Fire Chiefs Council's new Online Home Fire Safety Check Tool. This will help people ensure their home is safe, providing them with life-saving fire safety information tailored to their home and household. I would encourage everyone to use this simple tool to help protect themselves and their loved ones against the risk of fire."



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# Looking After Pollinators



Planting for Pollinators - the exciting new Cumbria Local Nature Partnership project - has revealed some top tips to help get your gardens and outdoor spaces buzzing with life this Spring.

Planting for Pollinators project is a Cumbria Local Nature Partnership initiative delivered by Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre and local communities. The project aims to build on the work of the Get Cumbria Buzzing! project.

Outdoor spaces such as residential gardens, allotments and back yards cover an area larger than all of Britain's National Nature Reserves combined. Whatever the size of your garden, your outdoor space can provide a lifeline for pollinating insects - whether you have a doorstep, a small vard or lawn, there are lots of simple ways to provide food, shelter and a nesting habitat for insects all year round.

Pollinating insects rely on flowers for nectar and pollen, so when you're 'planting for pollinators, it's important to try to offer nectar and pollen throughout the seasons.

A good place to start is filling in any seasonal gaps in your outdoor space. Where possible, try to opt for native plants as they best support pollinating insects, but garden plants can also help extend the flowering season and add variety to any display.

Winter-flowering plants can be really important for queen bumblebees as they start to emerge in late winter. Allowing your lawn, or areas of your lawn, to flower can provide low-growing pollinator favourites such as dandelions,

daisies and white clover. If you don't have a grassy space, regular plant pots and baskets can offer a superb habitat when planted with nectar and pollen-rich plants.

Pollinating insects can also be supported by providing them with a home. Leaving some wilder areas can offer bumblebees a nesting habitat, while areas of shorter grass or open ground creates a suitable nesting habitat for mining bees. Areas of uncut grass, offering grasses, nettles and other native wildflowers, can provide food plants for butterflies and moth caterpillars - the birds will thank you too!

Leaving some vegetation uncut can also provide a home for an array of insects to sbend the winter in anticipation for Spring. Avoid the use of pesticides and instead provide these wilder areas that will attract natural pest controllers, such as wasps and ladybirds.

Cllr Celia Tibble, Cumbria County Council's Cabinet Member for the Environment, said: "I am pleased to see this project progressing - these tips will help you to create a stimulating and sustainable environment in your garden for all sorts of wildlife - and as we look forward to Spring and the warmer weather. I am keen to attract a variety of new insects and wildlife to my own garden. My thanks to all involved in this fantastic partnership project."

Charlotte Rankin, Planting for Pollinators Conservation Officer at Cumbria Wildlife Trust, said: "Together, if we each do at least one thing for pollinators in our outdoor spaces, we can create habitat and offer corridors for insects across our urban areas and the wider landscape."



# **Causewayhead WI**



Report by: Jenny Stride

Causewayhead WI Meeting on 9th March.

At our March meeting Margaret came to us with a selection of corn dollies from all over the world.

The making of these stems back to ancient times when they were made to the gods to hope that a successful harvest would be achieved the following year.

In the UK these were made at the end of the harvest and each farm would have it's own unique design twist.

Some of those Margaret had brought to show us were from places like Peru and Eastern Europe. They were very intricate and included human and animal figurines and Christmas decorations. There were also



Margaret last Corn Dolly maker in England with WI President Christine

intricate pictures made by the Chinese from rice straw which were incredible to see.

Margaret also did a short demonstration of how the "simple" ones were made which was very interesting

The raffle was won by Jenny

Haywood and Valerie Lodge. The Competition 1st Jenny Haywood 2nd Susan Kenny Flower Competition 1st Christine Worrall

2nd Maureen Irving Birthday Cards: Joyce Bailey.

# **Cryptic Phrases #2** for LEXOPHILES (Lovers of Words)

Sent in by: Mike Faulkner

24. If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine. 25. When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she

thought she'd dye

26. Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.

27. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

28. Acupuncture: a jab well done.

29. Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.

30. The roundest knight at king Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

31. I thought I saw an eve doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

32. She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.

33. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

34. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

35. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

36. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

37. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

38. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

39. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

40. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here, I'll go on a head.'

41. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

42. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass.'

43. A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'

44. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

45. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

# Silloth's Class of 77 Have Their First Reunion!



Report by: David James

The class of 77 had our first School Reunion in 45 years on 5th March at Silloth Golf Club.

It was a wonderful night and despite it being such a long time apart it was very clear the bond between us was still there. Very soon into the evening we were all those 16 year old kids again, laughing and joking about our days in Silloth Secondary School.

I consider myself very lucky to have grown up in such a wonderful place at a wonderful time with some wonderful people and I think a lot of people felt that way.

We look forward to Class of 77 the sequel in the near future.



Simon Addison, one of the Class of 77 presenting a donation from the School Reunion of Class of 77



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#### Dear Solway Buzz,

I just wanted to reach out and let you know the difference The Solway Buzz is making to the health and well being of the local community, by sharing our Slimming World success stories. The monthly advert you produce is always great, giving the locals and visitors a chance to come along and visit our amazing group.

As a result of your fabulous support, We have been able to grow this amazing Slimming World group, giving us the ability to add another session on a Saturday. Groups are now 8:30am and 10am. This gives me great pleasure and allows me to help even more people.

This boost to the community is fabulous, because at Slimming World, we really do change lives with our flexible Food Optimising eating plan, that fits every lifestyle!

So I thought I'd just let you know how much I appreciate it and what a great support the Solway Buzz is.

Best wishes Loretta xox





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# Visit to Silloth lifeboat by RNLI fundraiser

Report by: Julie Emarv Silloth Lifeboat Press Officer On the 4th

April David Holdsworth, who is currently fundraising for the RNLI by visiting every **RNLI** lifeboat station in England and Scotland (he is planning to visit Ireland at a later date), visited Silloth this morning.

This was his 117th station and day 35 of his nine week tour. There are 182

stations on his itinerary and David is staying in his camper van and Bed and Breakfasts' throughout the trip.

Several Silloth lifeboat crew members met David for coffee in Bessies cafe in Winters, where he talked about his enjoyable visits to different lifeboat stations and how he had met some very interesting crew members, before going down to the lifeboat station.

Silloth



**Return of Silloth Lifeboat** 

Report by: Julie Emary

Silloth's Atlantic 85 RNLI lifeboat, B828 Elaine and Don Wilkinson made a welcome return to the lifeboat station on 22nd March.

It has been away to the Isle of Wight Inshore Lifeboat Centre to have some specialist maintenance and repairs carried out. The relief boat Vivacious Atlantic has been in Silloth since 27th January and proved to be an excellent replacement during this time.

The Atlantic 85 lifeboat is particularly suited to the Upper Solway Firth area and the Elaine and Don Wilkinson has seen some dramatic service here over the years.

B921 Vivacious Atlantic will now have a temporary placement at St Bees further down the coast in Cumbria.

# Silloth & District Pensioners Association

Report by: Jean Day

It was a lovely sunny morning to come out and meet friends at the monthly Pensioner's Coffee Morning.

There were a few faces missing, but we are hoping most were taking advantage of third booster for Covid being given at Wigton, and not too many are poorly (Hope you get well quickly if the latter was the case).

The cake stall sold out quickly and the raffle was well supported, with big thanks to all those who so generously give prizes.

It was announced that we are having a coach trip to Skipton on Wednesday 22nd June; seats already being booked and they are a bargain at £10 for Silloth & District Pensioners, £12 for visitors and under 60's.

Winners of todays raffle were, Lillian Sewell, Sheila Nichol, Graham Horton, Edna Allison, Lorraine Hodgson, Jennifer Adam, Jean Graham and Freda Rumney.

The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 7th May.



Nice Bee by Jackson Hodgins from Silloth Primary School



Queen Bee by Juno Griffin from Holme St Cuthbert School

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# Skating for the Ghurka's!



Michael Faulkner in November 1956 as a young soldier who served alongside the Ghurka's in Malaya

As an idea to celebrate his 85th Birthday on the 8th day of the 5th month of May. Michael Faulkner of Abbey Town has a plan to raise funds for the GURKHA WELFARE TRUST.

Having shared barracks with, and served alongside them in Malaya in 1956/7, he has always had great respect and admiration for them. So, now for something different and so long as All Goes Well he intends to head for Dumfries Ice Rink on his birthday and go for a target of 8.5 Kilometres or 8.5 Miles or more, bearing in mind that the Rink is only open for one and a half hours. So here's hoping.

The last time any serious skating was done, not counting the effort on the Stanks at Abbey Town in February 2021, was at Summerhill Ice Rink in Birmingham 1963/4. So it's "Fingers Crossed"

If anyone would like to "chip in" with a donation it would be greatly appreciated.

A JUST GIVING site is in operation now SKATING FOR THE GURKHA'S.



Practicing on the Stanks at Abbeytown, February 2021



by Alice Watson from Holme St Cuthbert School



by Rosie Kerry Weldon from Silloth Primary School



Report by: Wendy Jameson

Some photos of the newly completed graffiti art wall at the Eden Street play area which has certainly brightened up the wall and the play area. A big shout out to the grounds maintenance team and volunteers from Friends of Silloth Green who did the preparation work, and to Beardy Synergy and youngsters from Silloth Youth Club who did the artwork. A job well done!!

The project was funded with grant money from the Welcome Back Fund. The Welcome Back Fund is providing councils across England a share of £56 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to support the safe return to high streets and help build back better from the pandemic. Also being funded is a new picnic area next to the park, new seating, picnic tables, bins, shrub beds, fencing and improved access to the play area.



**Platinum Jubilee Tea** 



Abbeytown village Hall Committee are holding a celebration tea for the over 60's in our community on

# Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2pm In Abbeytown Church.

This is free to everyone over 60 and living in Abbeytown Parish.



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IN SILLOTH MAMA MIA! **ABBA Themed Musical Evening** 

on Saturday 14th May 2022 at 7.00pm In CHRIST CHURCH Criffel Street, Silloth



Entry £ 8.00 a ticket including finger buffet, tea and coffee. Please bring your own wine or Tickets from the RNLI shop at the Lifeboat Station or Margaret on 016973 31502 at 154 Skinburness Road Silloth.

Everyone welcome

# Your Buzzing Letters & Poems

#### Dear Buzz,

Silloth Youth Club would like to say a huge thank you to Hellrigg Wind Farm, Silloth Community Hub, SOSCS and the 41 Club for their kind donations over these last few months, it has been very much appreciated. We are taking the kids to Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Saturday 7th May and we are sure they will all have a fantastic time. We also purchased new equipment for the kids to play on, a new drinks fridge, freezer and laptop. We have been overwhelmed with generosity from yourselves and the community.

So a HUGE THANK YOU from the Youth Club Volunteers

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.



To make one pound of honey, bees fly around 90,000 miles that is equivalent to flying three times around the world! Dear Buzz,

'Carry on!'

As a frequent visitor to Silloth now we are allowed to visit, I'm writing in praise of the volunteers that work in the 'Community Silloth' Charity Shop, on Criffel Street. They are always so pleasant and helpful, and always have a smile for everyone, no matter what age. It's always my first port of call each time I visit Silloth, and come home with wonderful bargains - so thank you ladies and gentlemen, you do a brilliant job!

Mrs J Hardingham

Spring Maze by Sophie Lodhi

Rousing in sunlight's soft embrace Bloom snowdrops in a dazzling daze Of whites, above which swallows race... A little later, crocuses Burst forth in a colourful blaze! Butterflies flit, dance, dip, dart, chase -White Admirals, Painted Ladies, And Pearl-bordered Fritillaries... While daffodils stand tall to grace Spring's rich, enchanted daytime maze.

Guided by the moon's bright, cool gaze Red foxes stir to wakefulness Running so free to play, hunt, race. Petals of wood anemones Close, as hedgehogs wake, stir to trace The paths that their nocturnal ways Will take them on their forages, Aided by stars and moonlit rays... While Ruby Tiger moth's wings blaze Darkly beneath Spring's midnight gaze.



Do you have a question or concern that you would like to speak to the Town Council about? We are holding a drop-in session and you will have an opportunity to speak to Councillors and the Town Clerk. Everyone is welcome.

# Silloth Drop-in

At Silloth Community Hall,

Petteril Street, Silloth

Sat 23 April 2022

10.30—11.30 am

For more details email: townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk or Tel: 0777 5686857

# 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 a £5 Gift Voucher from the Solway Buzz.

So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Local children return your drawing to your school 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. This month the winner is Riley Johnstone from Silloth Primary School with a bee drawing called "Godzilla Bee!".

Well done!



A Poem For Peace by Pauline Mole from her book available in Winter's and Allonby cafe

All over this world, for every colour and creed, The most sinful things in life, are Power, Hate and Greed. They cause unhappiness and bloodshed, and awful loss of life. They lead to war and conflict, to dreadful grief and strife.

All over this world, most people pray for PEACE. We ask for worldwide LOVE, and let the wars all cease. Unite mankind to realise, that to SHARE will be the VICTORY, When Power, Hate and Greed are gone, the world will all be Free.

All over this world, for all of the tomorrows, There is hope for future Happiness, and easing of all sorrows. Pray for all who suffer, in their war of bomb and gun, That they will be comforted, and know that LOVE has won.

All over this world, whether black, or yellow, or white, May the God you put YOUR faith in, be your guiding light. May He be the beacon showing you, to be Honest, Giving and Kind, So that you will feel true Happiness, with Joyful, Peaceful mind.

All over this world, GOODNESS, and MERCY must win, So that every colour, creed and age, will then know peace within. This is a poem for PEACE, and a dream for all to SHARE, It is a wish for everyone, to TRUST, AGREE, and to really CARE.

Freedom by Pauline Mole from her book available in Winter's and Allonby cafe

Oh to be as free as a bird, Soaring above in the sky. They make it look easy flying around, And if I could, --- so would I.

Oh what must it really be like, To live a life as a cat? They come and go, and are cuddled and fed, And if I could, --- I'd like that.

I wish I was free and easy, Be footloose and fancy free. I'd have not a care in the whole wide world, And if I could, --- that'd be me.

To be free is something precious, Our freedom is something good. I'd love to give freedom to everyone, And if I could, --- then I would.

# Do You Get the Buzz?

If the Buzz paper does not fly through your letter box in the areas we cover, it is because we have not found a volunteer.

If you would like to join our hive of volunteers we would be pleased to hear from you, call Peter on 016973 32180 for more info.

## Non-Commercial Tourism Websites

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# A History of Silloth Published in the Cumberland News on 1st July 1885 part 2

Discovered by David Edwards in an old family scrap book and reproduced on the Silloth History Group facebook page

August, 1859, was regarded as being-as it indeed was-the most important in the history of the district, that being the date fixed for the opening of the dock, and the practical conclusion of the works. Although the weather was favourable till noon it then broke down and afterwards showers of rain were frequent. Early in the afternoon the train hearing those who were to participate in the opening festivities arrived. Among those who took part in the procession which marched along Criffel Street were the Mayor and Corporation of Carlisle, the chairman and directors of Silloth Dock, North British, and Border Counties Railway Company. The mace and sword were borne before the Mayor of Car. lisle, and the members of a band of music did their best to dispel the effects of the pouring rain, by playing inspiriting airs. The large numbers of umbrellas which had to be utilised made a striking contrast to the flags and banners which were flying. The directors, mayor, and corporation went to the west side of the dock and along the pler, where they em-barked on board the steamer Silloth. As soon as the signal gun was fired the gates were opened and the Silloth steamed into the dock, followed by the Wasp and the Cumbria. The steamers having been moored in the centre of the dock, the Chairman, Sir James Graham, declared it open, and named it "The Marshall Dock." The dock is about 600 feet long by 300 feet wide. Its entrance gates were made of pitch pine, green heart, and memel, by Mr T. Nelson, who also had the contract for the whole of the dock. The entrance was 60 feet wide, and at high spring tides there were about 25 feet of water in the dock. The cost was about £70,000 Sir Wm. Armstrong's hydraulic machinery was put in at a cost of £13,000. The work done by these cranes was considered at the time to be wonderfully good, it being possible to load or unload seven vessels at a time.

## THE PIER.

The pler is a substantial wooden structure, of a design which is generally approved as combining lightness with strength. It runs out to sea for a distance of a thousand feet, and besides fulfilling the purpose for which it was built it makes a nice promenade, there being a width of 25 feet. The cost of the foundation, or sheet piling of the pler, was 1s 43d per foot, and the upper part cost 8d per foot. The piles were driven to the depth of 20 feet. Mr John Tweedy, of Newcastle, the contractor, lost his life before the work was finished, and it was brought to a conclusion by Mrs Tweedy, who is still, we believe, a resident of Silloth. At the far end of the pler is a landing place for cattle, beneath the surface of the pler, and this arrangement serves for pleasure parties to embark and land at any time, the sea being nearly always up to the pler end.

## AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT.

Out of evil comes good. This has proved to be the case at Silloth. On the 6th of April, 1879, what was then regarded as a great calamity occurred. There was at the time about 24 feet of water in the dock at about four o'clock, when the dock gates and plers fell in. As might have been expected the occurrence caused great

excitement in the town, and the rush of water was described by those who saw it as being something at once grand and terrific. There were over 20 vessels in the dock at the time of the accident, and these were imprisoned for nearly a fortnight, that period elapsing before the en-trance could be cleared sufficiently to allow them to get out again. What made the accident the more remarkable was that neither the gates or walls had shown any signs of instability. The fact was that the sill had become undermined, and the water had worked insiduously at the foundations. As a consequence of the disaster the trade of the port was entirely stopped for a period, some of the vessels usually trading to Silloth meanwhile going to Maryport. It was not, however, till June that the steamboats could return and resume their usual course of sailings. The North British Railway Company took up the matter in the right sense, and at once dispelled the doubts and fears of the townspeople by considering the advisability of making a new and larger dock to the south of the Marshall Dock, and consequently further inland. Not only was this likely to prove the best course in the interests of the commerce of the district, but it would have the natural result of adding to the traffic in the company's own concern. Having this object in view they did not have the old gates re-erected, consequently the harbour was used as a tidal harbour only. As time passed on and there were no signs of a start being made, the Sillothians almost lost faith in the company, nearly three years elapsing before anything de-finite was decided upon.

## CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW DOCK.-THE PROGRESS OF THE WORKS.

Considerable rejoicing took place among the inhabitants of Silloth when they read, about the middle of March, 1882, an advertisement issued by the North British Railway Company, announcing that the company were prepared to receive tenders for a new wet dock at Silloth. The commercial life of the little town was not so good as was desired, and one of our correspondents jocularly remarked that the prospect of a speedy commencement of the dock works had shortened the visages of many of the inhabitants of Silloth by at least an inch. The next intima-tion given to the public was in the beginning of May when it was stated that the directors of the railway company were willing to spend £100,000 upon the erection of the dock. It was at the same time apnounced that the contract had been let to the well known firm of Messrs Walter Scott and Company, dock and railway contractors, New-castle Additional interest attaches to this firm's contract, as Mr Walter Scott, the senior partner of the firm, is a native of Abbey Town. Mr Scott is a remarkable example of a self-made man, having risen from very humble circumstances to be one of the foremost centractors in the kingdom. They were about twenty other tenders sent in. Within a fortnight from the time we have mentioned. Mr Scott, jun., and Mr Middleton were hard at work in settling the preliminary arrangements for the beginning of operations, Contractors' plant arrived from Newcastle and other places in large quantities every day, and was at once got ready for use. Some difficulty was found in the making of new roads to convey traffic to the Marshall Dock without interfering with the operations either at the old dock or on the site of the new one. The large sand hills on the west side were cut through and levelled, and rails laid down. On the east side a similar work was performed. Workshops were soon exceeded, and very quickly over a hundred men were at work, aided by a powerful locomo-

tive engine. While the preliminary preparations were going on, the authorities of the railway, the engineers, and contractors, held a conference respecting the practicability of increasing the size and altering the shape of the proposed new dock. It was agreed that the area should be increased by one and a quarter acres, the width being con-tracted and the length considerably increased. After the excavations were commenced, the rubbish taken out was pushed up in bogies by the locomotive to the deep hollows which lay be-tween the large sand banks. A powerful steam "navvy" was added to the plant, and this machine provided employment for two locomotives. Great progress was soon made on the west side with the excavations. A large pumping engire was erected so as to keep the water from interfering with the work. Preparations were then made for the erection of a huge coffer dam and long wooden piles were driven into the southeast corner of the old dock. The coffer dam, when completed, was of semi circular shape, and was some sixty or seventy feet from the dock wall. A very large quantity of timber was used in the construction of this protection work, the heavy pieces of timber being knocked into the bed of the dock by a powerful pile driver. A second steam navvy was started in the south east corner the earth excavated from this part being deposited on the beach, being used to fill up the large space which the previous year's storms washed away. In a short time about half a dozen locomotive engines were required to keep up with the work provided by the two steam navvies. Each of these navvies, it may be remarked, were esti mated to do the work of at least 120 men, so that it will be readily imagined a great saving of expense-as well as the manual labour-accrues to the contractors. One of Pries nan's patent steam diggers, or dredgers, similar to the one used for dredging the mud out of the dock basin, was also pressed into service, being utilized for digging for the dock wall foundations. In the middle of March, 1883, the first length of concreting in connection with the wall on the west side of the dock was begun—exactly a year after the tenders were advertised for. During the succeed ing two or three months very satisfactory progress was made with the operations, the 200 men employed getting through a considerable amount of work with the aid of the valuable plant used. Nearly 400 wagon loads of soil, clay, and sand were excavated each day and tipped upon the embankments. The foundations of the walls were also pushed rapidly on. When the long summer days came still more rapid progress was made, operations being carried on by the men from six o'clock in the morning till nearly nine o'clock at night. By the time the excavations on the west side foundations were completed those on the east side were started. It was found that at the depth required for the foundation the ground was remarkably hard, and therefore formed an excellent foundation whereon to build the dock walls. At one part of the encavations much trouble was caused by quick sand, from which a stream of water was continually running. By the aid of a powerful centrifugal pumping engine,

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Please let us know of any changes within this section

## Coast Bus Timetable

60E Maryport to Skinburness the current timetable is available from Silloth Tourist Office or Winters Newsagents or www.ellenvalecoaches. co.uk/service-60e.html

### Silloth RNLI Shop

Opens on Sat. 2nd April 2022 for the Season. Shop Opening Times Sat. 11 - 4pm Sun. 10 - 4pm Mon. - Fri. 1 - 4pm Our shop is staffed by Volunteers and may not be open at the advertised time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## **Christ Church**

For baptisms and other church related business please contact: Rev Bryan Rothwell The Vicarage, Wigton Road Tel: 016973 31413

#### **Civic Amenity Sites**

Operated by Cumbria County Council. Tel: 01228 606060 Maryport Tip, tel 01900 66922 open daily 8am to 6pm Wigton Tip, tel 016973 45617 open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 6pm

## Silloth Tennis Club

For coaching information call David Wise on 07742 547767

## Art Group

Meet in the Golf Hotel from 2nd Feb 2022, 10am to 1pm. Then every first Wednesday. All welcome

## **Church Service**

St Andrews Church services every third Sunday each month

### **Production Team**

Proprietor: Peter McRobert Barn Cottage Skinburness, CA7 4RA Tel: 016973 32180 Email: office@solwaybuzz.co.uk

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Copy date for the June issue is: 1st week May If you have an event to promote or you have something to say, please note the next copy date.

## Doors Open Lunch

'Our Doors Open' meets in St Andrews Church every Tuesday from noon to 1pm for a light lunch with good fellowship for a donation only.

## First Responders

Silloth Community First Responders train on the first and third Tuesday of every month in Silloth Community Centre at 7pm.

## Silloth Library

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am to 4pm Saturday 10am to 1pm 0303 333 1234 cumbria.gov.uk/libraries

## **Cash Machines**

Are available on Solway Street at both the Spar and CO-OP supermarkets. Cash is also available at Winters Post Office

## Causewayhead WI

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday in each month at 2pm in Christ Church and . visitors are welcome

## Miramar Lodge

Miramar Lodge of Freemasons based in Station Road Silloth meetings every third Thursday of the month. You will be made welcome.

## Abbeytown Choir

Meet in the Abbey: Adult Choir Tuesdays 6-7pm Children's Choir Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm All welcome!

Please tell us when your group starts up again so we can let everyone know

Please note that articles. letters and virtually all content of the Solway Buzz are contributed by YOU, the local community. The Editor reserves the right to control what is included, however, no responsibility whatsoever for the content of the Solway Buzz can be accepted by the Editor, or the Publishers.

# **Dates for Your Diary**

## April

Silloth Drop-In at 23rd Silloth Community Hall at 10:30 to 11:30am, see advert

## May

#### 2nd Spring into Silloth on Silloth Green 11am to 6pm

7th Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am

meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

meeting in Christ Church, Silloth at 2pm

12th presents Harvey's Wallbanger 07977 835094 or Ticketsource

Wigton Theatre presents Harvey's Wallbanger 07977 835094 or Ticketsource

Mamma Mia 14th An ABBA themed musical evening in Christ Church in aid of Silloth RNLI, Tickets £8 from RNLI shop or 016973 31502

presents Harvey's Wallbanger 07977 835094 or Ticketsource

15th Mawbray Village Hall Spring Plant Sales and Craft

Morning

in the area bounded by Abbeytown, Mawbray, Silloth, Skinburness, if so please let us know.

9th Silloth Town Council

11th Causewayhead WI

Wigton Theatre

13th

14th Wigton Theatre

Fair. 10am to 4pm

15th Wigton Theatre presents Harvey's Wallbanger 07977 835094 or Ticketsource

18th Silloth Nursing Home League of Friends Coffee

Do you have an event

## May cont'd

20th Soul Weekend at Stanwix Park 016973 32666 20th Penrith Beekeepers present 'Cooking with Honey

in Upfront Gallery, CA11 9TG Tickets: 01768 894404 21st Mawbray Village Hall

Film Club - West Side Story at 7pm

#### 21st Soul Weekend at Stanwix Park 016973 32666

Penrith Beekeepers present 'Bee Hotel Making Workshops' in Upfront Gallery, CA11 9TG, Tickets: 01768 894404

#### 22nd Soul Weekend at Stanwix Park 016973 32666

26th Mawbray Village Hall Monthly Quiz at 7:30pm

## June

22nd

2nd Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on Silloth 2nd Green

3rd Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on Silloth

Green Queen's Platinum 4th Jubilee Celebrations on Silloth Green

5th Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on Silloth Green

5th **Platinum Jubilee** Tea in Abbeytown Church at 2pm free to all Abbeytown Parish residents, see advert for booking details

> Have You Sent in Your Dates yet?

# Soldiers

Open: Sat & Sun 1pm to 4pm Midweek Telephone booking only: 016973 31246 Admission: FREE Donations welcome Criffell St, Silloth, CA7 4BZ www.soldiersinsilloth.co.uk



## June cont'd

8th Causewayhead WI meeting in Christ Church, Silloth at 2pm

August cont'd

Silloth Carnival Mega

Weekend on Silloth Green from

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10am to 2pm. Tables for hire £12 each phone 016973 32185

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Weekend on Silloth Green from

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28th Wigton Theatre presents Merry Wives of W..

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29th Silloth Carnival Mega Weekend on Silloth Green from

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Craft Sale from

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The Mawbray Film Club presents

SATURDAY 21 May 2022

ar own refreshments, cups/glasses. All o be taken with you when you leave at the end of the evening

Masks must be worn when moving around the hall or in conversations

There are limited spaces available due to social distancing, so pre-booking

The film starts

at 7:00pm

Children must be accompanied by an adult

ur own cushions, if you wish.

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Festival on Silloth Green

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Dates for the Diary

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11am to 6pm

#### 18th Silloth Pride on Silloth Green

18th Penrith Beekeepers 'Bee Hotel Making Workshops' in Upfront Gallery, CA11 9TG, Tickets: 01768 894404

Penrith Beekeepers 19th present 'Gardeners' Question Time' in Upfront Gallery, CA11 9TG, Tickets: 01768 894404

## July

Coffee Morning with 2nd Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am

17th Holme I ow Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

13th Causewayhead WI meeting in Christ Church, Silloth at 2pm

23rd Silloth Cycling Festival on Silloth Green

August

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MAWBRAY

30th Soul on the Green starts at 11am to 8pm

presents Merry Wives of W... 07977 835094 or Ticketsource

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in St Andrews Hall, 016973 32185

Wigton Theatre

Wigton Theatre

Craft Sale 10am-2pm

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# FUN for ALL ~ Join the Dots & Colour In



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Not Just for the Kids



# Green View & Stella's New Look



We've had the decorators in here at The Green View Guest House and Stella's Bistro!

Hard to believe we will have been open for three years this year - although 2022 will be our first full year, (hopefully!) – so we thought the place needed sprucing up a bit. All the bedrooms, the lounge, hall stairs and landings and of course Stella's – have been treated to a make-over. We're delighted with the results – and we hope all our lovely customers old and new will love our new look too. We're especially pleased with our updated collection of Silloth memorabilia, maps and postcards which help tell our guests the fascinating history of this wonderful little town - something of interest to locals too we hope! Stella's has had a complete

make over with a newly displayed collection of film and theatre posters and programmes from the 1950's and a bright and bold new colour scheme.

Of course, the one thing that hasn't changed is the quality of our food. Chef Archie continues to develop new dishes alongside our firm favourites and, of course, everything – from the bread to our Ice Cream is hand-made right here. We specialise in Gluten Free food and we've new Vegetarian and Fully Vegan options on our latest menu too!

We're looking forward to another great Summer ahead -Most especially look out for special Platinum Jubilee Dinner on Friday 3rd June – more details soon!

So come along and see us soon - booking in advance is strongly advised, but it's always worth giving us a call on the day – we occasionally do have last minute tables available







**Bed & Breakfast** Sea Views All rooms en-suite Evening Meals Bicycle storage Free parking

6 Park Terrace, Criffel Street, Silloth, Wigton, CA7 4DQ Tel: 016973 31743 E-Mail: greenviewsilloth@yahoo.com

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| Silloth Community School:              |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 016973 31234                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Silloth Library                        | 016973 31944                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Silloth Nursery & Junior Schoo         | l:                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 016973 31243                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Silloth Post Office                    | 016973 31323                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Silloth Town Clerk:                    | 016973 31128                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Silloth Tourist Information Cent       | re:                                 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 016973 31944                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Solway Buzz:                           | 016973 32180                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paragon Vet:                           | 01228 710208                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Millcroft Vet:                         | 016973 23898                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Waste Disposal Dept:                   | 01900 702800                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Water LeakLine:                        | 0800 330033                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| West Cumbria Carers                    | 01900 821976                        |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 0.000 021010                        |  |  |  |  |  |

Please, let us know what you want included



Coincidentally, two greenhulled ships called at Silloth in quick succession during March. This colour is not as common as the more traditional blue or grey for merchant shipping. Old favourite ZAPADNYY was first to arrive followed by WIDOR making her first call. Some welcome Spring sunshine greeted these visits providing good photo opportunities for enthusiasts.

Molasses tanker ZAPADNYY looked in good shape as she passed

Criffel on her way to Silloth. This was her second delivery of the year, having loaded from bulk storage in Amsterdam. After carefully liningup off the port she made her final approach to coincide with maximum water depth at the dock entrance. At close quarters she could be seen to be well-protected by fenders at the bow, no doubt learning from previous close encounters with the outer wall. The ship has a reputation for being difficult to manoeuvre in tight situations. On this occasion she was gracefully guided into the dock without incident.

The 34 year old tanker has multinational credentials, being built in Bulgaria, owned by a Ukranian company and registered in the Central American country of Belize. She is a dedicated molasses tanker in high demand for transporting the syrupy cargo around Europe, probably because she has a more efficient discharging system than many vessels of similar size. Her full load of molasses for Silloth was unloaded within 24 hours and she was ready for a return sailing to Amsterdam.

Our second visitor, WIDOR, arrived from the more distant country of Estonia. The port of Muuga is located in the Gulf of Finland in the far north of the Baltic Sea, a seven-day sailing away. Appropriately, the greenhulled ship arrived on St. Patrick's Day, but only just, it being almost midnight when she was tied up. This meant only dockside photo shots were available. These were quite rewarding as they showed busy scenes of the cargo of bagged fertiliser being unloaded. The German operated ship is built to a high standard being designated 'iceclass'. Thankfully on her visit to this part of the world the ship's strengthened hull and propulsion unit aren't needed. After a brief stay, the ship departed for South Wales to load the next cargo before heading to her more familiar territory of Sweden.

# March Shipping at the Port of Silloth

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

# February28thEastern Vanquish with acargo of Wheat from Wolgast thenon to Kilroot28thWilson Brugge with a

cargo of Fertiliser from Muuga then on to Belfast *March* 

4th Zapadnyy with a cargo of Molasses from Ansterdam then back to Amsterdam.

17th Widor with a cargo of Fertiliser from Muuga then on to Newport.

19th Woodland with a cargo of Furness Bottom Ash from Kilroot then on to Sandbanks.

March was a good month for the port with three vessels calls and two vessels still in port from February, so they count in March! Plenty of activity from the fishing fleet, with what appeared to be several instances of mechanical issues during the month making it difficult for the vessels to remain out of port for very long. Hopefully these have been rectified now and they will start getting the catches up a little.

Four different cargoes this month, Fertiliser being the

main one, as usual, but Grain and Molasses are also normal cargoes for us too. With some Fly Ash brought in as well for inclusion in the making of concrete construction blocks for the building industry. We are hoping to see more in the coming months as various industries move into overdrive to catch up with lost COVID time.

Ukraine will become an issue for imports of many raw materials as soon as the fighting stops and they start to rebuild their homes and lives. We watch closely on availability of materials from a country wide view throughout the company as we operate a good number of ports.

We have vessels booked for April and so we are looking forward to being able to keep some flow of supplies inbound, recent warm weather was much appreciated and we at the port look forward to a long hot summer.

On a lighter note, the Coastal Footpath route is still being discussed here in Silloth with the Council and Natural England. As it passes through port land, we need to ensure that we do not prevent the port from growth in

the future and are asking that the path be moved, however slightly to allow for growth. The Golf club has also been approached to see if a footpath can be created across the front of their parking areas leading further onto ABP port land. At some stage there may be a necessity to switch the parking from the current location to a site on the bend to the left of the road where it turns to the Convalescent Home, this area is larger and would allow for expansion around Marshall dock without stopping pedestrian access where a new pathway is planned across what is currently Solway Logistics Parking area.

Please not all the land currently parked on for access to West Beach is owned by ABP and there are no rights of way except to the Convalescent home. Public access is granted by ABP (and we won't be stopping it) but we would appreciate it if the locals respected (and visitors) the leaseholders and owner's rights over the land.

We look forward to increasing demand for the use of the port with the prospect that the Moorside project may now come into fruition if the government ever gets its act together.







# Don't be One of the 20,000 Victims of This Scam

More than £50 million was lost last year to scams where victims are tricked into handing over control of their computer or smartphone to criminals.

New data from Action Fraud, the national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime, reveals that 20,144 people fell victim to scams where they were persuaded to grant criminals remote access to their device. Victims reported losing a total of £57,790,384 – an average loss of £2,868 per victim.

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

What are remote access scams? Remote Access scams will often begin with a browser pop-up saying that your computer is infected with a virus, or maybe a call from someone claiming to be from your bank saying that they need to connect to your computer in order to cancel a fraudulent transaction on your account. Regardless of the narrative the fraudster's use, their goal is to steal your money or access your financial information by tricking you into allowing them to remotely connect to your computer.

Detective Chief Inspector Craig Mullish, from the City of London Police, said: "While remote access tools are safe when used legitimately, we want the public to be aware that they can be misused by criminals to perpetrate fraud. We often see criminals posing as legitimate businesses in order to trick people into handing over control of their computer or smartphone. You should only install software or grant remote access to your computer if you're asked by someone you know and trust, such as a friend or family member, and never as a result of an

unsolicited call, browser pop-up or text message."

How to protect yourself Only install software or grant remote access to your computer if you're asked **0300 123 2040** by someone you know and trust, such as a friend or family member, and never as a result of an unsolicited call, browser pop up, or text message. Remember, a bank or service provider will never contact you out of the blue requesting remote access to your device. If you believe your laptop, PC, tablet or phone has been infected with a virus or some other type of malware, follow the NCSC's guidance on recovering an infected device. Protect your money by contacting your bank immediately on a different device from the one the scammer contacted you on. Report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via actionfraud.police.uk. If you are

in Scotland, please report to Police Scotland directly by calling 101.



# Silloth Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) Available to Hire



contact Mavis at Solway

#### Report by: Stephen Hart

The Multi Use Games Area on Silloth Sports Pitches are taking bookings at special rates for the summer.

It is available to everybody; locals, visitors, clubs and is popular for childrens parties. For more

information you can

Fitness Centre or tel 07923 801897 We will also be holding summer camps for kids during the summer

school holidays this year, there will be more information

next month.

# Silloth Tide Table

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|   | High Water Low Water  |   |                                 |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
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# Suicide Safer Allerdale Launch Event

An opportunity to learn more about suicide prevention and how we as a community can keep people safe

# Grasslot Welfare, Maryport Wednesday 4th May 6.30pm-8.30pm

Bring your ideas, your enthusiasm and the hope that we can make a difference

Free to attend and refreshments are provided.



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# **Can You Help?**

Links Close, W. Silloth 25 properties

If the Buzz paper does not fly through your letter box in the areas we cover, it is because we have not found a volunteer.

If you would like to join our hive of volunteers we would be pleased to hear from you, call Peter on 016973 32180 for more info.

