

## International Year of the Family Flower Festival

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1994 was designated by the United Nations as Year of the Family. A time set-aside to specifically focus on the values, the importance, the relevance and the strengths that can be shared between all the different members of the family. 2004 was designated by the United Nations as a time to encourage individuals and communities around the world to focus their energies to celebrate the International Year of the Family.

The Mothers Union, a world wide organisation with more than three million members took up the challenge. Events have included thanksgiving services, celebrations and family fun days for the wonderful opportunities and the variety of gifts we each receive from and through our own families and through our Christian Family.

We only need listen to our radios; watch our television screens; read our newspapers; look at teletext or the internet to discover the many problems - the great fears - the dreadful abuse - the awful tragedies - faced by families day to day - whether it be locally; nationally or around the world.

When the Parochial Church Council of Holme Cultram St. Mary Abbeytown heard about this special year they unanimously agreed that "the family" was something we would celebrate. It was decided to hold a Festival of thanksgiving in Flowers and Displays.

The support of our community family - the Brownies, Pre-school, the Flower Club, Road Run Committee, Families of Loved ones Departed, Women's Institute, Mothers Union, Abbots,

Wheatshaf Social Committee, Carnival Committee, and our School was incredible. The encouragement and financial support from local businesses and individuals was superb.

So many people shared their enthusiasm and their joy for the 4 days of celebration. Our community working together as a large family all part of Gods family in this corner of his kingdom telling the story in this house of Prayer, our story, the story that is Abbeytown.

The culmination was a superb service of Praise and Thanksgiving in the Abbey on Sunday 7/11/2004. The Bishop of Penrith the Right Reverend James Ncome gave the address and different members of our community took part in the service. It was a wonderful celebration in thankfulness for all families and one we were proud to be part of.



Three sisters: Connie Blair, Elsie Donald + Betty Blair



L - R: Mrs Temple, Mrs Briggs, Mrs Bowe, Miss Briggs, Mrs Moore & Mrs Fell

## Silloth Tide Tables

**February 2004**  
TIMES OF HIGH WATER  
AT SILLOTH  
(Courtesy of A.B.P. Silloth)  
Times in GMT

	Heights in metres			
	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
1ST. TUE	0345	6.3	1606	6.5
2ND. WED	0434	6.0	1659	6.1
3RD. THU	0535	5.6	1807	5.7
4TH. FRI	0651	5.4	1923	5.6
5TH. SAT	0808	5.6	2042	5.9
6TH. SUN	0921	6.2	2152	6.4
7TH. MON	1020	7.0	2251	7.0
8TH. TUE	1112	7.5	2342	7.5
9TH. WED	****	***	1200	8.1
10TH. THU	0028	7.7	1246	8.3
11TH. FRI	0113	7.8	1332	8.3
12TH. SAT	0157	7.7	1415	8.2
13TH. SUN	0239	7.4	1457	7.7
14TH. MON	0318	7.0	1539	7.2
15TH. TUE	0359	6.4	1712	5.6
16TH. WED	0443	5.7	1712	5.6
17TH. THU	0539	5.1	1820	5.0
18TH. FRI	0702	4.8	1951	4.8
19TH. SAT	0834	5.0	2109	5.1
20TH. SUN	0936	5.5	2203	5.6
21ST. MON	1022	6.1	2246	6.1
22ND. TUE	1102	6.5	2323	6.5
23RD. WED	1137	6.9	2356	6.7
24TH. THU	****	***	1209	7.1
25TH. FRI	0027	7.0	1240	7.2
26TH. SAT	0059	7.0	1312	7.3
27TH. SUN	0131	7.1	1345	7.3
28TH. MON	0204	7.1	1418	7.2

**March 2004**  
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	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
1ST. TUE	0236	7.1	1455	7.2
2ND. WED	0313	6.7	1536	6.7
3RD. THU	0359	6.3	1628	6.2
4TH. FRI	0458	5.7	1737	5.5
5TH. SAT	0621	5.3	1907	5.3
6TH. SUN	0754	5.4	2040	5.6
7TH. MON	0914	6.2	2150	6.3
8TH. TUE	1012	7.0	2243	7.1
9TH. WED	1100	7.7	2328	7.6
10TH. THU	1145	8.2	****	***
11TH. FRI	0010	8.0	1225	8.4
12TH. SAT	0050	8.0	1307	8.4
13TH. SUN	0130	7.8	1347	8.1
14TH. MON	0207	7.5	1426	7.6
15TH. TUE	0242	7.1	1503	7.1
16TH. WED	0317	6.5	1542	6.3
17TH. THU	0357	6.0	1627	5.5
18TH. FRI	0446	5.3	1730	4.9
19TH. SAT	0606	4.8	1915	4.5
20TH. SUN	0757	4.8	2041	4.9
21ST. MON	0906	5.3	2136	5.5
22ND. TUE	0954	6.0	2218	6.1
23RD. WED	1034	6.5	2255	6.5
24TH. THU	1109	6.9	2328	6.9
25TH. FRI	1142	7.2	2359	7.1
26TH. SAT	****	***	1212	7.3
27TH. SUN	0029	7.3	1243	7.3
28TH. MON	0102	7.3	1319	7.5
29TH. TUE	0136	7.3	1354	7.4
30TH. WED	0212	7.2	1433	7.2
31ST. THU	0252	6.9	1517	6.6



Queen of Sparkle Bees by Emily Jane Smith aged almost 5 from Silloth Primary School

## Silloth RUFC

### Speakers Evening in aid of Club Funds

Guest Speaker – Mr Alex Murphy  
ex Great Britain & St. Helens  
Comedian – Mr John Styles  
Compere – Mr Howard Nicholson

Saturday 12th February  
**Golf Hotel, Silloth**

7:30pm for 8pm

Table for 10 people – £200  
includes hot meal and waiter service

## Silloth A.F.C

Due to excess demand!

**Silloth A.F.C**  
Urgently Require  
**New Coaches**  
To Join Our  
F.A Charter standard  
Club

- Coaches Urgently Needed.
- Men & Women.
- Over 16 Years Old.
- Be prepared to attend short training courses.
- Give up a small amount of their spare time to train local children.
- Help the club move into the future.

All course cost's will be met by the club!  
All successful coaches will be provided with club Tracksuit & Rain Jacket.

**Contact:**  
**S Hart or M Wise**

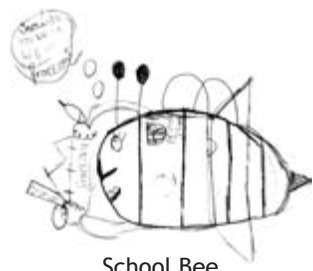


## Silloth Tennis Club

It was a small, yet high-class field that took to the Lakes College Mini Tennis arena on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December in the first event of its' kind to be staged at the Lillyhall venue.

With players from Silloth, Workington and Whitehaven competing it was an excellent and informal competition and after initial group stages the eventual winners were Joel Baker (Year 3 & Below) and Hannah Story (Year 5

& below) who defeated Reece Blake and Emma Hilton respectively.



School Bee by Emily Pattinson aged 9 from Holm Cultram Abbey School

## Santa's Sleigh Ride

Silloth Rotary Club organised and undertook to escort Father Christmas on his annual pre-Christmas tour of the town, distributing small packs of chocolate to local children and receiving any last minute present requests.

Santa was drawn on his sleigh on a cold and frosty evening by a very friendly Shetland pony. Just ahead of Santa was a festively decorated float, playing Christmas

music and advising children of Santa's approach. Santa's happy little helpers walked about four miles with the float, keeping Santa supplied with goodies for the children.

What a great evening it was for all involved! 300 chocolate selection packs were also delivered to the children's wards of Carlisle Infirmary, Whitehaven Hospital and Eden Valley Hospice.