

Neighbourhood Forum

Silloth Primary School Coffee Afternoon & Solway Coast Neighbourhood Forum



Margaret Snaith welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the head Teacher Jonathan Dennison for inviting the Neighbourhood Forum to the school

Julia Cooper Citizenship Coordinator at Solway Community School made a Powerpoint presentation outlining a wide range of activities students have been involved in including visits to London, Paris & Mexico, a number of different outdoor activities, the development of a sensory garden in the school grounds and many more.

Julia also gave details of the Community Partnerships group that she is setting up and a Family Learning event

which will take place in the near future. Julia is looking for people to get involved in both of these and anyone interested can contact Julia at Solway Community School.

Silloth Primary School – School Council – Sam & Abigail. Jonathan Dennison Head Teacher brought Sam & Abigail back from Fellside Outdoor Activities Centre to participate in the Forum. They had prepared a PowerPoint presentation on the role of the School Council, who is involved, how often it meets etc. It has control of its own budget and its activities have included being involved in interviews for new posts in the school and developing an anti-bullying project.

TOPO OFSTED Report

Topo passes Ofsted Inspection with flying colours.

The Old Post Office Nursery had their first Ofsted Inspection on 10 December 2004. The Inspector made the following points: The playrooms are warm, welcoming and bright; the premises clean and well maintained. Children's individual needs are catered for and food provided is healthy and nutritious.

The Staff are all well qualified and experienced; relationships between staff and children are good. The children are happy and well cared for.

The Staff provide stimulating, interesting, fun activities, which present a challenge to the children. The adults are friendly and supportive, joining in the activities, which are enjoyed by the children. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly. Children behave in a co-operative, calm way and staff provide good role models being polite to one another. Good behaviour is encouraged through positive

strategies, helping children to learn good ways of relating to one another and promote self-esteem.

The Staff work in partnership with parents - parents are confident of the staff to care for their children in accordance with their wishes and the child's individual need's.

Owner of TOPO, Jan Enderby states 'The Inspector made recommendations for improvements and this is with administration. I am responsible for the administration and obviously will put more effort into getting this in order.

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Christ Church Clock



Barry Elcoat received the key from Arthur Bragg

Arthur Bragg retires after 25 years in charge of the clock at Christ Church.

No wonder Arthur Bragg was smiling while handing over the key for Christ Church clock to Barry Elcoat, who is taking over this responsible job. That was at the beginning of the year and he told Barry, you only need to go up to change the time when the GMT is altered, and an odd time when lightning trips it. However, because of electric cuts during the storms he had to climb the tower five times in nine days and will have to climb again this month to put it forward one hour for summer time.

Silloth & Solway Airfields

Report by: Lawrence Marshall

Over one hundred people attended a slide show on Silloth & Solway airfields. Mr. John Huggon gave a very interesting and informative talk on the history of Silloth airfield from it's building in 1938 through the war years until 1960.

Kirkbride, Anthorn, Great Orton and others in the area were covered as well.

A large number of aircraft were shown including Ansons, Bothas, Hudsons, Hurricanes, Spitfires, Lancasters and Wellingtons.

A slide which showed a march-past on Criffel Street with a large number of RAF personnel during the war interested the audience. Also the slides on the funerals of the crew members who perished

and were buried at Causewayhead cemetery made people realize the sacrifice that had to be made for the war effort. There are about 70 war graves at the cemetery which are mainly young men aged between 18 and 30 from Canada, Poland and other countries as well as some from this country. The total number to perish is in the order of four or five hundred with the majority being British.

Silloth and Solway airfields certainly played their part towards the victory of World War II.

Thanks go to Causewayhead W.I. for the refreshments and to the Discovery Centre for the hall facilities.

A retiring collection raised £101 for Cumbria Community Foundation which Mr John Huggon handed on

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