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## Letters

Dear Buzz,

I would like, on behalf of Silloth Group Medical Practice, to convey our sincere thanks to our marvellous First Responders. We have been called several times to ill patients only to find the First Responders there before us, doing an excellent job and making our role less stressful, enabling us to make a much more relaxed assessment of the patient's needs. They are all volunteers, giving up their time to be trained to respond, doing a difficult and stressful, and extremely valuable job with patience, efficiency and understanding often in extremely charged circumstances. I feel Silloth should be proud of these people and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to them.

Dr R M Jones

Dear Buzz,

Since our arrival at The Skinburness Hotel three months ago, I have become more and more intrigued by the history of the hotel and of Skinburness itself. We have heard various stories about more recent owners but the origin of the building is harder to ascertain. We would love to hear more about Skinburness - how it evolved after it was flooded in the 1300's, any notable residents and details of the families who subsequently lived in this very beautiful building. Can your readers help please? With the permission of contributors Adrian and I would like to compile a booklet for the frequent guests who enquire about the history of it. I may be contacted at the hotel on 016973 32332 or by fax on 016973 32549.

Vanessa Moore

Dear Buzz,

What has happened to Sillothian pride? From a town which used to achieve awards and was the envy of other west coast towns, it really has seen a very marked decline. Whitehaven, Workington and Maryport, all with innovative planning and building have vastly improved their image. This I am afraid cannot be said of Silloth. Visitors coming in from the west have to pass a series of run down derelict properties i.e., Longcakes corner, Nichol's shop and Blakes garage. I don't know who owns them now, but those are the names I remember them by. Even visitors coming over on foot from Stanwix Holiday camp are not spared! From a railway station which used to get the prettiest and cleanest prizes, the only thing it gets now is disgust. I am a Sillothian born and bred who always spoke with pride of my birthplace. I now find myself ashamed when I come home (as I still think of Silloth) which I do at least once a year. I really do wonder what visitors must think of our once proud town. I do realise not everything is down to the council but a lot of it is. Cleaning of the West Beach by Wigton Scouts! Surely this is a sad indictment on the Silloth community. There are many other issues which could be addressed, but suffice to say a compulsory clean up of the worst areas would be a start. Let us get pride back into what is still a lovely wee town.

Mary M McKay  
(nee: Bosward)

Dear Buzz,

Congratulations to Silloths' Eric Davenport and his committee, for organising a very enjoyable and interesting Vintage Rally Show. Having been just one of many thousands of visitors to Silloths' awesome show of numerous vintage rally "means of transport" bicycles, motor bikes, motor cars, tractors and lorries. I wonder if any of the Cumberland Newspaper readers or Cumbrian "transport historians" can enlighten me? Just how many different manufacturers were there? Both pre and post war, of the bicycles, motor bikes, motor cars, lorries and tractors, all made in Britain. And what would have been the annual production? To name just some of the many on show, Raleigh, 3-wheeler, sit up and beg, shop delivery, errand boys bikes, racing bicycles, a 1966 registered BSA police motor bike with genuine logged 21,000 miles on the clock, Matchless, Triumphs, Sunbeams, Rootes Group, Morris, Ford, Bedford and Massey Ferguson. I am sure many other interested readers no doubt will have memories of their first bicycle, or motor bike, car, lorry or a new farm tractor or whatever. Just like many of the visitors did when, with their many different accents and nationalities they swapped memories, using cameras and camcorders, of the vintage "means of transport" in days gone by. Finally thank you and good luck to the organisers, to Silloth Council, traders and residents, for an enjoyable day. But you just had to be there to see what memories are made of.

John Thorburn



Dummy Bee  
by  
Erin Tilley  
aged 3

## Solway Mexico Fundraising



Even a broken leg couldn't stop Ryan Pearson from fund raising! Three students from Solway Community Technology College have been raising funds for the schools Solway Mexico Link.

Ashley Daymond and Hayley Forster walked from Abbeytown to Silloth pushing Ryan all the way in his wheelchair. Of course they wanted to dress up and have some fun along the way! They were accompanied by Ryan's parents and a family friend who did a great job of keeping them safe on the road to Silloth.

The trio managed to raise a wonderful total of £360 for the Solway Mexico Link.

Ashley and Ryan are amongst a group of students who will travel to Mexico next March to take part in the student exchange between Solway Community Technology College and their partner school, Manuel Heyser Jimenez, in Mexico City.

## Wheelchair

Regrettably, owing to Red Tape and a lack of affordable insurance, the wheelchair that has been loaned out to holidaymakers in the past is no longer available.

Thanks are due to all those who helped with this facility and especially thanks to Lawrence Marshall for his invaluable support and advice.

Dear Buzz,

Would it be possible for the Solway Buzz readers to help? I help the Greyhound Trust find homes for retired greyhounds. The work is purely voluntary and unpaid, they are currently looking to find about forty good homes for retired greyhounds. Anyone who can help can contact me on 016973 31595. They make lovely pets. Re-homing one or two would be a great help.

Colin Briggs



Bee Happy  
by  
Sarah Jane Peile  
aged 11 from  
Holm Cultram Abbey School



Barney Bumble  
by  
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