

Silloth C.D.C

Silloth Community Development Centre (based within Silloth Primary School) has been open and successfully running since 1999. The centre was originally set up to provide the local community with an opportunity to re-enter education. The CDC provides a place where the people of Silloth and the surrounding area, can come to learn and develop new and existing skills. We aim to reach out to all members of the community irrespective of age, gender, race or religion, by providing a range of activities, which are driven by local needs. These activities will be friendly, easily accessible, un-threatening yet challenging.

Success Stories

A number of our previous learners have either secured employment or progressed in employment status through completing courses within our centre. We wish them all the best.

In March 2005, the centre appointed two new members of staff; they were Andrea Davies – Manager, and Donna Little – Administrator. Since their appointment, they have successfully acquired funding to subsidise and run a number of courses. In the past, the majority of the courses ran were IT based. As the centre wishes to meet the needs of the local community, we feel that we need to move with the times and offer a wider range of courses. Therefore we propose to diversify into the following subjects, which some of our local residents have expressed an interest in:

Water Colours Painting TBA
 Indian Head Massage 10 hours course over 5 weeks
 Cake Decorating TBA
 Reflexology 10 hours course over 5 weeks
 Aromatherapy TBA
 Sage Accountancy TBA
 Hospitality Course (Welcome Host) 1 Day
 Salsa Dancing 3 hour Taster followed by classes TBA

These Courses would commence from next term (September), through the winter months and possibly into the spring, within the school. They would be in the evening or perhaps on a Saturday, with the exception of Sage Accountancy. Some of the Courses may be short i.e. (1 day), some may continue over a number of weeks.

We would ask that if anyone is interested in any of the above courses, to contact us as we need to have a idea of the numbers and preference of times and days, before we can plan a timetable and give out any more information.

Miss Jean Briggs



Jean Briggs being presented with a Bouquet by Amy Armstrong & Stacey Strick

In Holme St. Cuthberts Church Hall, during the Church Summer Fayre, a surprise presentation to Jean Briggs on retiring after serving 20 years on the Longcake Charity Committee. Jean is from Abbeytown and taught at Brough by Sands, Waverbridge, Aspatria, Newton Arlosh, Silloth, and Blencogo before retiring from school teaching in 1983.

Please contact:

Centre: 016973 33011 (there will be a skeleton timetable in place during the holidays, a recorded message can be left if desired).

Or contact us at home on the following numbers: Andrea: 016973 31861 or Donna: 016973 31848

We cannot plan any of the courses if we do not have any feedback from you. You are the reason why we are here. Help us to help you. Also if you have any suggestions as to other courses you would like to see at the centre, we would value your opinion.

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BASIC TASTER SESSIONS 3 Hour FREE

Covers: Internet & E-mail, Word and Desktop Publisher. These will be run every 6 months. We will advertise these dates, so keep a look out.

INTRODUCTION TO IT For complete beginners!

10 Hrs per section, each over 5 weeks (you can do one or all).
 Covers: 1) Word, 2) Spreadsheets and 3) Desktop Management (i.e. files & folders).
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INTERNET & E-MAIL For complete beginners!

10 Hr course, over 5 weeks. £30
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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY For complete beginners!

10 Hr course, over 5 weeks. £30
 Covers: Buying the right camera and software, instructions on how to use it and basic editing of photographs.

ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence)

Intermediate course
 3 Hrs per week for 33 weeks.
 £145
 This is a test based course. Covers: Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Tabulation & Tables, Databases, Mail Merge, Internet & E-Mailing, Power Point, Concepts of IT, Desktop & File Management.

DESKTOP PUBLISHER For complete beginners!

20 Hrs, over 10 weeks. £40
 Covers: Producing your own Cards, Invitations, Newsletters & Posters.

NON IT COURSES

Basic First Aid
 First Aid & Children
 Food Hygiene
 Indian Head Massage
 Reflexology
 Family Learning Together

Is there a course you feel would benefit our community?
 Suggestions welcome.

Contact: Andrea or Donna
 Tel: 016973 33011/ 31848

DIPLOMA IN IT Intermediate course

5 Hrs a week for 29 weeks. £ TBA
 Covers: Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Tabulation & Tables, Databases, Mail Merge, Internet & E-Mailing.

COMPUTER MAINTENANCE For complete beginners!

10 Hr course, over 5 weeks: £30
 Covers: Cleaning monitor, mouse & keyboard, understanding what is meant by 'Boot up', How to do simple backup discs and CD's, upgrading memory & installing basic hardware.

OPEN MORNING

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