

Roving Mayor

Mayor of Allerdale, Councillor Derek Thompson has expressed his wish to be a roving Mayor and find out more about the people.

Councillor Thompson would like to visit as many Allerdale businesses as possible, large or small, as a way of getting to know more about the people of the borough and to say thank you very much for providing employment and prosperity to the area.

Councillor Thompson said: "During this Mayoral year, I would like to find the unsung heroes of Allerdale. There are a lot of people who do a lot of good but never receive recognition.

"I hope that by visiting the many different organizations, businesses and people in the borough, I can raise the profile of Allerdale as a great place to live and work.

To arrange a visit, please contact Michala Jones at Allerdale Borough Council on (01900) 326518.

Allonby

THE FORMER READING ROOMS, ALLONBY

A long-term empty and dilapidated building in Allonby is one step closer to improvement.

After many years trying to persuade the owner to progress work at the derelict Reading Rooms in Allonby, Allerdale Borough Council today entered the site under a warrant of entry, along with surveyors, scaffolders and fencing contractors.

Scaffolding will be erected to enable the remaining structure to be assessed for condition and, if feasible, to design a new roof for the building.

Eddie Dawson, Senior Technician at Allerdale Borough Council, said: "The owner has sadly not progressed their commitments made to the Council to put right the problems with the former Reading Rooms. We will undertake essential works to stabilise and assess the condition of the building."

A Great Day Out



Ross, Jonathon & Grant with the boat

Three Members of the towns Rugga Youth Club have just had a brilliant day out at Cumbria's latest nature reserve with loads to see and do on a day that didn't last long enough.

The reserve is in a village not too far away at Isel near Cockermouth. The Linskelldfield Tarn Nature Reserve is owned by former Silloth couple Robbie and Pauline Young and is open all year round free of charge. The boys spent time in the bird watching hide watching all types of ducks, swallows and some rather large buzzards (although we looked hard the was no sign of the swans, red squirrels and otters, maybe Ross and Jonathon were a bit noisy).

After a few minutes trying to count over 16 thousand free range hens we moved onto the ostriches, then the parrots and pigeons, finally ending up with a welcome cup of coffee and a quiet five minutes with two rare tortoise from Europe.

The reserve is surrounded by some of the most breathtaking scenery, and the Lake District mountains looked fantastic. We all had a great day out and you can find information on the nature reserve at: www.linskelldfieldtarn.co.uk.

Abbeytown Flower Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

Abbeytown Flower Club meeting held on 16th June.

Mr Tate welcomed 25 members to Garth House to look around his beautiful gardens. He has taken eight years to build the gardens to his own designs and the results were really wonderful to walk around.

We began on the terrace and looked down on the sunken garden. Approximately 400 tonnes of soil were removed to make this space for herbaceous borders, lawns and a large fountain. An arch with a marble tiled floor leads through to a further area of lawn set aside as a playing area for his grandchildren. The path through the trees contained rhododendrons and a lot of other beautiful flowering shrubs. The Japanese Garden was a wonder to be hold with ponds, waterfalls, bridges and hundreds of plants. The Acer trees gave the colour and the greenery

of the ferns and very large Hostas provided a beautiful contrast. A large Japanese gate lead through into a knot garden with herbs planted between the boxwood designs. The swimming pool had



tropical plants alongside and the Mediterranean garden was sheltered behind the pool house.

Mr Tate told us he had planted 800 trees but the very large mature trees along the border had been there since the house was built.

Everyone enjoyed the walk and Ruth Pinguey thanked him on our behalf. We then moved on to have a meal at the Golden Fleece followed by a short business meeting.

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