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Sponsored Bike Ride Raises £5,000



The riders can't wait to get started

Report by: Tony Dewhurst

BIG-HEARTED Cumbrian cyclists raised an incredible £5,000 for Cumberland Infirmary's Intensive care unit.

The cyclists went into top gear on the 26-mile route from Aldoth, through Skinburness, Silloth, Allonby and Westnewton.

Judy Williamson, whose brother William was treated in the Cumberland intensive care unit following a car accident last year, said: "It was a marvellous effort and the Harrison

family would like to thank everyone for all their efforts and especially the people who sponsored the riders.

"For just 23 people to raise £5,000 is amazing - and it was a very special day with many people making donations on the route"

Abbeytown vicar Reverend David Tembey and wife Lynne put the riders under starters orders last Saturday at Hards Farm, Aldoth, and a back-up van kept the riders refreshed with supplies of bottled water and Mars Bars.

The cyclists also enjoyed a barbecue after they had all completed the ride - with the meat kindly donated by Paul and Tony Harrison.

Judy added: "Everybody came back afterwards for the barbecue and a few beers which was great, and some even managed a game of rounders in the field afterwards."

Judy would also like to thank the Border Hound Trail Association, who raised £400, and the cheque was presented by Mr Ronnie Carr of Kirkbride.

Unclaimed Prizes

Silloth Trawler Race Day - Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

The committee of the Silloth & District Fundraising branch of the RNLI wish to thank everyone who once again so generously supported our fundraising efforts on Trawler Race Day.

During the afternoon a raffle was held and the following tickets were drawn but the prizes remain unclaimed:

- 93 Orange
- 92 White
- 103 Blue
- 88 Green
- 70 Orange
- 78 White

If you wish to claim your prize, please call in at the Lifeboat Station shop to collect. (Current opening hours as advertised on page 4)



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Eyesore Properties Update

Report by: Silloth Mayor Graham Wilkinson

With reference to the letter from Mary M. McKay in the August edition, regarding the above, I feel I should reply on behalf of the Town Council.

West Cumbria towns have gained millions of pounds in grant aid which we have no chance

of ever gaining, as we are not classed as a deprived area, i.e. we have not lost pits or all our heavy industries.

With regards to Longcakes shop at Golf Terrace corner, Allerdale Borough council have given notice of their intention to demolish this property. However before such actions can take place there are many legal hurdles which must be crossed.

With regard to Blakes Garage / West Silloth Motors, this property has now been purchased by the developer at present building to the rear of the Queens Hotel. Who intends erecting five new houses.

The fate of Nichols shop is not known at the present time.

Regarding the Railway Station the owner has been approached by the same developer, however he seems reluctant to sell. Allerdale Borough Council however have served notice on the owner to the effect that

if remedial works are not carried out by November of this year, they will seek powers to demolish the property and recover the cost from the present owner.

Central Garage in Waver Street is another property which allerdale Borough Council have threatened action over. The present owner lives in the South of England and again seems reluctant to sell to a prospective developer. The Town Council are pressing the Borough Council on this matter.

Allerdale have also noted the state of the old Fisons Works and do intend action being taken in the future, however they do state there are some fifty or so properties throughout the Borough and this all takes time.

Regarding the state of the West beach, our council are well aware of the situation and are continually pressing Allerdale Borough Council to press their contractor FOSCA to

attend. However our words appear to fall on deaf ears as it is nearly twelve months since they were last sighted on the beach.

All the above items are regularly pursued by the Town Council, however the public should be aware we can only keep pressing the Borough Council to take action as it is they who have the power of compulsory purchase, etc.

We all endeavour to enhance our wonderful town but it sometimes takes time to work miracles.



Silly Bee by Alicia van Rotterdam aged 5 from Silloth Primary School