



Disco Diver Bee by Abigail Blackburn aged 11 from Holme St. Cuthbert School

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Local Heroes



Just when it seemed that Silloth would not have any Christmas street lighting this year, Charlie Harrison decided it had to happen and took charge.

Charlie is used to organising, as owner of Oakleaf Landscaping contractors and Oakleaf Hardware, he is also Chairman of Silloth Festivals Ltd.

Using his contacts in Silloth Rotary and elsewhere, Charlie managed to get together three teams of press ganged 'volunteers' to erect lights all around the town. Insurance cover for the volunteers has been provided by Silloth Festivals Ltd, just in case. Charlie and his fellow Directors in Silloth Festivals Ltd decided this was an ideal opportunity to give back to the people of the town some

entertainment to make the big lights switch-on a very special evening, especially for the kids. This is a thank you for both supporting, and living with, the Silloth Music & Beer Festival.

By the time you get this paper, the lights will have been switched-on and the entertainment by a professional troupe called Pip & Pop will have happened.

Of course, once Christmas is over, the lights will have to come down again, so please tell Charlie if you can help, the more people who get together, the easier it is. Having done it now themselves, the volunteers are amazed that Bill and Marilyn Amyes have managed to do so much of it themselves in previous years.

The whole town owes both Bill and Marilyn a very big THANK YOU!



Air Ambulance

The ladies from the Silloth on Solway Charity Shop (SOSCS) visited Carleton Hall at Penrith to present a cheque to the team at the Great North Air Ambulance.

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A Local Calendar

After forty issues and over four years (Issue 1 was in August 2001) the Solway Buzz is now delighted to be able to offer a calendar for 2006 showing twelve local views from around the Buzz distribution area.

In addition, some dates for local events are on the calendar and a selection of bees drawn by local children have been included.

Each month opens out as shown to A4 size and is the perfect reminder of some of our well known, and some less well known, local areas of interest.

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Maria Frances Dance School

Maria Frances School of Dance pupils participated in the scholarships organised by the Association of American Dancing (AAD) at the Buxton Opera House. There were 120 juniors, 80 intermediates and 45 seniors from all around the country who were all competing for a place in the top five.

Our girls danced their hearts out all day, they wowed the panel of judges and made it through round after round. It was both Katie Moorhead & Imogen Bell's birthday's and it was definitely one they will never forget. Katie went on to win the intermediate section and Imogen came second. Katie was also awarded a bursary from the 'Claudia Jones memorial Fund' towards a years training. Emma Pattinson also danced her way to a 2nd placing in the senior section.



L-R:
Katie Moorhead (winner intermediate),
Maria Pattinson (Dance Teacher) and
Imogen Bell (2nd place intermediate)

A 1st and two 2nds is an amazing achievement for a local dance school and all the girls did us very proud, their dedication and determination certainly paid off!

Skinburness Hotel

Halloween Weekend was a little special this year for The Skinburness Leisure Hotel.

New owners Adrian and Vanessa Moore have introduced a programme of new events since taking over the hotel in April, one of which was Ladies Night on October 29th. Ladies came to a night of hilarious entertainment and fun with a serious twist.

All profits from the evening were donated to Breast Cancer Campaign and a whopping £905.66 was raised through the generosity of all who attended.

Everyone was encouraged to arrive in pink or fancy dress and they didn't disappoint. 'The costumes people wore were amazing' said Vanessa. 'Everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion, with witches, clowns and cow girls mingling together - it was a fantastic sight'. One very poignant

part of the evening was the releasing of pink balloons, donated by Balloon Mania and Breast Cancer Campaign, into the darkening skies. Each balloon was tagged with pink labels, carrying the name of someone being celebrated by those attending; sisters, friends, nieces or mum's. A few tears were shed as each balloon was released. However, the mood soon lifted again as Lee Best Connection provided dance music and the crowd laughed at the antics of those 'put under' by the hypnotist. A very beautiful man provided hilarity when he undressed, but it was all in 'the best possible taste!'

All in all it was a great night; one of many great nights scheduled over the next 12 months by Adrian and Vanessa and they send a huge 'thank you' to all who made it such a success.

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**UFO'ers**

Silloth lad David Wallace is looking for members to join his new UFO spotters club, David has been a UFO nut for years, but only now has plucked up courage to invite would be spotters into his club. He has also set up his own website www.IamaNutter.co.uk.

The club would most likely meet once a month unless a UFO was spotted in between times and there would be a special meeting to talk about the sighting. I'm sure there are people with the same interests David out there, if interested please contact the website.

Picture is of David with one of his sightings captured last summer whilst at a convention of UFO'ers. er, ??? maybe....

Causewayhead WI

Oct 2005

The President Mrs Pat Bell, thanked members for the Get Well card and the bunch of flowers sent while she was unwell. There were two visitors; Christine Worrall, and Grace McIlveen. Apologies were received from the speaker for the night Mrs Bibby of Bolton Gate, Wigton. She was one of the unlucky ones during the heavy rains whose home was flooded. Our heartfelt sympathies went out to her.

After the business of the meeting, we went on to receive reports from the Group and Autumn Council meetings, our representatives to both these meetings expressed the wonderful feeling of fellowship that was shared by all who attended.

Although we were all

disappointed by the lack of a speaker, we enjoyed a Beetle Drive, which was arranged by Diana Shaw, Pat Bell and Jean Wilson. Dorothy Ross, Jean Day and Dorothy Maxwell won prizes. Jean Wilson and Dorothy Maxwell also won raffle prizes. The Hostesses served tea and Cakes and a lovely evening was brought to a close.

Nov 2005

Nomination forms for the committee were filled in ready for the election of ten committee members at next months AGM. We were reminded to bring plates, cutlery and a cup for the supper which precedes the business meeting.

Our Christmas Dinner will be at the Golf Hotel on December 19th.

Three members, Margaret Durham, Eileen Barton and Jean Darling, who took part in the Spoken Word Competition, were congratulated.

We were then delighted to welcome our speaker, Belinda Artingstall, a Radio Cumbria presenter. The concept of BBC local radio was started by Frank Gillard in the 1960's. There are now 39 local radio stations. Belinda is at the moment

the presenter on the Breakfast Programme which is on the air from 7am to 9am, Monday to Friday. Belinda begins the day at 6am and works to prepare the program with a team of six people which includes the producer, Will and "Snakehips" who answers the telephone.

It was obvious from the many questions which Belinda patiently answered that most of those present were regular listeners to Radio Cumbria. The broadcasting during the foot and mouth epidemic and the recent flooding was greatly appreciated.

After supper, Molly Lomas won the flower competition with a very unseasonable narcissus. Anne Harrison's rose was second. The competition for a pen was won by Mavis Walker and Pat Bell was second. Dot Holliday and Margaret Wise won raffle prizes. Margaret Durham and Joan Darling took home the grocery parcels.

A quiz on radio programmes dating from the 1940's set by Marjorie Dockeray and Jean Vorley gave the older members a trip down memory lane.

Our AGM is at our next meeting on Dec 14th.

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Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

October 2005 President Audrey Harrison welcomed visitors from Newton Arlosh and Waverton as well as members from Abbeytown.

An invite was received from Rosley for 9th November. Marjory Dargie had written a note to thank members for the beautiful flowers she received following a spell in hospital.

Audrey then introduced Susan Denholm-Smith, who gave an illustrated talk "Sledging across Ireland". She built a sledge on wheels and loaded it with everything she might need to travel from Cork in the South to Mizzen Head then north to Malin Head. She had expected the journey to be much quieter than it was, there were many characters wanting to talk to her, some were very kind allowing her to sleep "wild" on their land. It was a long journey through beautiful places and took 25 days. She finished only 12 hours behind the scheduled

time she had allowed. Elizabeth Donald thanked Susan saying she was very brave.

Susan then judged the competitions - A Winter Photo was won by Elsie Donald, 2nd Noeline Foster. A flower 1st Audrey Harrison 2nd Margaret Ackerley. The Visitors Winter Photo was 1st Eleanor Hodgson (Newton Arlosh) 2nd Eileen Bell (Newton Arlosh). A flower 1st Jean Mann (Waverton) 2nd Eileen Bell (Newton Arlosh).

After a lovely buffet super the raffle was drawn, the winners were Eileen Bell & Denise Frizzel (Newton Arlosh), Mavis Graham & Irene Irving (Abbeytown), Anne Hodgson (Newton Arlosh) and Margory Blacklock (Abbeytown).

A quiz was held with lots of prizes and Mavis Graham's group organised card bingo with lots more prizes.

On behalf of all the visitors Eileen Bell thanked the Abbeytown members for a lovely evening.

November 2005 President Audrey Harrison opened the meeting by welcoming Margorie Dargie back after her stay in hospital.

One Team has been entered in the Team Darts. Nominations were asked for the Committee next year. The Christmas Dinner will be at the Golf Hotel on 6th December and the Menu was passed round. Ann Parry has been booked for the Party in March and tickets will be £6. The Statesman Harmony Group will provide the entertainment.

Audrey then introduced Lynda Fraser who gave a wonderful Flower Demonstration with a Christmas Theme.

The first was on The Story of Narnia in a Large Urn with Bear Grass Greenery Copper Beech, Red Carnations and Poinsettia the music was Santa Claus is coming to town. Next was a woven Wreath to hang up with greenery Silver Bow and baubles poinsettia, dried orange and lemon slices. Next came a Snow Scene with

gerbera, fir cones and silver leaves dressed with icicles while Sleigh Ride was played. She then in true Blue Peter style produced one made earlier to complement this one. A Fire Grate decoration was then made with Eucalyptus leaves Ivy green candles variegated holly with yellow lilies pink roses and red carnations fir cones and white fern leaves. Cliff Richard sang On The Saviours Day. Lynda was thanked by Elsie Foster.

Muriel Mattinson and Isobel Hurst then served refreshments. The raffle winners for the flowers were Margaret Brown, Elsie Donald, Margaret Ackerley, Gladys Temple and Freda Garner. The Flower Competition 1st Elinor Roper, 2nd Audrey Harrison. Christmas Bauble 1st Freda Garner, 2nd Audrey Harrison. The Social Time was organised by Elinor Ropers Group. Next month will be the AGM and members were reminded to bring festive food.

Arthritis Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

October meeting As Age Concern were on holiday this month several of our Members were missing. Fortunately we had several guests to make up the deficit.

Gladys then introduced Mrs Elizabeth Wishart from Earl Street Mobility, Cleator Moor. She went on to show and explain many of the gadgets she had brought with her. She had a vast range of walking aids of various colours and pointed out that as not everyone is the same height you should always be measured before buying a walking stick you fancy. She showed how the electric chair worked and explained that there are various chairs available so you should go to see her and try them out before buying. There were lots of small gadgets available, from bendy forks and spoons to various cushions for car or wheelchair. She could only show a small range of things and we were invited to go to Earl

Street to see many more things.

Lists were sent around for the January Dinner at the Joiners Arms Newton Arlosh and also what they could supply for the American Tea in December. Anne Graham sold raffle tickets and as Liz had supplied two prizes the winners were Mary Thompson, Gladys Temple and Olive Allen.

November meeting Edna Marper welcomed 19 members and introduced Mr Geoff Prestwich who gave a beautiful slide show of Flowers followed by Lakeland Scenery. June Watson and Lillian Doherty served refreshments helped by Jack Bray while Edna pointed out several items of interest from The Arthritis Magazine.

The raffle was won by Mrs Hilda Miller then everyone settled down to listen to a tape of relaxing music. The next meeting will be on 2nd Dec when Leo Holden will give a talk and slide show on Old Wigton

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Masthead Bee Winner

This month the winner is Abigail Blackburn from Holme St. Cuthbert School with a bee called "Disco Diver Bee". Her prize will be awarded at the School. Well done Abigail!

Dates for the Diary

November

25th Age Concern Tea Dance, 1:45 to 3:45pm in Solway Community Technical College, Silloth

25th Silloth Christmas Lights Switch-On

25th Mawbray Village Hall How the Other Half Loves by A595 Theatre Company 7:30pm

26th Silloth Pensioners Christmas Party with tea served 4:30pm in Stanwix Park

26th Silloth Football Club Annual Fund-raiser featuring the Motown Brothers

27th Mawbray Village Hall Christmas Craft Fayre 10-4pm

30th Solway Coast Neighbourhood Forum meets in Mawbray Village Hall @ 6:45pm
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December

2nd Silloth Nursing Home Christmas Sale @ 2pm

2nd Wigton Arthritis Group meeting in Loveday House, Wigton

6th Age Concern Tea Dance, 1:45 to 3:45pm in Solway Community Technical College, Silloth

8th Mawbray Village Hall Robin Hood, Family Pantomime, 7pm, tickets £4/£2, tel: 01900 881499

9th Men's Choir Christmas Concert in Christ Church, Silloth

9th Festival of Trees grand switch-on @ 7pm in Mawbray Village Hall

10th Allerdale Crutch service at Silloth Green

10th Tanglewood Caravan Park - Evening of Clairvoyance with Mystique at 8pm, tickets £5, tel: 016973 31253

10th Wigton Choral Society - Christmas Concert in St. Mary's Church, Wigton @ 7:30pm, tickets £2, Details & bookings: 01228 710755

10th Mawbray Village Hall Decorated Christmas Tree Festival 10th from 1pm to 4pm

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11th Christmas Craft Fair in Solway Coast Discovery Centre from 10:30am - 3:30pm

15th Flimby Saxhorn Silver Band carol concert @ 7:30pm tickets £3.50/£2, tel: 01900 881499

20th Age Concern Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

31st New Years Eve Family Celebration in Mawbray Village Hall from 8pm to 1am with disco, bar, shared supper, tickets £4/£2, tel: 01900 881353

April

1st Wigton Choral Society - Music for Passiontide @ Carlisle Cathedral, 12:45pm, tickets £4, Details: 01228 710755

11th Wigton Choral Society - Cumbria Rural Choirs & Northern Sinfonia @ Sands Centre, Carlisle, 7:30pm, tickets Details & bookings: 01228 625222

June

16th Silloth Vintage Rally, Craft Music & Funfair

17th Silloth Vintage Rally, Craft Music & Funfair

17th Wigton Choral Society - Mozart 250th Anniversary Concert with Keswick Choral Society in St. Johns Church, Keswick @ 7:30pm, Details & bookings: 01228 710755

18th Silloth Vintage Rally, Craft Music & Funfair

July

29th Abbeystown Carnival

August

28th Silloth Carnival

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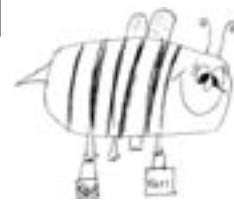
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December

16th Wigton Choral Society - Christmas Concert in St. Mary's Church, Wigton @ 7:30pm, Details & bookings: 01228 710755

February

19th Abbeystown Flower Club January Dinner in the Joiners Arms, Newton Arlosh.



Shopping Bee by Daisy Graham aged 8 from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Man Utd Bee by Emily Pattinson aged 10 from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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Abbeytown Flower Show

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Mrs Sally Rogerson the new W.I. County Secretary opened the Show and was pleased to see such a wonderful display of such a high standard. Audrey Harrison thanked her for coming and presented her with Flowers and a Gift Token. Sally then presented the Cups - Preserves Freda Garner, Flowers was joint Elinor Roper and Freda Garner, Vegetables & Fruit was Elinor Roper, Baking was Audrey Harrison and Handicrafts Elinor Roper. The Cup for most points in the Show was won by Elinor Roper and the Childrens Cup for most points in the Show was won by Lucy Harrison. Sally then presented the individual prizes.

Preserves - Blackcurrant Jam: 1st M.Moore, 2nd P.Garden, 3rd B.Hurst, Rasperry Jam: 1st P.Garden, 2nd F.Garner, 3rd M.Moore, Strawberry Jam: 1st F.Garner, 2nd B.Hurst, 3rd I.Irving, Gooseberry Jam: 1st F.Garner, 2nd P.Garden, 3rd I.Irving, Jar of Jelly: 1st F.Garner, 2nd B.Hurst, 3rd P.Garden, Jar of Marmalade: 1st I.Irving, 2nd F.Garner, 3rd P.Garden, Lemon Cheese: 2nd M.Moore, 3rd E.Roper, Dish of Rum Butter: 1st J.Wilson, 2nd I.Irving, 3rd B.Hurst, Jar of Chutney: 1st M.Ackerley, 2nd M.Moore, 3rd F.Garner, Six Hen Eggs: 1st J.Wilson, 2nd E.Roper, 3rd M.Moore
Flowers - Buttonhole: 1st E.Roper, 2nd E.Donald, 3rd F.Garner, Three Pansies: 1st E.Roper, 2nd F.Garner, 3rd M.Moore, Five Pinks: 1st F.Garner, 2nd P.Garden, Arrangement in a Shell: 1st A.Harrison, 2nd E.Roper, 3rd M.Moore, One Rose: 1st J.Wilson, 2nd F.Garner, 3rd J.Briggs, Vase of mixed Flowers: 1st F.Garner, 2nd E.Roper, Bowl of Nasturtiums: 1st M.Ackerley, 2nd M. Spry, 3rd F.Garner, Vase of Calendulas: 1st F.Garner, Vase of Dahlias: 1st F.Garner, Six Spikes of Sweet Peas: 1st E.Foster, 2nd F.Garner, 3rd E.Roper, An Arrangement of Foliage: 1st M.Moore, 2nd E.Roper, Two Sprays of Floribunda Roses: 1st E.Roper, 2nd J.Wilson, 3rd M.Spry, Flowering Plant in a Pot: 1st A.Harrison, 2nd E.Roper, Foliage Plant in a Pot: 1st E.Roper, 2nd F.Garner, Five Different Flowers in a Vase: 1st E.Roper, 2nd F.Garner
Vegetables and Fruit - 3 Potatoes round: 1st E.Roper, 3 Potatoes long: 1st E.Roper, 2nd A.Harrison, 3rd M.Moore, Cabbage: 1st M.Moore, Six Pods of Peas: 1st E.Roper, 2nd F.Garner, 3rd M.Ackerley, Three Shallots: 1st M.Ackerley, 2nd E.Roper, 3rd M.Moore, Pot of Herbs: 1st F.Garner, 2nd E.Roper, 3rd M.Spry, Two sticks of Rhubarb: 1st F.Garner, 2nd M.Ackerley, Saucer of soft fruit: 1st M.Moore
Baking - 3 Rock Buns: 1st A.Harrison, 2nd F.Garner, 3rd E.Roper, Three Plain Scones: 1st A.Harrison, 2nd J.Barwise, 3rd M.Ackerley, Three Melting Moments: 1st M.Moore, 2nd B.Hurst, 3rd A.Harrison, Plate Cake: 1st A.Harrison, 2nd E.Roper, Two Squares of Currant Cake: 1st E.Roper, Jam Swiss Roll: 1st F.Garner, 2nd B.Hurst, 3rd A.Harrison, Three Shortbread Biscuits: 1st E.Roper, 2nd A.Harrison, 3rd B.Hurst, Three pieces of Traybake: 1st M.Mattinson, 2nd A.Harrison, Two Squares of Gingerbread: 1st A.Harrison, 2nd J.Barwise, 3rd M.Mattinson, Jam Sandwich: 1st M.Mattinson, 2nd F.Garner, 3rd E.Roper, Sultana Loaf: 1st M.Mattinson, 2nd A.Harrison, 3rd E.Roper, Three Dropped Scones: 1st F.Garner, 2nd A.Harrison, 3rd M.Mattinson, Teabread: 1st M.Mattinson, 2nd B.Hurst, 3rd E.Roper
Handicrafts - Knitted Hat: 1st E.Foster, 2nd E.Roper, 3rd P.Garden, Article in Double Knitting: 1st E.Roper, 2nd E.Foster, 3rd P.Garden, Article for a Baby: 1st E.Roper, 2nd I.Irving, 3rd E.Foster, Article in Cross Stitch: 1st P.Garden, 2nd E.Foster, 3rd A.Harrison, Article in Embroidery: 1st A.Harrison, 2nd J.Wilson, 3rd E.Foster
Photo with a caption: 1st M.Faulkner, 2nd F.Garner, 3rd E.Roper, Hand made Greeting Card: 1st A.Harrison, 2nd E.Roper, 3rd F.Garner, Fridge Magnet: 1st M.Moore, 2nd E.Donald, 3rd J.Graham, Novelty Salt & Pepper Pots: 1st J.Graham, 2nd N.Holliday, 3rd P.Garden
Any Craft Article except Needlework: 1st J.Wilson, 2nd F.Garner, 3rd M.Moore, Childrens Entries - Arrangement of Flower Heads in Moss: 1st Jessica Gilroy, 2nd Megan Gilroy, 3rd Molly Gilroy, Pre-School: 1st Joe Gilroy, 2nd Emma Barwise, Photo: 1st Jessica Gilroy, 2nd Sarah Barwise, 3rd Hannah Barwise, CD Cover: 1st Megan Gilroy, 2nd Jessica Gilroy, 3rd Sarah Barwise, Handwriting Years 5 & 6: 1st Lucy Harrison, 2nd Leonne Bondzie, 3rd Jamie Dobson, Years 3 & 4: 1st Charlotte McQueen, 2nd Emily Harrison, 3rd Hollie Wills, Years 1 & 2: 1st Jessica Swan, 2nd Abbie Williamson, 3rd Matthew Middleton, Painting Years 5 & 6: 1st Lucy Harrison, 2nd Ashley Little, 3rd Sarah Jane Piele, Years 3 & 4: 1st Hollie Wills, 2nd Daisy Graham, 3rd Cameron Jackson, Years 1 & 2: 1st Kevin Brown, 2nd Abbie Williamson, 3rd Tom Beaty, Reception: 1st Sophie Pinguey, 2nd Ben Harrison, 3rd Lian Cockbain, Pre-School: 1st Emma Barwise, 2nd Finn Graham, 3rd Hayden Charters, Nursery (Playgroup): 1st Emma Spark, 2nd Jenny Harrison, 3rd Mary Hollick.

Abbeytown Members and Friends left for a trip to Heighley Gate Garden Centre, near Morpeth in Northumbria for their November meeting.

After a smooth journey we arrived in nice time for a Coffee Break before the important part of the day. The Christmas Decorations were beautiful and the Plants in lovely condition so everyone had a good look around the various departments before beginning the filling of trolleys with lots of Gifts for Christmas.

The coach left Heighley Gate at 4.15pm with the boot full of lots of goodies and everyone settled down for the journey home satisfied that most of their Christmas Shopping had been done.

Tip for the Top

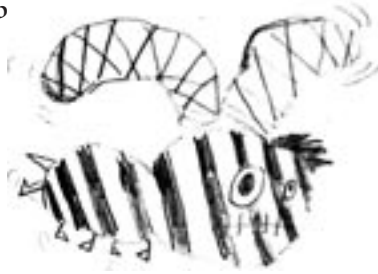
Maturing Gracefully

At whatever age women can always look glamorous. Mature women should not be neglected but shown to be beautiful.

Take for example celebrities such as Sarah Jessica Parker (40's) Sharon Osbourne (50's) or Honor Blackman (70's) they all look absolutely great.

Age barrier boundaries are changing, so 50 is the new 40. Women often make the mistake of spending a fortune on expensive lotions and potions to try and keep the

Funky Bee
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wrinkles at bay and neglect the one obvious aspect of themselves, which makes a huge difference to their look, 'their hair'.

Hairstyles for younger women can be equally suitable for women over 40 by tweaking and shaping for a flattering face shape.

So why not give it a go! What better time than the New Year for a change.

All the best for the New Year from all at Peter Josef.

Busy Summer for RNLI

RNLI lifeboats in the north have had one of their busiest summers on record, launching an average of five times each day in June, July and August.

Preliminary figures show the 34 RNLI lifeboat stations in the life-saving charity's North Division carried out 460 rescues in June-August. Only the summer of 2003 was busier, with an unprecedented 568 rescues in the north.

The north's busiest lifeboat station this summer was Whitby in North Yorkshire, with 29 launches. On the north west coast, the lifeboat station which carried out the most services was Barrow, with 21 launches. Several lifeboat stations were much busier than in previous years including Amble in Northumberland which had its busiest ever summer, with 28 shouts compared to 11 last summer and 17 in 2003. Nationally, the RNLI has had its busiest ever summer, with 3,681 launches - a 10 per cent increase on last year.

Andrew Ashton, RNLI Divisional Inspector for the North, said the high rescue figures reflect the fact that increasing numbers of people are using the sea for leisure pursuits such as sailing, kite surfing, kayaking and diving. "Around three-quarters of our rescues

this summer were undertaken by inshore lifeboats and involved pleasure craft in trouble or individuals in the water or on inflatables. Along with other organisations, the RNLI continues to promote sea and beach safety messages to members of the public and we are starting to see some successes. In Skegness and Mablethorpe, for example, the number of launches has fallen this summer, probably following a local campaign about the dangers of inflatables. As usual, our volunteer RNLI lifeboatmen and women have worked hard this summer while members of the public enjoyed themselves at the coast. As well as giving up their own time to rescue people in difficulty at sea, our volunteer crew members dedicate much time and energy each month to training. This ensures that they are always ready to respond as safely and effectively as possible when called upon to rescue someone in difficulty at sea."

In its largest-ever fundraising campaign, the RNLI is aiming to raise £10 million over five years to help train its volunteer lifeboat crews to continue saving lives at sea. To find out more about the Crew Training Campaign, please call 0800 543210 or visit www.rnli.org.uk/crewtraining.

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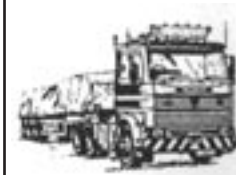
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Tots n Toddlers Sponsored Waddle Walk



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toddler waddle walk from the Church Hall up to the Green, to raise money for the 'Meningitis' awareness week. They all enjoyed

the walk on a nice crisp autumn morning, wearing duck masks. To date £140 has been raised. Thanks to all who supported this event.

Silloth & District Pensioners



Photo by: Bill Allan

Report by: Diana Shaw

Silloth & District Pensioners held their pre-Christmas Afternoon Tea in St. Andrews Hall on Saturday 5th November.

What a lovely afternoon it was for just £1. The tables were laid out all festive with mince tarts, drop scones with rum butter. Lovely fresh tea cakes with dishes containing strawberry or apricot jam. The cake stall looked delicious with a large variety of cakes, sausage rolls, quiches and freshly baked teacakes, lemon curd and rum butter.

The cake stall made the grand total of £128.

The Bric-A-Brac did good trade and the raffle had ten winners.

The Association called on extra helpers who along with all members of the committee worked extremely hard both in the preparation of the room and the serving of the tea.

Thanks to all the people of Silloth who supported the Afternoon Tea, helping to ensure they made the event a fantastic success.

Profit made from the afternoon event was £279.

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Samples of these bird carcasses, which are identified as Guillemots, have been taken for analysis to the VLA (Veterinary Laboratories Authority). On first impressions it would appear that the sample of 24 birds sent to the VLA died because of starvation, as all had been unable to feed. This is not uncommon at this time of year when the winds and high seas are increasing. Young weak, newly independent birds can suffer from the effects of storms, and if they cannot feed for

three or four days they can unfortunately die from hunger.

As an extra safeguard to ensure there is nothing sinister occurring the VLA are also in the process of carrying out toxicity tests, meanwhile



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Legion's 80th Anniversary



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Standing far Right Mrs C Haines (Treasurer)

The Silloth Royal British Legion (Womens Section) celebrated their 80th years Anniversary with a Party in the Social Club on 20th October.

They were joined by the County President Mrs Washington OBE, County Secretary Mrs Nicholson and County Treasurer Mrs Richardson.

All the members enjoyed a knife and fork supper, Retiring Chairperson Mrs I Gilmour presented a gift to the oldest serving member followed by a drawing with each member receiving a prize, followed by a quiz. They ended a lovely evening with a game of Bingo.

School Deputy Head Retirement

Farewell, Sir!
Silloth Primary School hosted a farewell afternoon for the former Deputy Head, Mr Donald Morrison, who retired at the end of the Summer Term, on Wednesday 19th October.

Colleagues, children, friends, parents and former pupils attended the event, at which Mr Morrison, accompanied by his wife Jane, was presented with a range of gifts, including a pair of framed pictures of Lakeland scenes.

Mr Morrison joined the school as Deputy Head, from Westfield Junior School Workington, in 1988. Over the years, he has taught mainly in upper KS2, has been instrumental in organising and leading residential parties, and encouraging and coaching pupils in different areas of physical education.

Tributes were paid by Mrs Helen Goldworthy and a number of Year 5



and Year 6 pupils.

Our gratitude to Val, June, Maureen and Andrea for providing the scrumptious spread!

Don and his family have already enjoyed two short, well-earned breaks abroad since the start of his retirement. As a keen amateur cyclist, he intends to further pursue this interest.

We wish the wheels of good fortune and good health continue to turn for both Don and his family, that he encounters few 'punctures' along the road, and enjoys many more happy hours in the saddle!



School Visit to Crosscanonby Carr Nature Reserve

Report by: Rose Wolfe

A group of 40 pupils from Solway Community Technology College, Silloth, spent half a day learning about Crosscanonby Carr Nature Reserve. Under the guidance of teachers and Solway Coast AONB staff and Ranger, pupils were invited to take a look at some of the plants and creatures that live on the Reserve. The pupils were split into groups, each group visiting

different areas to observe the wildlife, before moving on to the next area.

The Pupils, all year seven students, were visiting the Reserve as part of an environmental studies day. The groups were shown some of the trees such as Alder, Willow, Ash, Hornbeam,



and Oak in the woodland area, gathering a little information about the role various trees play in their environment.

They then learned about the meadow flowers and grassland areas. Other areas of interest were the dipping platform along the stream, and the creatures and plants that live in the stream and pond. The woodland walk was also a popular area with teachers as well as pupils, and then finally the

hedgerow plant species were identified and recorded.

By the end of the morning the pupils had gathered quite a selection of twigs leaves, and plant species, as well as creatures including spiders, slugs, snails and frogs. On returning to school the students sorted through the selection of items gathered, before identifying them and learning a little about individual species.

Dear Deer, Deery Me



Report by: John Graham

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Poems

THE INDOMITABLE MR. P

A tribute to David Pigeon by his
daughter Christine Partington

The indomitable Mr P
Dad as he's known to me
Has always led a life that's full
Full to overflowing
You've always had a zest for life
One that's coped with all the
strife.

Last year when I came to stay
I became weary and had to pray
Not to focus on all you did each
day
That way I could rest and walk
Recover and heal
And return my own zeal.

One day I made a list
In case I had missed
All you were involved in.
Never ending it seemed
No wonder you dreamed
In meetings too many to
mention
You missed quite a few
But usually due
To divided attention
2 or 3 meetings would clash
And you would dash
And try to make connection.

The Church has been your
central play
Young people have always won
the day
In your heart you'd watch and
pray
The reward would always come
some day
PCC, synods, Lay Reader it's
true

Youth Club's, Sunday School
To mention but a few.
So many you had to make lists what to do.
The older folk you'd also seek
Taking Homes Communion each week.
Magazines to deliver every month
There was barely time for lunch.

Tennis Club enjoyed your time
David followed on and that was just fine.
At the school you helped a lot
Giving all that you had got
Table Tennis and Chess Clubs run
Oh. You had so much fun
When governor you could no longer be
More talents for us all to see.
And then again there was no fee
For sitting children on your knee
Each Christmas when you play the part
Father Christmas was now your heart!!

Your routines intrigued me
Never ending it seemed
12 vegetables at each meal it had to be
And for years no cup of tea
Boiled water it has to be
You said and
Exercises were the secret
Every morning and night
Every ache and every pain
Added to the never ending list
Another exercise. Do you get the gist?
Until it was so long you could have done with
a gong.

Remember all those poems you wrote
For Mum each celebration
Such a problem we had at times
To decipher their intention
They became a part of your uniqueness
Your creation and your inventions
This led to your role
Of designer in Carnation.
Where you thrived and grew
As you used all you knew
Developing the business
When as manager you withdrew.

A card there came from Helena and John
Reminding us of times long gone.
'That's the way to do it' the card said

Poem Upmarket - the writer is anonymous!

"I've had enough of having a break with family from "away".
I've decided we're going to have a proper holiday.
It's the new Elizabethan Age and Rationing is done.
We're getting over the war, now we're going to have some fun.
I'm sick of going to Manchester to stay with auntie May,
Then doing all the housework, just to pay our way.
So we're going upmarket so that I can take my ease,
I've booked us a week in Summer in a chalet at Blitterlees".

We stared at her with excitement; well all except our dad
And he put down his paper and said, "Woman are you mad?
We can't afford such luxuries and I'm not going there".
Mam just shrugged her shoulders and said, "It's booked so I
don't care".
Each week when she went shopping at Maryport Coop,
She bought a little extra like Corned Beef and Camay soap.
I packed my dookers and my Famous Five books,
And on the day that we left, dad said he'd come "for a look".

We didn't need the dominoes or the cards in case it drizzled,
The sun shone and tanned us and all of Silloth sizzled.
I rode on the donkeys and played on the Green,
And each day we walked for a Longcakes Ice cream.
My older sisters primped and preened and went to the dances
So good looking they were sure of a holiday romance.
Where seven airs meet Dad walk in the breeze,
His asthma improved and he'd less of a wheeze.

It was such a success we went year after year
And now sometimes I smile at the way we were.
But we all grew older and wanted more than the Green and the
sand
And sedate little Silloth couldn't think big and build
Disneyland.
They said that they didn't want lager louts here
So they offer Karaoke, markets and festivals of beer.
They know that the Prom suits arthritic knees
But sulk with nostalgia for a time when we were easier to
please.

With a picture of Dad showing his head
Sticking out of the booth that was it hobby
Punch and Judy, he had it off to a tea.
I was his helper when he first did start
I'd work hard to play my part
I'd play the recorder; put on his puppets you
know
To make the baby cry I'd have a go
I'd wipe the sweat from his brow
As he gave it his all and then took a bow.

My Dad he liked to cross dress
Don't look so shocked its just jest
Mayoral garb he did adorn Necklace had to be
worn
Then Lay Readers frock we loved to mock.
Last year he was the three in one Holy Spirit.
God and Son
At the Holiday Club
A little play was the rub
He had to change from God to Son
His wig went on the wrong way round
And reading his words he found
It was impossible to see
This the serious bit was meant to be.

You could be such a lad
Even though you were my Dad
A child at heart and full of fun
'Boy' I thought 'He can run'
Do you remember the time you had to go
Across the river in full flow
To prove to us Grandads aren't slow
Onto the stepping stones you stepped
'Don't be so stupid' was Mums retort
As you fell in the river with a snort
Mum cared so much what happened to you
At times you were so stubborn it was untrue.

There were times when I wished
I could spend more time with you
You were always so busy with do, do, do
I wouldn't have you different though
Just more times in which to share
And show you how much I care.
As I watch you fading away
I thank you for teaching me
That life is best when sought in God
Allowing Him to be my rod
As we pass through the valley it's good to know
I'll see you again. Tell Mum I miss her so.

Letters

Dear Buzz,

Would anyone with
Information or Photos
relating to the Agriculture
Implement Works at
Abbeytown, where Tommy
Reay followed by Messrs.
Markley were in business,
Contact Bill Allan on:
016973 32517.

Bill Allan

Dear Buzz,

I am constantly being asked
at work about the status
of the Street Market. Can
someone "in the know"
please enlighten us?
Most queries are from the
elderly, less mobile, and
mothers with prams and
they generally want to
know if it is returning in
the Spring.
General opinion seems to
be that it must be a boon
both for the community
and the shopkeepers and
as many of the market
traders were happy with
the arrangements we
would like to know the
reason for closure. It has
also been suggested that
the townspeople should
be allowed to vote on this
issue.
The reasons for closure
would be greatly
appreciated.

Isabel White

Dear Buzz,

To all our friends and
Caravanners.
Sad to say this will be the
sites last Buzz distribution
for our caravanners for
2005 as the end of Season
is upon us again. Thank you
from our hearts to everyone
who helped, or supported
and came to our monthly
charity dances in Silloth
Social Club. The last Three
dances held raised a Grand
Total of £823.28p.
We donated and gave the
said Monies to the Air
Ambulance Appeal.
We would like to thank
Gary our Compere and
Bingo Caller every month to
Shirley - Heather - Dorren
- Shirley Scott - Eleanor and
Pat for the lovely Buffet at
our last of the year dance.
To Joan Pergram for the
delicious home made trifles
she made for the Buffet. A
special thank you to Alan
who every month prints
dance tickets and posters
advertising our charity
dances, also the Social
Club bar staff and cleaners
who work so hard. Thank
you Dorothy Maxwell for
donating a lovely Royal
Doulton Lady which raised
£90.00 and to Annette
& John who gave an
expensive bottle of Chivas
Regal Whisky, which when
Auctioned Raised £170.00.
So thanks to everyone who
participated in our Charity
Monthly Knees Up.
Merry Xmas and Happy New
Year one and all.
Roll on 2006 When our
Charity Evenings begin
again.

Shirley & Charlie Morris
Seacote Caravan Park
Silloth

Letters

Dear Buzz,

This is a request for anyone who has artists Water Colour painting brushes or paints and no longer have a use for them. I can be contacted on 016973 32286.

Thank you
Kay

Dear Buzz,

As a former resident I have always had a keen interest in the progress of the town and on a weekly visit I often see some fault or something that needs to be done. I noticed that many road signs were either dirty or partly hidden by branches. This does not look good for a tourist town and gives a bad impression to visitors. Having mentioned these faults to people whom I thought would get something done, I looked for results, but week after week nothing happened. It was now mid July and the middle of the short tourist season and time for action. As it is the Rugby Union Clubs 125 Anniversary I thought we would do something for the town that gives us our support. So various members, including one enthusiastic supporter and his wife attached the problem armed with branch cutters secateurs, brushes and buckets of water. Also the Lifeboat men cleared weeds from around the launching ramp. A combined effort and a quick improvement. The Rugby Club is one of the towns assets and we look forward to your continued support.

Geoff Bland
Silloth Rugby Union Club

Dear Buzz,

I would like to thank, as I know a lot of people would our Mayor Graham Wilkinson, for taking the time to write his articles in the Buzz, keeping us all informed in a "no nonsense" way, about issues that are of interest to the Silloth people, e.g. eyesore properties, Christmas lights, dropped kerbs for disabled buggy users and possible redevelopment of the paddling pool area. It is really appreciated. Keep up the good work Graham.

Beverley Brogden

Dear Buzz,

We regularly receive copies of the Solway Buzz. We would like to say how much we enjoy reading it. It has kept us in touch with many people and events that were part of our life when we lived in Silloth. The children have grown older (so have the adults!) but we recognise faces and names and it's good to read about old and new events.

Rev. Mike & Jan Heslop

Dear Buzz,

I thank Graham Wilkinson Mayor of Silloth for his courtesy reply to my letter published in the August Buzz. I am amazed that Allerdale Borough Council do not think of Silloth as a deprived area and even more amazed that Silloth Council have not challenged them on that count. Granted, never having had a pit we did not have one to lose, But, we post an Aerodrome, Fisons Chemical Works, Redmaynes, Dinkywear a drastically reduced work force at Carr's Mill and the Docks. The final blow being the closure of the railway i.e. all the major employers in the town and Allerdale Council dare to say Silloth is not a deprived area. What then does constitute said state? Notably the other West coast towns still have working railway services!! I have recently paid another visit to Silloth (Oct) and noticed Nichol's shop had reopened. That unfortunately was the only improvement I saw. There have I believe been objections to the planned houses on the derelict site of Blake's Garage, I know which view I would rather see from my window! Hopefully, the regeneration of our great wee town will soon get underway.

Mary McKay
(nee Bosward)

Dear Buzz,

Alan (Ray) dearly loved husband and father, grandfather, brother and brother-in-law also father-in-law, has left many people whom loved and respected him on 5th October 2005. We the family wish to thank everyone for all the kindness and lovely cards and beautiful flowers we received, also for the many donations to Cancer Research and other charities of their own choices, (of which are still coming in). Christ Church, that appeared to be bursting at the seams, also Alan (Vicar of Christ Church) who read out Alan's life story, Thank you. After being told he had to appear on Border TV Alan did not enjoy being centre of attention. Goodness knows what he would have felt if he could have only seen what we saw, his eyes would be filled with wonderment, as he did not know how much he was liked and respected. (Although he did let some know, if he did not agree with them at times). We gave Alan a very good send off at the Golf Hotel of which we thank all the staff and not least the lovely owners. Thank you all so very much (and to Solway Buzz)

Joan E Ray (Mrs)
& Family

Munchkins Duck Catch



Report by:
Beckie Molyneaux

On Thursday 13th October Holme St. Cuthberts toddler group, Munchkin's completed a sponsored duck catch to raise money for Meningitis awareness

week. The children had great fun.

The group is held on a Thursday in term time 10am to 11.45am in the church hall opposite the school, the cost is £1.50 per family a session including juice and a biscuit.

Out of the Blue



John & Marilyn Mowbray have extended the New Inn at Blencogo in a very sympathetic and effective manner.

Their new restaurant (pictured above) is called 'Out of the Blue', to reflect their speciality fish dishes. They do also offer a wide range of other dishes, all made from locally sourced produce. It really is nice to see the individual farms that supply them named on the menu as the source of the produce.



The bar itself is largely unaltered, however diners now benefit from their own comfortable lounging area and a very fresh and airy restaurant, which is located in a new extension behind the building.



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On the Waterfront

Report by: Tommy Legs

September was quite a busy month with the dredger CHERRY SAND spending ten days dredging the inner harbour and six cargo ships visiting the port.

The PONGO was first in France followed by the NAVIGATOR with fertilizer from Police in Poland and the HOO FALCON brought another cargo of fertilizer from Ijmuiden in Holland. The DORNUM was next with fertilizer from Vierow in Germany and the BEN VARREY brought a cargo of wheat from Seaforth, Liverpool. Finally, the Russian ship BALTISKIY-109 arrived with a cargo of fertilizer from Muuga in Estonia. The superyacht DER VAGABOND departed down to Maryport for the winter after a long stay involving extensive maintenance to restore her to her original condition.

October was a very quiet month with only four ships, the molasses tanker ELLEN THERESA had two visits with cargoes from Amsterdam and Bremen, the JAN-V brought fertilizer from Ijmuiden and the PILSUM brought wheat from Rostock in Germany. On a sad note,

Allerdale Borough Council's Environmental Wardens are responsible for the enforcement of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. This Act makes it an offence to allow a dog under your control, to foul any land open to the public and fail to clean up immediately. You do not have to be the owner of the dog to be responsible for the offence. Not having anything to clean up with or not being aware of the fouling is not a defence. This offence carries a fixed penalty fine of £50.00 which you have 14 days to pay, or Allerdale Borough Council can take action in the Magistrates Court with a maximum fine of £1,000 plus costs.

In order for the Environmental Wardens to enforce this Act, we rely heavily on information from the public to tell us were the

Silloth Tide Tables

December 2005
TIMES OF HIGH WATER
AT SILLOTH
(Courtesy of A.B.P. Silloth)
Times in GMT
(ADD 1hr. FOR SUMMER TIME)

Heights in metres					
	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	
1ST. THUR.	1112	7.2	2330	7.2	
2ND. FRI.	1151	7.3	****	***	
3RD. SAT.	0012	7.3	1232	7.4	
4TH. SUN.	0057	7.2	1320	7.4	
5TH. MON.	0147	7.0	1410	7.2	
6TH. TUES.	0239	6.7	1503	7.0	
7TH. WED.	0336	6.4	1602	6.7	
8TH. THUR.	0439	6.1	1705	6.4	
9TH. FRI.	0548	5.7	1814	6.3	
10TH. SAT.	0700	5.7	1923	6.3	
11TH. SUN.	0806	6.0	2025	6.5	
12TH. MON.	0903	6.3	2121	6.7	
13TH. TUES.	0952	6.6	2212	6.8	
14TH. WED.	1036	6.8	2257	7.0	
15TH. THUR.	1116	7.1	2338	7.0	
16TH. FRI.	1154	7.1	****	***	
17TH. SAT.	0015	6.8	1230	7.1	
18TH. SUN.	0054	6.7	1308	7.0	
19TH. MON.	0132	6.5	1346	6.8	
20TH. TUES.	0211	6.3	1425	6.6	
21ST. WED.	0251	6.1	1506	6.3	
22ND. THUR.	0333	5.7	1551	6.1	
23RD. FRI.	0420	5.5	1640	5.7	
24TH. SAT.	0516	5.2	1737	5.5	
25TH. SUN.	0620	5.1	1841	5.4	
26TH. MON.	0725	5.3	1943	5.6	
27TH. TUES.	0826	5.6	2042	6.0	
28TH. WED.	0919	6.1	2136	6.3	
29TH. THUR.	1006	6.6	2225	6.7	
30TH. FRI.	1052	7.1	2314	7.1	
31ST. SAT.	1138	7.4	****	***	

NEW MOON THURS 1ST & SAT 31ST
FULL MOON THURS 15TH

the "waterfront" has lost a well known character with the death of ALLAN RAY in early October. Allan was Silloth Pilot for over 30 years and in his younger days was involved with the lifeboat and of course was a well known fisherman who founded a successful shrimp business which is to be carried on by the family. He will be sorely missed for his knowledge and advice and as a interesting character.

Dog Fouling

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In order for the Environmental Wardens to enforce this Act, we rely heavily on information from the public to tell us were the

problems are and when they are occurring. The most useful information is when to be in certain areas, for example if someone regularly allows their dog to foul your street between 7am and 7:30 am, with a terrier type dog, this information gives us the best chance of catching the regular offenders. We do not work 9-5 hours and can attend as and when needed, providing we have enough daylight to clearly see the offence.

Any litter bin can be used for the disposal of bagged dog faeces; there is no need to look for a specific dog bin. You can collect free poop scoops from all council offices and many other outlets.

The Environmental Wardens can be contacted on 01900 607913. Any information received is confidential and can be given anonymously.

Mayor's Report

Report by:
Graham Wilkinson

The October meeting of Silloth Town Council was attended by 10 members with one member of the public in attendance, please note our meetings are open to the public. However you are only allowed to speak on written application prior to the meeting, this does not apply at the annual town meeting.

The police reported on events over the past month, which included theft from building sites within the town, damage to vehicles, vandalism at the school and youths riding around town on mini motorcycles.

Robert Porter of Derwent & Solway Housing Association gave a report into the proposed development on Fell View to the rear of Skiddaw Close. The Environment Agency have requested further investigation re the flood plain, the proposal is to construct eleven three bed houses to be shared ownership with ten two bed bungalows, five of which are to be shared ownership and five to be rented.

Various matters of correspondence were discussed including, a query as to why Silloth had not received a flag for clean waters, this is to be passed to United Utilities for a reply. A letter from the acting Chief Constable noted our concern re the state of the Police Station and stated a decision had to be made shortly on its fate. A further letter stated the force were looking to base a local policing team within the Fire Station.

Further information had been received regarding the width restriction in Wigton and proposal to expand the area of roads to be covered by the order which has implications on Silloth with regard to trade and holiday traffic.

Following the visit in March by HMS Biter, the Council have now received a letter from the Royal Navy seeking our views on the forming of an affiliation with the ship.

Various planning applications were discussed, it was noted the development plan for the old West Silloth Motors site had been withdrawn.

A request is to be made for the police to monitor the speed of traffic in West Silloth following complaints. Allerdale Borough Council have been requested to review the missing street name plates around the town.

The November meeting saw nine members of the council in attendance with no public attendance.

P.C. Andy Robertson and Lieutenant F.D. Hirons Royal Navy Commanding Officer of the "HMS Biter" were welcomed.

P.C. Andy Robertson gave a full run down of incidents over the past month with updates on last months incidents. He also stated matters were being dealt with to set up the police post at the Fire Station and that he would be in the town as much as possible when the post is up and running. Also noted was his concern re the old Police Station, he stated he was pushing for an early outcome on the situation. He was thanked for his attendance.

Lieutenant F.D. Hirons thanked the council for accepting the offer of application between HMS Biter and Silloth, they had enjoyed their visit this year and to this end they have planned to return on the 31st March - 2nd April 2006, and the ships company are to attend the Remembrance Day Service at Christ Church.

Planning applications dealt with were noted and discussed by both Allerdale and Town Councillors, the major concern being the serious threat to the Maryport road at Dubmill Point as no repairs have yet been carried out to the damaged sea wall following January's storms. Even though it is now several months since it was promised the work would be completed before the winter.

The Council agreed to make a donation to the North West Air Ambulance.



Mawbray Festivities

Mawbray village hall offer a superb range of top quality family entertainment this festive season.

On Sunday 27th November 10am to 4pm a Christmas Craft Fayre offers a huge range of Christmas gifts by local artists and craft people plus TV celebrity Annette Gibbons will be signing copies of her new book. Not to forget the excellent tea room selling lots of home baked goodies.

On Thursday 8th December Jack Drum Arts present The Tale of Robin Hood commencing 7pm, a pantomime which guarantees fun for all the family. Tickets £4 and £2. Tel. Steve: 01900 881499.

The Festival of Trees 2005 features over 200 trees decorated by local groups and business's and

begins with the grand switch-on, on Friday 9th December at 7pm. The hall will be open on 10th and 11th for viewing and refreshments between 1pm and 4pm.

Get into the festive spirit on Thursday 15th December at 7:30pm and sing along with and listen to the excellent Flimby Saxhorn Silver Band who will perform their annual carol concert. Tickets £3.50 and £2 including a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Tel. Steve: 01900 881499. This is a real treat for all the family.

Why not join us at our New Years Eve Family Celebration on Saturday 31st December 8pm-1am disco, bar and shared supper. Tickets £4 and £2.

Tel. Karen: 01900 881353 or Steve: 01900 881499.

RNLI

RNLI Silent Auction Prize Winners

The Silloth & District Fundraising Branch of the RNLI recently held a Silent Auction in St Andrews Hall in Silloth. This event raised £160.05.

During the evening the Branch's Annual Grand Draw also took place and the winning tickets drawn:-

S Benson 4533 M&S Gift Voucher
F Mills 4056 Bottle of Malt Whisky
Joy 4414 Bottle of Champagne
J Bainbridge 3596 Clock/Radio
Archie 3965 Cafetiere Set
G Calvert 0176 Bottle of Wine
B Patton 1085 Panda Bear
M Haycock 3287 Box of Chocolates
Mick 3885 Bottle of Bucks Fizz
J Tudor 0639 Wine & Choc Hamper
Yvonne 0202 Silk Flowers
Szandurski 3227 Candle Set
Dominic 3809 Tin of Biscuits

All winners have been notified and prizes distributed.

Many thanks to all those who supported the event and to the many people of Silloth, Wigton, Aspatria and beyond who sold and/or bought raffle tickets for the Annual Grand Draw, which this year raised the fantastic sum of £720. A special thank you is also extended to those of you who so generously donated the prizes for the draw.

Little Wing by Lorna de Mello aged 6 from Holme St. Cuthbert School

Six-a-Sides Latest Results

Report by:
Geoff Bland

This photo shows the two teams before playing in the final of 1954.



These games were played on the Green opposite the Queens Hotel and teams entered from all over the country.

They were played during the Glasgow or Edinburgh annual holidays on summer evenings and always attracted big crowds of soccer loving visitors, who had mostly travelled by train.

The winners were Easy Six.

The team on the left is M.U.6, Back L-R: P.C. Eric Thompson, Les Bosward, Geoff Bland. Front L-R: Robin Sim, David Black, Jock Fyfe, mascot Tex the dog.

Team at right is Easy Six, Back L-R: Ray Baxter, Jim Baxter, Joe Robinson. Front L-R: Dalvin Rothery, Malcolm Fisher, Joe Gibson, mascot Jim Baxter junior



Princess Bee by Sophie Connolly aged 5 from Holme St. Cuthbert School

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Rugba Club Family Fun Day



Report by: Jimmy Lettice

This years family fun day was a success thanks to Silloth Town Council and Silloth Rugby Club.

With entertainment from BJ the Magician, a brilliant face painter and cartoons for the kids on the giant screen, the fun started at 10am and continued until 6 pm.

Hot dogs and cold drinks were available for the children and cold drinks for the adults.

Pictured are two of the children painted as The Hulk and Pudsey Bear and a little girl with a special balloon.

A great day which we hope to hold every year.



Sponsored Walk from Maryport to Silloth



A group of fit and healthy people walked from Maryport to Silloth to raise sponsorship for both the Silloth First Responders and the Air Ambulance.

Between them they raised the very creditable sum of £640. Congratulations and thanks to all who took part.

While Others Play



Phillip Irving - the busiest man in Silloth on Carnival Day - well done Phillip

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Trick or Treat Bee by Holly Ann Lewis aged 9 from Bouncing Babies Childminder

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Report by: Ann Blair

The Chairman and members of the Management Committee of Silloth Nursing and Residential Care Home, were delighted by the achievement of 21 members of the staff.

They successfully completed a course on

“Control of Infection and Contamination”.

Some of the staff members along with Tutors Jackie Carruthers, and Jean Howard, are pictured above after receiving their certificates from Silloth Mayor, Graham Wilkinson.

Silloth Football Club Results

Sept 10th Bransty 3 v Silloth 7 (cup)
Chris Walsh 3, Ross Johnston 3, Gareth Lewis 1
Sept 17th Silloth 0 v Wetheral 2 (league)
Sept 24th Silloth 5 v Parton 1 (cup)
Chris Walsh 3, Andy Hinde 2
Oct 1st Wetheral 6 v Silloth 0 (county cup)
Oct 15th Longtown 1 v Silloth 0 (cup)
Oct 22nd Silloth 7 v Canonbie 0 (league)
Chris Walsh 3, Chris Dawes 2, Andy Hinde 2
Oct 29th Silloth 6 v Egremont St Marys 1 (league)
Andrew Lowes 3, Gary Pearson 3
Nov 5th Silloth 8 v Longtown 1 (league)
Andy Hinde 2, Chris Walsh 2,
Chris Dawes 2, Brian Hayhurst 1
Andrew Lowes 1

Many thanks to Tenniswise Tennis Coaching (David Wise ex Silloth striker) and R.M.W.Boiler Services Ltd (Robert Shaw ex Silloth player) for their match sponsorship.

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26th Nov BAE Barrow (H)
3rd Dec Creighton (A)
10th Dec Whitehaven (H)
17th Dec Gosforth Greengarth (A)
7th Jan Kirkby Lonsdale (H)
On Saturday 26th November, the club will hold a reunion dinner at the Skinburness Hotel for former players and supporters. Anyone requiring details should contact David Henderson at the clubhouse (016973 32299).

RAFA Leek Club



Photo by: W Allan

L to R: Mrs H Robinson, Mrs J Atkinson, Mr S Atkinson, Mr I Caulfield, Mr B Mclymont, Mrs C Caulfield

This years show was held on Saturday 10th September in the R.A.F.A club. 19 members showed leeks and entries in the open section were up on last year. The show was judged by Mr B Mclymont and Mr G Cameron. The Leek Club is grateful for the support of the sponsors, also help given by Mrs Shona Nichol and the R.A.F.A club.

The main prize winners in the section were
1st Mr S Atkinson 235.11 cube
2nd Mrs J Atkinson 183.88 cube
3rd Mr S Hankin 174.72 cube
Best leek in the show Mr S Atkinson
Highest placed lady Mrs J Atkinson
Wooden spoon Mrs H Robinson
Most improved member Mr I Caulfield
Most points in show, Open pot leek (Brian Atkinson memorial trophy) and Best exhibit in show (4 veg) won by Mr B Mclymont.

Barry Johnston memorial trophy for 6 shallots won by Mrs C Caulfield.

Next years show will be on Saturday 9th September 2006. If you are interested in joining the club please contact Mr Ian Caulfield as soon as possible Tel. 016973 31531.

Dare Devil Grandmother

Grandmother Isabel Gilmour, aged 77 and her nine year old grandson were among 30 people who abseiled down Carlisle Civic Centre in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust (which supports Leukaemia sufferers). Although cold and windy Isabel said it was an unforgettable experience.



Isabel would like to thank members of the Rotary, First Responders and friends for sponsoring her to the sum of £225 for the Anthony Nolan Trust.

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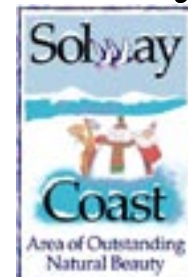
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L-R: David Beeby, last years winner Kenny Jefferson and the champion of 2005 Phillip Allison

This years Rugby Summer Masters had the biggest field and was wide open, with so many talented golfers from the community, it was impossible beforehand to pick the winner.

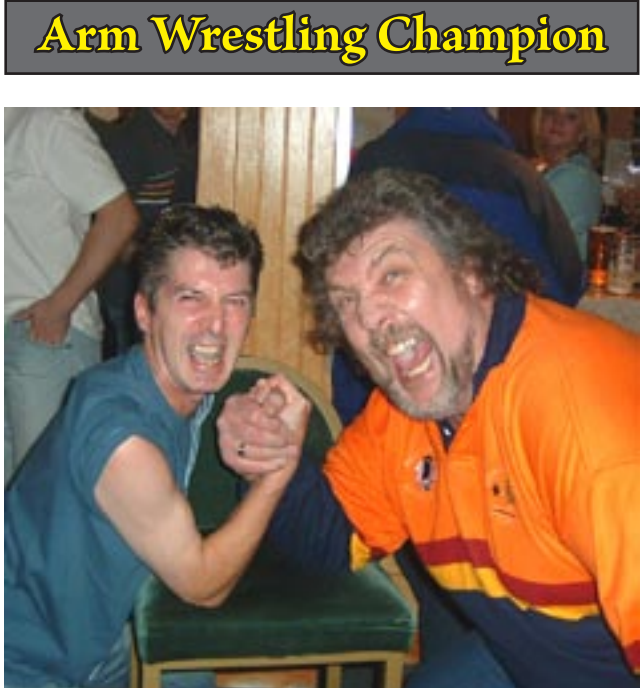
Played over 18 holes on the Silloth course over 40 golfers took part, some achieved great scores and some not so great.

Early leader in the clubhouse was Bill Anderson with a respectable score of 39 points, that was soon overtaken by the in-form Robert Shaw with a remarkable 41 points, that didn't last long either with a brilliant score of 43 Oliver Tallontire thought he was home and hosed, only to be pipped at the post by the evergreen silky talents of Phillip Allison with a untouchable 44, points a superb effort from a superb golfer.

Other prizes on the day were:

- Longest drive: Mark Sullivan
- Nearest the pin: David Hodgins
- Miles right: Blane Clorley
- Best dressed: Bill Lewis
- Worst dressed: that was shared between Kenny Jefferson and David Lightfoot.

All in all a great day for all players, thanks to the host Mr David Beeby and master of ceremonies Kenny Jefferson.



David Wallace has just reached the final in this years Silloth Rugby Club Arm Wrestling Championship after beating the man mountain from Yorkshire Mr Phillip Goss.

It was a nail biting semi-final with the decider going to Wallace on a technical knock out, Phillip was holding onto

the chair leg which is not allowed. In his defence he said, and I quote "he's a strong un', I thought I could've whooped him fair and square, I would say his wife feeds him raw meat". Good luck to David in the finals to be held at the Rugby Club in December. Silloth is behind him all the way, spectators are welcome to come along.

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Silloth Tennis Club

Rory Makes His Mark At Cumbria County Championships As Sophie, Hannah And Ross Go Oh So Close

County week for Cumbria Tennis is the highlight of the whole Tennis year with competition very high and the very best players in action. Players flock from all over the county to Penrith to compete at all junior levels. Also to get a chance to watch some of the better and older players to see what tips they can pick up and to see what they have to achieve themselves.

So it is testimony to the level that Rory Johnstone is currently at when a lot of the players are court side when he is in action and watching every move that he makes. Fine performances at both under 14 and under 16 levels showed that for someone that has only been competing for a year, he has a lot to offer.

Similarly, bright futures lay ahead for

brother Ross, Sophie Harrison and Hannah Story who all had the heartbreak of narrow semi final defeats to contend with, as they came up just a little short.

With Aimee Gray taking home the under 10 girls plate title and the likes of Ryan Johnstone, Robert Jefferson, Laura Holyoake, Dawn Graham, Nadyne Cole, Robbie Harrison, Jamie Harrison, Julie Hurst, Anna Jones, and in the under 9's at Kendal Gareth Davenport and Emily Wise, the future of Tennis in Silloth looks very rosy indeed.

Barclays Spaces for Sports



Barclays has come to the aid of Silloth, by donating a complete set of coaching kit and equipment to its Rugby team.

The award to Silloth Rugby Club 1st Team Squad has been made as part of the £30 million grassroots sports programme Barclays Spaces For Sports. The donation is one of 1,200 packs being awarded each year to ensure teams across the UK will benefit from the three year scheme.

Silloth Rugby Union Club spokesman Mark Orchard says "the pack will be an excellent

addition to the training equipment we have at the club. The coaching kit pack will also be of great use to our coaching staff".

Nic Gault, Barclays Sponsorship Director said "Barclays are delighted to be supporting Silloth's Rugby Team, especially in their 125th anniversary year, and hope the coaching kit will encourage their interest in sport and lead them on to greater things".

Barclays Spaces For Sports is a partnership between Barclays, the Football Foundation and Groundwork will create sustainable sports sites and provide coaching kits and equipment to communities in need of help across the UK.

For more information on playing or coaching at Silloth Rugby Club, contact Jimmy Lettice on: 078 7173 1462.

Football Bee by Katie Hart aged 9 from Silloth Primary School