

Poems

If you found the second instalment of The Breyedwain daunting, you will find these two poems by Vicky Buckley quite enjoyable.

Why to Open a Book

Open a book at the very first page
You can enjoy reading at any age

An exciting tale of fairies goblins or witches
Or even a story of a prince with extreme riches

Books are the key to a fantastic kingdom
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Broaden your mind with intellectual facts
Or a tale on cats

Open a world just for you
Any thing can happen if you want it to

At the turn of a page
The author only knows what you will engage

There my reasons to open a book
But, don't just take my word, have a look

The Rain

As the clouds swelled up with rain
Thunder sounded like moving train
All the clouds started to cry
As the rain fell from the sky

One little drop, clear and small
Was the first little drop to fall
It zoomed down
Towards the town

As the drops fell to the ground
The wind made a howling sound
As the drops got flown around by the storm
The little drops changed their form

Tapping on the window pain
Sounded like little feet instead of rain
Every one hid from the wet
Little rain drops splashed all people that they met

Little drops hitting window frames
Making a pulsing sound like throbbing veins
One little drop soaring down like a bomb
CRASH, the little drop was gone

Home Hints

Sharpen kitchen scissors by cutting through a double layer of foil.

Sterilise a dishcloth by either popping it into the dishwasher with your dishes or micro-waving for one minute (it must be wet before putting into the microwave).

Remove rust from a knife by sticking it in an onion for an hour, then move it back and forth so the juice can do its work.

Clean bird droppings of your car as soon as possible. Use an old cloth to rub un-perfumed hand cream into the droppings, leave a few minutes to soften then wipe away.

Stop ants from coming into your house by sprinkling their trail with baking soda, paprika or chilli powder.

If you want to check if a bed is properly aired, place a small hand mirror between the sheets for about five minutes. If it mists up the bed is still damp.

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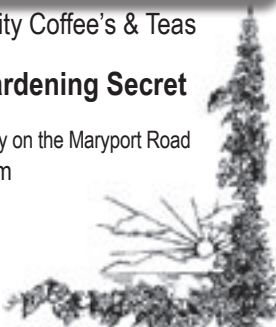
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Small business owners that pay non-domestic rates (business rates) for a property that has a rateable value of less than £5,000 might be able to claim a discount from Allerdale Borough Council.

Small businesses that qualify for the relief, whose premises have a rateable value of less than £5,000, will be entitled to a discount of 50%. The percentage discount will decrease on a sliding scale up to a maximum rateable value of £14,999.

To qualify for the discount the property must be the only one occupied by the ratepayer. If the ratepayer occupies two or more properties, relief might still be available for the main property, if all the other properties are under £2200 rateable value, and the total rateable value of all the properties combined is still under £15,000.

Mike Toner, Allerdale Borough Council's Council Tax and Rating Manager, said: "Over 1000 businesses in Allerdale have already successfully applied for this rate relief, but anyone else who feels they qualify should contact us immediately. We are aware of the financial difficulties some businesses have, and we are keen to help them save money where possible."

To apply contact the Council on: 01900 326260 or email: revenues@allerdale.gov.uk

Luncheon Club

Hot lunches are provided each Monday at the Community centre. The Community bus transports people to and from the centre.

The present charge is £2.50 for meal and transport. The meals are kindly prepared by Silloth Primary School during term time and The Good Companions care-home provide the meal during school holidays.

A donation from Christ-Church was very welcome to help keep the service going and a team of volunteers attend to the serving of the meal.

Anyone interested in coming along for a hot meal should contact Alice Addison 31604 or Lawrence Marshall 31257.

On alternate Mondays the Community bus does a library run arriving at the library around 2pm. Anyone interested should contact the library on 32195.

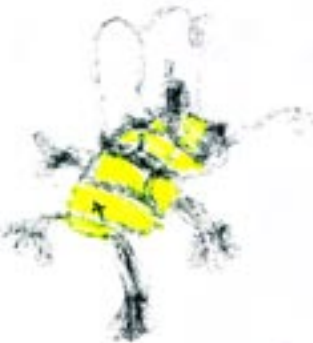
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Stenger
by
Cameron Moore
aged 8 from
Silloth Primary School

Visit of HMS Biter



Following her very successful visit last year, the Royal Naval patrol vessel HMS Biter will soon be paying her second weekend visit to Silloth. She will be arriving at Silloth Docks at approximately 2pm on Friday 31st March. As before, it is intended that she will secure alongside at No. 3 berth, nearest the town.

It is expected that the vessel will be open to visitors during the afternoon of Saturday 1st April. She will be sailing to Scottish waters at 3:15pm on Sunday 2nd April.

During the daylight hours of that weekend, an adjacent section of the port will be open to the public to view the Biter. Unlike her visit in mid-March last year,

tide levels in the dock this time will be much higher, making for easier viewing and access.

HMS Biter is a coastal training craft of the "Archer" class, originally consisting of ten vessels, manned by RNR and RN University units. HMS Biter's complement includes students from Manchester University. She is commanded by Lt Des Hiron RN.

As a result of her visit in March 2005, and the warm welcome given by local people, HMS Biter has become affiliated to the town of Silloth and to Solway Community Technology College. Members of Biter's crew were present at last November's Remembrance Day service at Christ Church, Silloth.