



Queen Bee by Lauren McGough  
aged almost 7 from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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## SNOW in SILLOTH!



Photos by: Bill & Winifred Allan

L-R: Carmen Neilly, Macauley Carr, Chloe Davison, Kieron Carr & Leonie Carr

Brrrrrrrrrrr....  
We usually talk about Sunny Silloth, with good reason. It has been several years since there has been a significant snowfall in this area and lots turned out to make the most of the snowfall on Sunday 12th March. The heaviest fall appeared to be around Skinburness, with appreciably less in Silloth and levels dropping considerable after just a few miles.

It was nice to see Dad's taking their kids sledding at the Pines on Silloth Green and for once children could make snowmen any size they wanted.

Above: Fathers sledding with their sons at the Pines

Right: Kiara Orchard making Snow Fairies

Below:  
Kian & Kiara Orchard on Silloth Green



## BATTLE OF THE BANDS

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## Snow - 1947 Style - Deep & Long Lasting



Looking towards the Fire Station with a 6ft pile of pristine snow which has been cleared from the entrance

Photos & Article by:  
Bill & Winifred Allan

Compare our recent  
light snowfall to these  
photos taken during the  
1947 snowstorm by L  
Hargreaves (who married  
local girl Jenny Gould).

L. Hargreaves  
along with S. Phillips,  
B. Birkett & J. Scott  
travelled from Carlisle  
for a 24 hour shift, they  
were all employed by the  
National Fire Service.

Who were the other  
personnel from Silloth?

The four named  
remained with the City  
of Carlisle brigade until  
retirement.



Photo taken from the Fire Station looking towards the Community Hall and Wigton Road

## Can You Help

Silloth Regeneration Partnership require  
information, photos and plans showing the history  
and development of Silloth Green.

These are required to support grant applications  
to help further develop this part of the town. Any  
materials submitted will be returned as soon as they  
have been copied. Help is required URGENTLY as  
the application has to be completed and submitted  
this month.

In the first instance please contact:  
S. Hart, 6 Burnswark Terrace, Silloth, CA7 4EF,  
or telephone: 016973 31517.



May the Force Bee With You  
by  
Robbie Harrison  
aged 10 from  
Silloth Primary School



Buzzy Bee  
by  
Ellie Tremble  
aged 5  
from  
Holme St. Cuthbert  
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## In With the New, but Keep the Old



L-R: Mrs Noeline Foster, Jean Cross, Mrs & Mr Donald Foster

## Benefits Take-Up Campaign

Allerdale Borough Council is urging residents to come along to the Carnegie Theatre on 23 March to find out if they may be entitled to housing and council tax benefits as well as other welfare benefits.

It is estimated that the average amount of unclaimed council tax benefit is £9.30 per week (£483 per year) and unclaimed housing benefit is £36.50 per week (£1,898 per year). Nationally, this could be as much as £1,400 million. In Allerdale, it is estimated that up to 1,644 people are not claiming housing benefit and up to 7,241 people are not claiming council tax benefit.

The event at the Carnegie Theatre at 1:30pm on Thursday 23 March sees the launch of a new project to tackle this issue. The aim of the project, called the Cumbria Initiative, is to ensure that as many people as possible within Allerdale are receiving all of the housing and council tax benefits to which they may be entitled.

A range of organisations, including the Council's benefits team, will be on hand at the event to offer

advice. CFM Radio will be broadcasting live from the Theatre. Refreshments will be available. Elizabeth Kelly, Allerdale Borough Council's Senior Benefits Officer, said: "This initiative is a real opportunity for those people in Allerdale to find out whether they are entitled to help with paying their rent or council tax. It's surprising how many people do qualify when they thought they would not be entitled. I would encourage everyone who is interested to call in to the open day and see what help we can give them."

The Cumbria Initiative is a partnership of Allerdale Borough Council, Carlisle City Council, Copeland Borough Council, Eden District Council and South Lakeland District Council, with a firm of private consultants. The project is jointly funded by Central Government and the five local authorities.

For more information about the event and possible entitlement to housing and council tax benefits contact the Cumbria Initiative by telephone on 0845 3005023.

Report by: Bill & Winifred Allan

Lent Lunches gave the Abbey volunteers their first chance to use the newly installed kitchen facilities. The old Range has been left as a feature. Moving the kitchen will allow for a new toilet with Invalid facilities in the future.

## Grant for Playgroup

Allerdale Community Fund grant for play group. Tots and toddlers in Silloth will be having a lot more fun thanks to a grant from the Allerdale Community Fund. The Tots 'n' Toddlers playgroup was awarded an Allerdale Community Fund grant of £250 towards new toys and equipment.

The Tots 'n' Toddlers group was formed when two of Silloth's toddler groups, Mums 'n' Minis and Stay & Play, joined together. Beckie Molyneux of Tots 'n' Toddlers said: "This grant is very much appreciated. It will be used to replenish toys and equipment and to let the children have great fun."

Other Allerdale Community Fund grants allocated by the panel at their meeting on 25 January 2006 included: £200 to Wigton Youth AFC for coaching courses for volunteers; £171 to Pennine View Sheltered Housing for purchase of new crockery; £250 for youth bands to play at Silloth Vintage Rally; £250 to Wigton Bowling Club to purchase of a turf iron.

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**Tuesdays**  
Bingo – Bowling Club, Eden Street @ 7pm  
Whist Drive – Recreation Hall, Eden Street  
Playing Field @ 2pm

**Wednesdays**  
Coffee Morning – Silloth Nursing Home @ 10am  
Bingo – Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:30pm

**Thursdays**  
Market – Criffel Street 10am to 4pm  
Whist Drive – Recreation Hall, Eden Street  
Playing Field @ 7:30pm

**Fridays**  
Bingo – R.A.F.A. Club @ 7:30pm

**Saturdays**  
Bingo – Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:30pm  
Music & Dancing – R.A.F.A. Club, evening

**Sundays**  
Market – Criffel Street 10am to 4pm  
Market & Car Boot – Silloth Airfield 10am to 4pm  
RNLI – Exercise @ 10am  
Bingo – Bowling Club, Eden Street @ 7pm

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Silloth Tots & Toddlers

Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in Christ Church Hall, Silloth and is open to all children aged from 0 to 4.

Sessions are on:  
Wednesday: 1:30pm to 3pm and  
Fridays: 10am to 11:30am

Entry is £1 per family and this includes refreshments

All Welcome  
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Copy Date ➡

Dates for the Diary

March

26th Solway Autograss Club meeting on Silloth Airfield starts at 11:30am, entry £4  
www.Solway-Autograss.co.uk

27th STAG meeting in the Golf Hotel @ 5:15pm  
All Welcome

April

1st Wigton Choral Society - Cumbria Rural Choirs & Northern Sinfonia @ Sands Centre, Carlisle, 7:30pm, tickets Details & bookings: 01228 625222

4th Solway Discovery Centre, drop-in activities for families & children, 11am-3pm

6th Solway Discovery Centre, drop-in activities for families & children, 11am-3pm

9th Stroke Awareness Day at the Golf Hotel 10am-2pm

11th Wigton Choral Society - Music for Passiontide @ Carlisle Cathedral, 12:45pm, tickets £4, Details: 01228 710755

11th Solway Discovery Centre, drop-in activities for families & children, 11am-3pm

13th Solway Discovery Centre, drop-in activities for families & children, 11am-3pm

23rd Solway Autograss Club meeting on Silloth Airfield starts at 11:30am, entry £4  
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**Do you have an event in the area bounded by Abbeystown, Mawbray, Silloth, Skinburness, if so please let us know.**

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Silloth Community School:	
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Silloth Nursery & Junior School:	
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Copy date for the May issue

If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note that the next copy date is:

7th April 2006

May

14th Spring Plant Sale, Garden Accs, Crafts & Produce in Mawbray Village Hall 10am-4pm, tel Karen 01900 881353

18th Silloth Methodist Church - Salvation Army Band Concert

18th Silloth Methodist Church - Coffee Morning

21st Solway Autograss Club meeting on Silloth Airfield starts at 11:30am, entry £4  
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June

4th Abbeystown Road Run

16th Silloth Vintage Rally, Craft Music & Funfair

17th Silloth Vintage Rally, Craft Music & Funfair

17th Solway Autograss Club meeting on Silloth Airfield  
Cumberland Open Round 3  
F600 Stock Specials starts at 11:30am, entry £4  
www.Solway-Autograss.co.uk

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

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Cumberland Open Round 3  
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20th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

21st Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

22nd Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

23rd Silloth Methodist Church - Pat Pictor & Friends a welcome return visit of this popular opera singer

23rd Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

24th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

25th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

26th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

27th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

28th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

28th Guided Walk, Silloth Stroll from Silloth Tourist Information Centre @ 2pm, please book, Tel: 016973 31944

29th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

30th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

31st Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

July

1st Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

2nd Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

July cont'd

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29th Abbeystown Carnival

August

3rd Silloth Methodist Church - Pop-in for a sandwich, cake, cup of tea & chat

3rd Bird Watching Walk from Silloth Tourist Information Centre @ 11am, or Skinburness Hotel @ 11:15am  
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10th Silloth Methodist Church - Pop-in for a sandwich, cake, cup of tea & chat

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28th Silloth Carnival

31st Silloth Methodist Church - Pop-in for a sandwich, cake, cup of tea & chat

31st Bird Watching Walk from Silloth Tourist Information Centre @ 11am, or Skinburness Hotel @ 11:15am  
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September

3rd Silloth Community Craft Show in the Social Club

7th Bird Watching Walk from Silloth Tourist Information Centre @ 11am, or Skinburness Hotel @ 11:15am  
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7th Silloth Music & Beer Festival sponsored by Jennings

8th Silloth Music & Beer Festival sponsored by Jennings

9th Silloth RAFA Leek Club Show

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10th Solway Autograss Club meeting on Silloth Airfield  
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October

1st Solway Autograss Club meeting on Silloth Airfield starts at 11:30am, entry £4  
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November

10th Country & Western Weekend in Stanwix Park, web: Stanwix.com, tel 016973 32666

11th Country & Western Weekend in Stanwix Park, web: Stanwix.com, tel 016973 32666

12th Country & Western Weekend in Stanwix Park, web: Stanwix.com, tel 016973 32666

17th Outrageous Comedy Weekend in Stanwix Park, web: Stanwix.com, tel 016973 32666

18th Outrageous Comedy Weekend in Stanwix Park, web: Stanwix.com, tel 016973 32666

19th Outrageous Comedy Weekend in Stanwix Park, web: Stanwix.com, tel 016973 32666

26th Christmas Craft Fayre in Mawbray Village Hall  
Home-made Teas 10am to 4pm  
Tel: Karen: 01900 881353

December

7th Silloth Methodist Church - Pop-in Light Christmas Lunch

10th Silloth Methodist Church - Evening Carol Service

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

Errors do occur in Dates for the Diary  
Please check before attending an event



## Free Bus Travel

Allerdale Borough Council are providing the borough's pensioners and disabled with free bus travel to any part of Cumbria from 1st April.

Although the Government promised all pensioners free off-peak bus travel from April 2006, Allerdale Borough Council has tried to give the borough's over 60's a better deal, with the availability of free bus travel throughout Cumbria, every day. From 1st April, residents qualifying for concessionary travel will be able to own a NoWcard (NorthWest card), which will allow them free bus travel.

Residents who are eligible for concessionary travel, or not sure if they are eligible, and still haven't applied for the new NoWcard, are asked to contact their nearest council office for help and application forms as soon as possible.

Proof of eligibility and a recent passport size photo are required. Up until April, residents can still use their existing bus pass. Alternative concessions are still being offered by Allerdale Borough Council. Residents may choose a rail card or tokens where applicable, instead of the NoWcard:

Registered local bus services operated by Stagecoach or other operators will accept NoWcards and tokens. Northern Rail will accept rail cards for travel by train and allow up to 1/3 off most fares. In addition, residents may use tokens towards the issue of a rail card or fare. Taxis – some taxi firms will accept tokens. Residents should check

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Distribution of the NoWcards will be directly to applicants through the post. Replacement cards will be available at a charge of £10.00

Alternative concessions will be available for you to collect at all our council offices from Monday 20 March 2006.

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0900 - 1230 & 1330 - 1615  
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0900 - 1230 & 1330 - 1645  
Friday  
0900 - 1230 & 1330 - 1615  
Wigton, King Street:  
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0900 - 1230 & 1330 - 1645  
Friday  
0900 - 1230 & 1330 - 1615

Any resident who has a problem getting to their local council office can contact Allerdale Borough Council on 01900 326241 for help.

Between Spring and Autumn this year, buses will be equipped with smart card readers which will read the NoWcard. Notices will be displayed on the buses to tell residents when this is going to happen. Until then, the bus driver will just accept the NoWcard and will not charge for the journey within the boundaries of Cumbria.

For further information about NoWcard applications or travel concessions, please contact Allerdale Borough Council on 01900 326246.

## After the Storm



Postcard supplied by Geoff Bland

This fascinating postcard looking towards Silloth Pier was apparently taken from among the Pines near North House. The slope below the trees shows an enormous pile of fencing and other debris, it seems there must have been an enormous amount of damage to the sea defences all along the promenade.

It seems that our modern storms must be quite tame really, compared to sixty years ago.

## Funding for Local Projects

Do you need cash for a Community Project?

The Solway Coast Neighbourhood Forum could be the answer!

What are Neighbourhood Forum Grants?

Cumbria County Council makes grants available in your area through Neighbourhood Forums. Grants can be made to voluntary, non-profit making groups for community based projects and to individuals who represent the area.

A copy of the full grant criteria is available from your Neighbourhood Development Officer (NDO) who will also

be able to help identify other local funding sources.

How do we apply?

You will need to complete an application form available from Area Support 2nd Floor Workington Library, Workington CA14 2ND or call 01900 325011 or we can email it to you. Applications must be received two weeks before a Neighbourhood forum meeting.

Grant recommendations are made at quarterly meetings of the Forum. You can view the dates and venues of Forums in your area by logging onto the Cumbria County Council website at [www.cumbria.gov.uk](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk)

Examples of projects funded by Solway Coast Neighbourhood Forum include:

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## Cumbrian Poetry - The Breyedwain - continued part 2

### Poems on several occasions

#### THE BREYEDWAIN

Written by John Stagg, the blind bard from Burgh,  
and published in 1808.

Continued from page 9 of the March issue which had  
just 8 verses, we now have verses 9 to 24 and there are  
still lots to go. Maybe we should have a competition to  
see who can memorise it all!

But now the lang-expected mworn  
Of murriment arrives,  
Wheyle helter-skelter frae a' airts,  
I' swarms the country drives;  
The lasses in their feyne pearce claes,  
The lads baith trig an' souple;  
Owr hill an' knowe, thro' seugh an' sowe,  
Comes tiftan many o'couple,  
Hauf saim'd that day.

Frae Cowgoe, Brumfelt, an' Cruokdake,  
Frae Speatry, Bwoal an' Bowtan,  
An' evry parish roun' about,  
The fwoaks i' swarms come rowten:  
An' monie a queerfar'd jwoat was there,  
An' monnie an' unco't shaver,  
Some wantin' mence, some wantin' sense,  
An' some their best behaviour  
Put on that day.

Frae Angerton wheyte to Dubbmill,  
Nin mist, as yen may say,  
But a' wi' yae consent seem'd met,  
To mence this merry day.  
Wheyle Allonby turn'd out en masse,  
Ding dang, baith man an' women,  
An' parlish pranks 'mang Silloth banks,  
They hed as they were comin'  
To th' Cwoate that day.

But it wad need a Homer's Head,  
War I to tak in Han',  
To sing or say what fwoak that day,  
War there or how they wan;  
For far an' near an' God kens whare,  
By common invitation.  
Wi' young an' auld and great an' laal,  
Seem'd met on this occassion,  
Wi' glee that day.

Lang Leeny eom wi' woal ey'd Wull,  
Wi' thing o' Causeway Head,  
Wi' what's they ca' him o' Foulseyke,  
Tom Bewly an' Jack Reed;  
Wi' jumpin' Jonathan, auld Joe barnes,  
Dunb Jer'my an' lang Beaty,  
Wi' thingumbob o' Southerfield,  
Hard's Miller an' peed Peaty,  
War there that day.

Blackan o' warton, he was there,  
An' Barwise Lads o'th Tarns,  
Wi' Irish Cursty, Canterin Ned,  
An' fratcheous Gweordy Barns;  
Wi' stutrin' Isaac, lispin' Frank,  
Job Keay an' Robby Weyse,  
An hundred mair wheas neams to tell,  
Or sing, wad sarra tweyce,  
Com on this day.

In shwort to say upon this day,  
Frae yae nuik an' anither,  
Twea thousand war frae far an' near,  
Assembled here together;  
The rwoads war clean, the weather warm,  
The lasses a' luik'd preymly,  
An' whup for smack, the party pack,  
A' aimin' to be teymly  
O'th' sod this day.

Wi' bizzy care the blushin breyde  
An' maids theirsells are bussin,  
Wheyle some wi' pillion seats an' sonks  
To gear their naigs are fussin.  
Wi' glentin' spurs an' weel clean'd buits,  
Lin sark, an' neyce cword breeches,  
The breydegroom roun' the midden pant,  
Proud as a peacock stretches,  
Reeght crouse that day.

Now heevy-skeevy off they set,  
To th' kurk, a merry crew,  
Some gravely pae'd up th' turnpike rwaed,  
Wheyle some like leeghtnin' flew;  
Neer ak, they a' gat there i' teyme,  
The priest was ready waitin',  
The wed'ners just took gluts a piece,  
Wheyle he his buik was laitin',  
Frae th' kist that day.

His lesson fun'd an' a' set reeght,  
To wark they gat wi' speed,  
You tak this woman for your weyfe,  
The breydegroom grumgh'd agreed:  
An' you young woman promise here,  
To honour an' obey  
Your spouse in a' he may require,  
The breyde said mantan n-yea,  
We'l see some day.

Clwose buckled now, the parson paid,  
Furth frae the kurk they waddle,  
An' thick an' three faul', han'owr head,  
Each lowps out oer his saddle;  
The lasses lap up hint their lads,  
Some stridlin' an' some seyde ways,  
An' some there war that wish'd their lot  
He'd been what Ann's the breyde was,  
Ay oft that day.

A' hors'd agean, streeght up th' town geate,  
Leyke weyld fire off they flee,  
An' nowther puol nor peet-stack flinch,  
They're off wi' seck a bree;  
'Twas a fair start, its a preyme reace,  
Winge you! how fast they gang,  
But yonder's Jerry Skelton lad,  
He's fawn off wid a whang,  
For seer this day.

Brown o'th moss seyde how he does reyde,  
Wi' lang neck'd spurs he's rivan;  
An' yonder's Glaister o'th Black Deyke,  
Leyke that o' donnet drivan;  
As for you Peape, if he escape  
A neck-breck, its uncommon,  
But Weyse grey meare, had she been here,  
She wad been bang'd by nea man  
'At's here to day.

But now they're fairly out o' seeght,  
An' wheyte doun Coava lonnin.  
Come we mun fettle up oursells,  
Its teyme we sud be donnin:  
I waddent leyke to be owr lang,  
Come Jwosep, Izbel, hie ye,  
You'll suin be buss'd an' nin behin,  
I faickins sal gang bye ye,  
O'th' rwoad this day.

Now th' weddiners are at th' far end,  
An' a' thro' ither cruenin',  
Wheyle th' fiddlers they're at wark i'th' leathe,  
An' thrang they're fiddles tuneing;  
Tom Trimmel, Tommy Baxter, Stagg,  
Nay, hauf a scowre they've led in,  
An' they're a' rozzlin' up their bows,  
To streyke up Cuddy's Weddin',  
Wi' glee this day.



## STAG

Silloth Tourism Action Group (STAG) is looking for new members to help promote Silloth and bring more visitors into the area. At a meeting held on the 20th February, ideas such as a town leaflet and website were suggested.

If you are a business with an interest in tourism or feel you have something to offer STAG, then please come along to the next meeting on Monday, 27th March at 5:15pm at The Golf Hotel.

## Tip for the Top

The Joss Stone Look.

Long layers, texture and volume, avoiding hard lines. Use a diffuser and squeeze to create a wave effect. Wrap individual lengths around mini hair straighteners to create definition and apply Nioxin Bliss for heat protection and Clynol Twister to wet hair for an enhanced wave. You need random colour placed throughout lengths to add reflective tones whilst avoiding root area for a natural feel.

By Dawn at Peter Josef

## Donation to RNLI in memory of George



Photo by: Bill Allan

Report by Marjorie Armstrong

My husband George Armstrong died on 31st January, he and his father John before him ran the Silloth Post Office from 1906-1990, an unbroken span of 84 years.

George was sub-postmaster for 41 years. Donations in his memory were presented on February 25th at the Silloth Lifeboat

Station for the Silloth Lifeboat funds, by our two daughters. George was keenly interested in anything maritime and the office walls were hung with old ship paintings, a ships wheel and a wonderful water-colour of the S.S. Silloth, which has been much copied. Living in Silloth most of his friends had connections with the sea. He was instrumental

in dragging up the anchor which sits on the promenade and he and a friend built the cairn at Grune Point on the blockhouse to mark the deaths of his dear friends who had gone to a sea rescue.

I thought these details would be of interest to your Buzz readers as George was known and liked and greatly respected in Silloth.

## Mayor's Report

PC Andy Robertson gave his report on incidents that have occurred since the last meeting, including several thefts, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, which included broken fencing around the putting green (more expense for the rate payers of Silloth).

Susie Shepherd gave her vision for the future of Solway C.T.C. She stated the school had just been through two days of ofsted inspection with no prior notification and had received a positive verbal report.

Questions were raised in regard to the new sports hall, she stated the hall should be open around May/June. The management group are at present talking to sports groups within the town and surrounding areas.

Items of correspondence dealt with this month included a letter from Allerdale B.C. with regard to the updating of their policy for granting street trading consents.

Another letter referred to their plans to remove the dedicated dog toilet adjacent to the recycling area, to allow for more recycling options. It was felt we should also request the removal of the dog toilet near the Lifeboat Station as no one appears to use the facilities.

Silloth Festivals Ltd. requested permission from the council to hold the Music and Ale Festival on the green this was agreed.

Reports were given by members on the following committees Joint Advisory, Silloth Tourist Action Group & Silloth Regeneration Partnership.

Ken Wannop's report included work recently undertaken and planned to repair damages in the town.

Following the damage last month to the Pagoda, which at present is fenced off, the council is awaiting information from our insurance company before any work can be carried out.

## Can You Help?

Does anyone have old photographs or slides of Silloth when the trains were pulling in and the visitors came piling off, on to the Green?

The TV programme Look North have asked us to help they would like

to film the old snaps for a programme they are making. If anyone can help would they please pass give their telephone number to Silloth TIC at the Discovery Centre, they will pass it onto the programme makers.

## Bee a Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered sports shirt to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and Gift Voucher.

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### Masthead Bee Winner

This month the winner is Lauren McGough from Holm Cultram Abbey School Primary School with a bee called "Queen Bee". Her prize will be awarded at the School. Well done Lauren!

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## King Arthur & the Fairly Round Table

Report by: Karen Simpson

Mawbray Entertainers performed King Arthur and the Fairly Round Table to packed audiences for four nights during February half term. This years panto was written by local wood-turner Rick Felix from Salta. The producer/choreographer was Melanie Walker from Allonby, the scenery was painted by Vivienne Coleman from Goodyhills and the costumes were made by Karen Simpson from Salta.

The forty strong cast gave outstanding performances every night and many in the audiences said that this years panto was one of the best they had seen. The profits from the four nights will be split between Eden Valley Hospice's Jigsaw Appeal and Culterham Hall, Mawbray.

Panto will be back again at Mawbray next February so see you there!



## Fabulous Fun at the Discovery Centre

Coastal Crafts went swimmingly at the Solway Coast Discovery Centre during February Half Term.

Children from all over the area found fun while learning a little about the precious Solway Coast Landscape at the same time. Families came from all over North Cumbria and even Blackpool to enjoy some coastal crafts. Children were spoilt for choice with a range of activities on their arrival and many were happy to while away a couple of hours while playing and

making both on their own and with parents.

Some of the activities available on the two days the drop-in session ran were; making 'Jellyfish on a plate' and 'flying fish' out of recycled bottles. The 'Art Cart' provided materials for children to play at their own pace and chose their activity.

Lenses of all shapes and sizes pleased the boys with views of coastal life in close up.

The activities are designed to complement the Solway Coast

Discovery Centre Exhibition and the work of

the AONB and encourage children to understand the important message that the Solway Coast is a precious and beautiful landscape which needs our protection. The craft work had a coastal theme to encourage families to go out into the AONB and enjoy it while looking after it at the same time.

Due to its outstanding success there will be many more drop-in activities for children and families during school



holidays to come. More sessions are planned for the Easter Holidays: Tuesday and Thursday of both weeks from 11-3 in The Solway Coast Discovery Centre. Keep a look-out on our website and in the local press for more details, also check Dates for the Diary.



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## School Children Visit Beckfoot Dig



Above: Pupils inspecting progress at the Burial Ground

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A visit on Friday 3rd March by Holme St. Cuthbert School was arranged on a glorious spring day when Chris Healey explained to

the new Headmistress Mrs Shelagh Daniel and children how the site was discovered and the way cremations were held in those days.

Shelagh said "It was wonderful that the archaeologists found the time on a busy dig to show the children the pottery they have discovered and explain the site to them. A cremation burial was actually discovered whilst we were there and the visit was an exciting way to make our studies of the Romans come to life for the children".

Below: Chris Healey with a Burial Urn



## Solfest Festival 2006

Tickets for the 2006 Solfest festival at Tarns will go on sale this month.

According to Solfest Chairman, Simon Kay of Abbeytown, "we have received interest from people all across the country who are anxious not to miss out. A number of people have actually taken the day off work on Monday 3rd April so that they can phone up at 9am to get their tickets."

In 2005, around a thousand people were disappointed when they arrived at the festival expecting to be able to buy tickets. Tickets for Solfest 2006 are expected to be even more in demand, especially since this year the huge Glastonbury Festival in Somerset is having a year off.

This will be the third year that Solfest has run in the area and the festival has grown from 1,800 tickets sold in 2004 to 5,000 sold

in 2005. The organisers are keeping the numbers the same for 2006. "We are a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers" said Mr Kay, "as such, our objective is to cover our costs and run a great festival."

Solfest is now the biggest live music event in Cumbria and has been listed in the prestigious Guardian Guide as one of the top five things to do in Britain on the Bank Holiday weekend. Tickets for Solfest, which this year will feature The Wonder Stuff, The Proclaimers, Bellowhead and The Selecter, will go on sale at the Carnegie Theatre Box Office, Workington (01900 602122) at 9am on Monday 3rd April.

Adult weekend ticket prices are: first 2000 sold £42 remainder £49. Childrens weekend tickets: under 5s - free Children 5-12 £10.

Solfest website is at: [www.solwayfestival.co.uk](http://www.solwayfestival.co.uk)

## Beer Festival

Tickets for Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2006 go on sale on 14th April. With a four day pass costing only £22 they are certain to sell out quickly.

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

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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.

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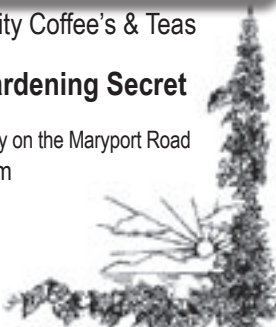
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Mike Toner, Allerdale Borough Council's Council Tax and Rating Manager, said: "Over 1000 businesses in Allerdale have already successfully applied for this rate relief, but anyone else who feels they qualify should contact us immediately. We are aware 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.

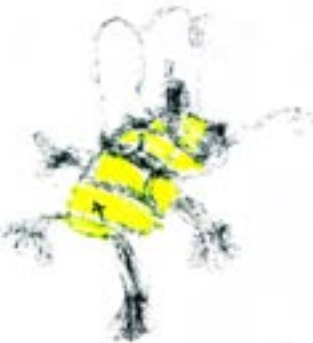
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Visit of HMS Biter



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.



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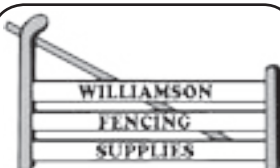
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(ADD 1hr. FOR SUMMER TIME)

Heights in metres

Time	Ht	Time	Ht
1ST.SAT. 0123	7.9	1343	8.0
2ND.SUN. 0203	7.5	1425	7.4
3RD.MON. 0241	7.0	1507	6.8
4TH.TUE. 0323	6.3	1554	5.9
5TH.WED. 0409	5.6	1652	5.1
6TH.THU. 0518	5.0	1823	4.5
7TH.FRI. 0702	4.8	1954	4.7
8TH.SAT. 0820	5.1	2057	5.1
9TH.SUN. 0917	5.6	2144	5.8
10TH.MON. 1000	6.2	2222	6.2
11TH.TUE. 1038	6.5	2258	6.6
12TH.WED. 1112	6.9	2329	6.9
13TH.THU. 1144	7.0	2359	7.0
14TH.FRI. ****	***	1213	7.0
15TH.SAT. 0027	7.0	1242	7.0
16TH.SUN. 0058	7.0	1315	7.0
17TH.MON. 0131	6.9	1351	6.8
18TH.TUE. 0207	6.8	1430	6.5
19TH.WED. 0247	6.4	1517	6.1
20TH.THU. 0339	6.0	1616	5.5
21ST.FRI. 0447	5.4	1735	5.1
22ND.SAT. 0614	5.3	1907	5.2
23RD.SUN. 0739	5.6	2024	5.8
24TH.MON. 0846	6.4	2121	6.5
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On the  
Waterfront

Report by: Tommy Legs

February turned  
out to be a quite busy  
month with nine vessels  
visiting the port, the  
first being the tanker  
ELLEN THERESA with  
molasses from Bremen.

Next were two cargoes  
of fertilizer the first one  
the SEA MITHRIL  
from Rouen followed  
by the RMS BEECK  
from Rotterdam. The  
UTTUM then brought  
a cargo of wheat from  
Nantes in France and  
the EMSLAND a small  
cargo of wood pulp from  
Antwerp. The SEA  
EAGLE was next with  
fertilizer from Holland  
and the SANDAL  
brought wheat from  
Germany. The ELLEN  
THERESA made the  
second trip of the month  
with molasses from  
Liverpool and finally  
the SEA RUBY brought  
fertilizer from Ijmuiden.

Queen Bee  
by Ayesha Wise  
aged 7  
from  
Holme  
St.  
Cuthbert  
School



Football Bee  
by  
Adele Wood  
aged 9 from  
Silloth Primary School





## Causewayhead W.I.

Report by: Carole Haines

February 2006

The president Pat Bell opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Apologies for absent members were made and accepted, the minutes were read, and the business of the meeting was discussed.

The speaker for the evening, Mr. Graham Proud was introduced, and gave a talk and slide show on the history and birds of the Solway. This area was declared an area of outstanding beauty in 1964. There are ongoing projects to restore and maintain the coastline, marshes and ponds to encourage the wild life back into these areas.

One project is the restoration of environment for the Natterjack Toad which is

proving to be a success. Various schools, groups and volunteers are involved. We also learned of some of the mosses and plants that grow in these areas and are protected under this scheme. His love for his work shone through his talk and at question time, the ladies had quite a few questions for him.

A vote of thanks was made by Jean Wilson. Graham then went on to judge the flower and wildlife plate competition. Jane Cutts took 1st place in the flower and wildlife plate and 2nd place went to Rosemary Brooks in both flower and wildlife plate. The raffle was won by Pauline Nixon, Jean Gibson and Rosemary Brooks took home the grocery parcel, supper was served by the hostesses.

## Flood Protection

Is your home flood-proof?

Allerdale Borough Council has set up a grant scheme to help towards the cost of installing floodwater barriers.

De-mountable barriers seal against doorways and airbricks to prevent the entry of floodwater and offer far better protection than sandbags.

The grant scheme offers aid of up to £100 per household to owner/occupiers who wish to apply and who have suffered damage in the past.

As the scheme is not being financed by central government, but from the Council's own resources, the money available is limited and will therefore be targeted at properties that are at most risk.

Councillor Alan Smith, Executive Member with responsibility for Emergency Planning, said: "2005 will be remembered for a long time by those who experienced storm and flood damage. At Allerdale Borough Council we are anxious to do what we can to help residents to manage flood risk and reduce the likelihood of damage to their homes.

"We work with other agencies to manage flood risk and we are keen to respond to residents' calls for help by supplying sandbags, even though we are under no duty to do so. Unfortunately, it is impossible to guarantee delivery of sandbags during storm conditions because of, for example, flooded roads or fallen trees. So it is vital that householders are prepared in advance and have the equipment necessary to protect their homes.

"With this grant we hope to help residents to protect their properties against any future possible flooding."

In some cases planning permission or listed building consent will be needed for flood protection measures. This should be obtained before applying for a grant and before carrying out the work. Please contact Allerdale Borough Council's planning officers on 01900 326546 for advice or for copies of English Heritage's design guidance on flood protection measures for historic buildings and buildings in conservation areas. Grants can be made retrospectively once a householder has installed effective flood protection fittings, subject to a short quality assurance inspection.

It is up to the individual householder to decide whether to protect their own property, but some insurance companies offer discounts where flood proofing work has been installed.

If you would like further information on the scheme, or would like an application form, please contact Mike Faulkner on 01900 326529.

Telephone the Environment Agency's 24-hour Floodline service on 0845 988 1188 for free advice on flood protection products and damage limitation.

## Allerdale Community Fund Grants

Allerdale Community Fund grant to Young Farmers

The Northern District Young Farmers Club has received a grant from the Allerdale Community Fund towards the Club's Annual Field Day. The Allerdale Community Fund panel awarded the Club a grant of £1500 towards the event, which will be held in May. The Day is a high point in the Young Farmers calendar with all 19 of the clubs in the district meeting up to take part in nearly 60 competitions. The competitions range from traditional sheep shearing and stock judging to singing a 'Bond' theme tune!

It is envisaged that around 500 Young Farmers will take part in the event.

Other Allerdale Community Fund grants allocated by the panel at their meeting on 25 January 2006 included: £200 to Wigton Youth AFC for coaching courses for volunteers; £500 to Cumberland Fellsiders for a public address system; £171 to Pennine View Sheltered Housing for purchase of new crockery; £250 for youth bands to play at Silloth Vintage Rally.

## Rugby Club Redecoration

Work is well under way at Silloth Rugby Club with internal and external work being carried out. The outside of the club is having a well deserved and needed lick of paint along with new doors, fresh spouts, guttering and replacing the rotten fascia boards.

This is being done with the help of a grant from the North Allerdale Partnership and other smaller grants. Our club is in the community for use by the community and we must keep the club inside and out as comfortable, attractive, warm and safe as possible. We trust that after the works are complete we will improve the quality of comfort, etc. so those using the club will find it more welcoming.

We are also searching for grant-aid to help us replace the old heating system and shower area. At present our boiler is a nightmare, difficult to kick start, and costing too much in wasted energy, etc.



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KATHRYN EDGES XMAS THRILLER AS GREG MAKES IT TWO IN A ROW



"Two of the best matches ever seen" were the comments from some of the spectators as two thrilling finals brought to an end another successful and highly enjoyable mini Tennis red tournament at Lakes College. Held as the second leg of three pre and post Christmas festivals there was a tremendous amount

of quality on show as Cleators' Kathryn powered her way to the final and held off a spirited challenge from Driggs' Victoria Shepherd to sneak through on a sudden death "next point wins" cliffhanger.

The boy's event was no less thrilling as for the second time in two days Greg Ramsay

pipped the unfortunate Daniel Harrison from Workington in the final.

A special mention must be said for Dan, who having already beaten Greg in the group stages and looking every part the eventual champ was only defeated by Greg's superb tactical play with the final leaving everyone awe-struck.

## SILLOTH TENNIS CLUB GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER CRACKING SUMMER!

With Easter almost upon us Silloth Tennis Club's summer programme will be shortly sparking back into life, and with it a whole host of competitions and social opportunities will be happening as well. Firstly, on the 7th April we will be travelling to Glasgow to hopefully see Britain's new number 1 player Andy Murray help the nation's Davis Cup team overcome Serbia & Montenegro.

With that out of the way the junior outdoor coaching programme will kick off and the first of our free "Play Tennis" open days will be upon us on Mayday bank holiday. As the summer unfolds the adult competitions and social Tennis will be available and we will hopefully have another

day trip for our members. The culmination of our year will result in the third annual junior presentation evening, which will again take place in the Sky Bar



at Stanwix Park in November.

Although Easter is seen by many as the start of the Tennis season many of our young players have been training and competing over the winter months and many such as Greg Ramsay, Jared Cole, Vicky Stanwix, Joel Baker and Rory Johnstone have all been

very successful in their respective age groups. The adults have also been busy and we have had male and female teams taking part in the winter floodlit league at Netherhall where junior players such as Rory and Ryan Johnstone, Jamie Harrison, Julie Hurst, Dawn Graham, Rachel Holden, Anna Jones and Emily Hope have competed alongside the likes of Angus Harrison, Colin Campbell, Dave and Malc Wise, Mark Smith and Lorraine Graham respectively and with the new sports hall ready soon many more all-year activities will be taking place as well. So, if you fancy giving Tennis a go this year please look out for the leaflets in the schools and shops in the area or call 07742547767 for further information.



## Tennis Club

Reports by: Ricki T Racket

### IT'S A SILLOTH DOUBLE FOR LAKES COLLEGE TENNIS COMPETITION



Another excellent under 8 Mini Tennis competition was held at Lakes College at February half term with 18 players taking part in what was a very exciting event.

Players from Gosforth, Workington, Silloth, Seaton, Whitehaven and Maryport paraded their respective skills in some very thrilling and competitive matches with both titles ending up taking the coastal road back to Silloth in the arms of Joel Bake and Vicki Stanwix respectively.

### IT'S A STROLL FOR SILLOTH PRIMARY AS THEY QUALIFY FOR COUNTY MINI TENNIS RED FINALS



With Silloth Primary taking the 2005 county Schools Mini Tennis Red title the current crop know that they have a lot to live up to. But the current "A" team of Reece Blake, Joel Baker, Jared Cole and Greg Ramsay have the skill and capabilities to match last year's team all the way and with Joel having already tasted success they have that winning formula already in place.

With the event doubling in size from last year to over 80 teams taking part a new "West"

leg of qualifying was held at Netherhall Specialist Sports College and it was with consummate ease that the "A" team breezed through to the county finals at the Sands Centre in Carlisle on the 21st of March as the quartet almost Scrooge-like gave very few points away.

The "B" team unfortunately had to field an under strength team due to other commitments. However, this gave other players the chance to shine and after an encounter with a pretty strong Gosforth team the new players Cameron Moore, Bethany Stephenson and year one pupil Amy Aird alongside old hand Vicky Stanwix came roaring back to defeat Maryport Infants 4-2.

## Wally & Steve



Report & Photo by: Jimmy Lettice

Silloth businessman David Wallace met his childhood footballing hero last month " thanks to the Silloth Rugby Club Sportsman's Dinner. At long last he met Britain and Europe's first £1,500,000 footballer, Mr Steve Daley who played for England, Wolves and Manchester City.

Steve was quoted saying "it was an honour to meet a gentleman like David". David said that Steve was a very funny man at the dinner, stopping to have a chat and joke with many of the guests. This was a great night and one that David Wallace will never forget.

This July the soccer club are having their Sportsman's Dinner fund-raiser in the Rugby Club with special guest Mr Joey Jones, Liverpool and Wales legend.

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Football Bee by Sarah Barwise aged 9 from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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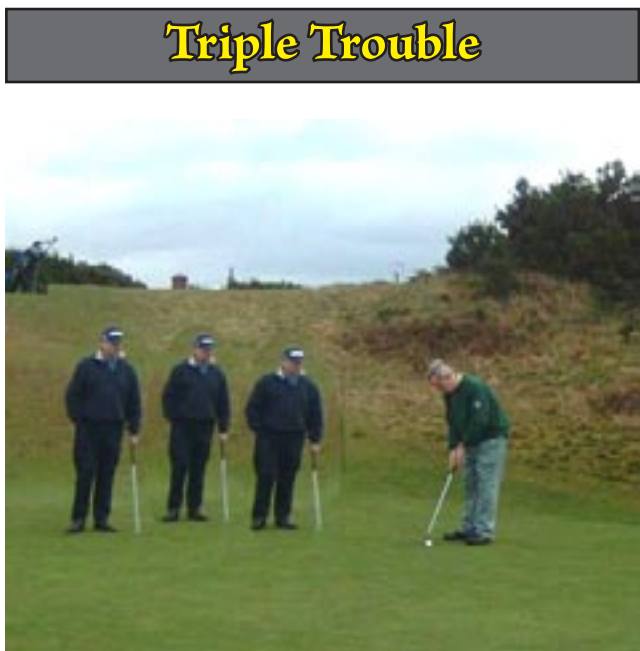
Report by: Jimmy Lettice

Favourite for this years Banty Trot Championship is multi-talented five handicap player David Hodgins. Dave has had a great season missing only one shift, he has led from the start. Some excellent golf has found him hard to catch, with only three weeks to go he has the cup is almost in his grasp. Lying in second is another single figure

golfer playing off six. Jimmy Lettice has had a slow start to the season but fears David is too far ahead.

In third is the amazing David Allison, (Father Dave) David is a model to us all, at 75 he is as steady as a rock and as hard as granite, never moans or complains, a true gentleman.

Prize presentation to be held in Silloth Rugby Club in April, tickets on sale soon.



Report by: Jimmy Lettice

Jim, John and Jack Blake take Silloth Golf Course by storm , The Silloth identical triplets Jim, John and Jack Blake gave the golfers at Silloths' Banty Trot a treat last week, it was the first time for years the three lads had all been together in the same town. A game of golf was arranged and the lucky man who had the privilege of playing with them was our own Bill Lewis, Bill was amazed, I didn't know were to look, three lads all the same coming at me on the first tee, This was a day I will

never forget. I still have dreams about them.

Good shot Jim, good shot John, good shot Jack - for all I know the same man could've hit all the shots that day, I was in a daze in a world of my own - nothing new there then Bill.

You would never believe it but when we got into the club house I bought the drinks and they all ordered the same drink; quadruple vodka and coke with ice and lemon. How spooky was that?

Hope to see you again at Silloth soon lads, but not all together.



Club members with the new sign

Report by: Amy Wise

Silloth Youth Centre EXIT, aptly named by former member Gary Jones signifying 'exiting the streets' recently suffered the loss of Bill Johnston, an inspirational youth worker. Because of Bill's hard work, dedication, and belief in the youth of Silloth, Exit has grown from strength to strength and without him the present youth centre would not exist.

Following the re-launch of the youth centre in November 2005, Exit has undergone a redecoration courtesy of volunteer Eddie Blackburn with the additional donation of a new sign by local

businessman Peter Wise, Painter and Decorator. The sign designed by Exit members Michael Maybary-Potter and David Abernethy has given the centre a new and rejuvenated identify.

In recent months the centre has undergone several changes with the introduction of new volunteers and committee members, however additional volunteers are still required, particularly males.

The youth centre is open on Tuesday evenings during school term from 7pm to 9pm, those interested in volunteering please contact Amy Wise on 016973 61868.



Disco Bee by Melanie Sharp aged almost 10 from Silloth Primary School

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