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Report & photos by: Peter McRobert

Above: Ed & Will Leaving for Scotland
Below: Being interviewed by Carmel O'Grady live on BBC Radio Cumbria on Skinburness Green

Intrepid (and a little crazy) brothers Ed & Will Stevens decided it would be a good idea to ride around the coastline of Britain to raise the profile of cycling.

They are doing this at their own expense over five months and raising funds for three cycling charities at the same time (Re-Cycle, Cyclemagic Community Projects and Sustrans). They hope to raise £30,000 and so far have raised £2,500.

As they obviously like a challenge they decided to do this on specially built cycles where they ride 2 metres above the ground (7 feet high). These bikes weigh an amazing 67 kilos each, that is a challenge.

I was in the Golf Hotel and thought I



saw two cyclists floating past the windows in mid air, when I went to see what it was, I found these nutters just about to go in for a meal, which someone else kindly bought them. They needed somewhere to camp that night so I offered them my front lawn! Next morning we had breakfast together and did a live interview

on Skinburness Green before the lads set off for Scotland.

Check out their progress on the web site: www.TallBikeTourBritain.com where you will get loads of information and can donate to their appeal.

Take it from me, these are two great lads, log on, learn more and make a donation to a good cause.

Quality Award

Jumping Jacks Day Nursery in Wigton were presented with a certificate for achieving module one of the new Cumbria Sure Start kite mark for quality childcare. The certificate, which was presented at a celebration evening at Hunday Hall, was for the first completed module of the new Cumbria Sure Start kite mark scheme.

Jane Crawford Manager and owner of the nursery said "it is a great honour to be part of the pilot scheme for Cumbria's new kite mark. We have achieved the first module and hopefully we will go on to complete others".

Jumping Jacks has recently had to close part of its provision, formally known as a children's centre offering all round childcare for children up to 14 years old. The day nursery however is going strong and will continue to offer high quality, affordable childcare for babies up to school age. Jane said, "it was very sad to see these school age facilities close, as they have been going for 9 years and we have cared for a lot of children over the years".



Banana Man Bee by Jay Brannan aged 10 from Bouncing Babies Childminder



Crazy Bee by Josh Wilson aged 6 from Silloth Primary School

Annual Town Meeting

Report by: Graham Wilkinson, Mayor

The Annual Town Report previously available around the town in shops, etc, was accepted.

Questions were answered. Donations allocated to the sports fund; the council encourage clubs to bid for funds elsewhere. However, the council do vet applications fully and feel they want to support the youth of the town with an aim to reduce the amount of mischief, etc.

Would the new Sports Hall be paid for through the council charge; the building comes within the School and Education budget.

The Community Hall re use; the town clerk has an office within the building and the council along with other groups from around the area use the meeting room. Other rooms are used by Age Concern and the Luncheon Club.

The Discovery Centre; this is the base for the Solway Coast A.O.N.B. and is in great demand from schools within the county.

Sports field changing rooms; the building will be painted and new guttering fitted in the near future.

Town Policing, officers on the beat appears to be reducing the crime rate in Wigton, why can't we have a beat officer? It was suggested the police should be invited to the next meeting to reply to this kind of question.

Silloth Green; praise was given for the high standard of maintenance carried out by Ken and Joe, who are a credit to the town.

Planning matters, do the council take these matters seriously? Applications are seen by the planning committee, if not contentious they are returned to Allerdale Borough Council, otherwise they are referred to full council prior to being returned to Allerdale Borough Council.

Bus services; why are there no services on Sundays and Bank Holidays? This is a matter between the County Council and operators as to whether or not it would be feasible to run a service.