

Pensioners Xmas Tea



L-R: Wilma Little, Leticia Jefferson, Joan Wise and Maud Perry

Report by: Diana Shaw

Silloth & District Pensioners held their Pre Christmas Afternoon Tea in St Andrews Hall on 4th November and what a success it was. It was a sunny Afternoon and lots of people came, in fact all the tables were soon taken. The committee had to set another table and squeeze extra places on some tables. At one time during the afternoon we ran out of cups and saucers!

The tables looked very festive with holly arrangements in the centre, the arrangements by Edith Kerr, Diana Shaw, Margaret Durham, and Carol Haines.

It was lovely to see everyone enjoying their scones with rum butter, tea cake and jam, mince tarts, coffee and tea.

The cake stall was heavily laden with Cakes, Pies, Tea Cakes, Lemon Curd, Sausage Rolls, Quiches, all looking delicious. The stall was

in the capable hands of Doreen Matthews and made £120.

The Bric A Brac did good trade with lots of bargains to be had. Doreen Carruthers and Nan Crook did an excellent job of displaying and setting out the stall making £55.

On the door was Joan Carey, The Raffle was in the capable hands of Irene Denard. There were 19 lucky Winners, most of the prizes were donated.

The Kitchen had a busy time serving and washing dishes as usual, having a happy and hectic time were Maureen Irving, Angela Hoodless and Diana Shaw.

Sheila Nicol sold tickets for the Christmas Party.

Thanks to all the Committee and Helpers who work so hard during after the event. What a pleasant and worthwhile afternoon was had by all making a total of £339.

Thanking all who supported the Event.

Silloth C.D.C.

The Silloth Community Development Centre is currently undergoing a few changes.

Firstly, we will not be run by Adult Education, but we will be offering some Adult Education courses such as ECDL, (others to be negotiated as and when the need arises), we will be self funded and apply for local funding to help subsidize the more expensive courses and open sessions. Secondly, we are in the process of having a centre being purpose built, this is why we have not been able to run any computer courses since the beginning of the school term. When the new centre is ready, we have successfully secured funding through The Allerdale Community Fund and The National Lottery (Awards for all), to purchase new Computer work-stations and up-to-date software applications. The current computer work-stations are now surplus to requirements and are on sale for £80 each. These would be ideal as a second computer or one for the kids, to play games on or help with their homework.

One of the benefits of running the centre this way is that we can continue to offer a wider range of short Intro courses, which were being restricted through Adult Ed. These will include IT, Desktop Publishing, Internet & E-mail and possibly Spreadsheets

and PowerPoint if there is interest.

We are also interested in running non-IT courses and The Watercolour painting classes have been a huge success in the past. We are currently gathering names to begin another painting class, so anyone interested please get in touch (details to follow). A local gentleman who is interested in giving Wood Carving classes has approached us; if anyone is interested in taking part, please contact us. In the past we have also run Indian Head Massage and Reflexology; if there is enough interest we will run these again. Our First Aid and Food Hygiene courses have also been very popular in the past and we will continue to run these as long as there is a need.

We would like to be the local provider of Level 1, 2, and Pre GCSE Maths and English, in our area. This would be available, free, to all adults. Anyone that feels they would benefit from these courses please contact us with your details.

If any of the public have any ideas of their own for courses they would like to see at the centre please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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£920 for Air Ambulance

Rotarian Chris Puxley set off from Silloth in fair weather with his wife Bev and a couple of friends on Monday 4th September, following a generally level coastal route taking them along the shore of the upper Solway Firth to Carlisle, where they joined the sustrans "reivers" route. This took them on via minor roads to an overnight stop at the little village of West Linton, a few miles north of Carlisle.

Overnight the rain set in! They sallied forth after a hearty breakfast, dressed in full wet weather gear and headed north east on undulating minor roads. By lunchtime, and absolutely drenched, they reached Askerton Castle, where friendly faces invited them out of the rain for their lunches. Thankfully, during lunch and a warming drink, the rain stopped and they continued onward through an improving panoramic landscape and over several more minor hills, past ancient Bewcastle Cross and towards Bailey Mill Trekking Centre, near Newcastleton, for their second night's stop.

Wednesday was a much brighter day. Their route took them along the English/Scottish border and Kershope Burn, higher and higher until reaching a much

welcomed downhill ride to Kielder Water, Europe's largest reservoir, glistening in bright afternoon sunshine. Skirting the water and across the long dam wall they next stopped for the night in Falstone.

Thursday dawned bright again as they continued generally eastwards following a quiet, long-redundant railway track and minor roads, through Bellingham and up a couple of rather steep hills, on to Matfen and the next overnight rest at a delightful b&b in Stamfordham.

Friday 8th was their final day of eastward travel and the weather was again perfect, with a gentle tail wind to push them along old waggon ways through Ponteland, Seaton Burn and Backworth, to reach the north sea coast at Whitley Bay and down to their destination at Tynemouth.

Over the journey they cycled a total distance of 175 miles. "We saw some beautiful and spectacular scenery, enjoyed a lot of favourable weather and were made very welcome, with good hospitality en-route". "Generous sponsorship from businesses and friends contributed towards a grand total of £920 for the Great North Air Ambulance "Pride of Cumbria".



Chef Bee by Emily Pattinson aged 11 from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Bar Bee by Amy Armstrong aged almost 12 from Holme St Cuthbert School

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