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aged 8 from Holme St. Cuthbert School

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They said that the Silloth area was too small to run a proper community paper.

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## Santa's Sleigh



Rotary's Santa's Sledge pulled by reindeer will be distributing gifts on Sunday 17th December 2006. It will start at Dickrod Lane, travel along Skinburness Road into Skinburness Drive and meander through the town stopping at the Golf Hotel where Santa and his little helpers have refreshments and continue on to The Crofts finishing about 7:15 - 7:30pm.



## SKINBURNNESS HOTEL Should it be demolished?

At a packed meeting in the Golf Hotel it was decided to fight the plan to demolish the Skinburness Hotel and build around 60 holiday-let flats on the whole site.

Committees were formed and a fighting fund established to both object to the planning application and to apply for Listed Building status. To find out more, come to an update meeting on Monday 4th December at 7:30pm in the Golf Hotel.

**Skinburness Residents Association**, this group has not met for many years and it is proposed that it should be re-formed. What would you like to see the Skinburness Residents Association working on? Bring any suggestions and ideas to the meeting in the Golf Hotel and have your say.

All are welcome.





## Silloth Open Door Group



Report by: Sarah Hansford

Silloth Open Door Group is a voluntary group organising a free lunch and activities every Tuesday at 12-1pm at St Andrew's Hall (Opposite Co-op).

This event is open to all age groups in Silloth. Our aim is to bring the community together and to build new community spirit. Silloth Open Door Group provides you an excellent atmosphere, a place to relax, chit chat, meet others, etc.

On December 19th we are organising a free Christmas lunch from 12-1:30pm, at St Andrew's Hall. Everyone is welcome. Santa is coming to Silloth, come and find him on 19th December! Please let me know if you are coming to the Christmas lunch so that we can plan the catering. Vegetarian or Gluten Free alternatives will be available by prior arrangement. Please

## Silloth Musical Society

Is there anyone out there that is interested in starting up the Silloth Musical Society again?

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## Dangerous Antics



One thing is for sure, excitement overrules common sense OK! But this is an act of sheer folly. The steps on Silloth promenade are, in most parts, covered with algae or weed and dangerous. How this youngster didn't slip or find himself dragged into the sea by an extra large wave is a miracle.

There are council signs along the front telling people it is a dangerous place to bathe but nothing is mentioned about standing on the steps in a howling gale! Nowadays we are surrounded by warning signs - do we really read them? Survival in life is mainly down to a matter of common sense and in this particular youngster's case a huge slice of good fortune. "I am an old man and have known a great many troubles - but most of them never happened" (Mark Twain).

I'm sure it doesn't need spelling out what the result would have been and the impact on family and friends.

There is also the financial cost too:

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## Abbeytown Autumn Fair

Report by: Gladys Temple

The new Head of Holme Cultram Abbey School, Mrs Lynda McDonald, opened the Annual Autumn Fair in aid of The Assembly Rooms.

She welcomed everyone and encouraged those present to spend their money in a good cause. Elizabeth Dixon presented Mrs McDonald with a lovely buttonhole and a gift voucher. Refreshments were served and everyone had a good look around. Mrs McDonald then began the large draw, first out was Mrs Horsley, followed by D Murphy, J Sim, Paul Holliday, Colin Satterthwaite, Brenda Sim, Pam Blaylock, Angela Middleton, Ann Murphy, Mary Mattinson, Joanne Satterthwaite, Pam

Blaylock, Jessie Ostle, Andrew Wilson and Tracey Armstrong.

Robert Lightfoot guessed the weight of the cake, the number of sweets in the jar by Colin Lightfoot and the Bottle of Champagne was won by Audrey Harrison while Cherine Spark won the all day breakfast.

The Animal Treasure Hunt was 1st Margaret Ackerley followed by Jennifer Barwise and Sam Trievyne. Jennifer Barwise, Hilary Bowness, Jessica Swan, Vicky Lightfoot, Christopher Holliday, Naomi Foster and Mrs. Coulson won the small draw in the room.

Fiona Holliday, Chair of the Committee thanked everyone for coming and helping to support the Assembly Rooms.

## Abbeytown Christmas Disco

Abbeytown Carnival Committee will be holding a Children's Christmas Disco on Tuesday 19th December in the Village Hall, from 6:30pm - 8pm, where the Royalty for the 2007 Carnival will be selected. The entrance fee is £1.50 per child and all children must be supervised.

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## New Hairdresser

Clair Todd had a fantastic start to her career working at Peter Josef's in Silloth, from here she moved to Liverpool and worked for Toni & Guy for six years.



This new position found Clair spending the first ten weeks training at Toni & Guy Academy on New Oxford Street in London, where she qualified to work in their busy Liverpool salon.

Over six years she worked her way up to Technical Director and head of training for the North West Area. Some of her clients included Girls Aloud, Blue,

Atomic Kitten and some of the Liverpool and Everton football players and their WAG's.

A highlight for Clair was having the opportunity to work as a stylist at the London Fashion Week, working with many famous models.

Clair now has started her own mobile hair dressing business in Silloth, where the clients can be pampered in the comfort of their own home. Clair would like to thank all her clients for their support and look forward to meeting new ones.

For an appointment call Clair on 016973 32721 or 07754 523451.

## New Food Takeaway

There is a new baguette bar in Silloth, on the old Lomas Fishmongers site. Lomas Fishmongers has now moved to Station Road Industrial Estate.

The owner's are Clare Morgan and her husband Matthew. They have completely renovated the shop over the last three months with an extreme amount of help from one rather bright electrician, a patient tiller and one exhausted plumber.

Clare and her husband have been in the catering business for over ten years. They also currently own the Alternative Takeaway in Wigton and have achieved much success there, which they hope to



emulate in Scrumptious.

Their range of products include a variety of baguettes and luxury ice-creams as well as offering fresh ground fair trade coffee & teas. They are open for business seven days a week. Clare hopes you will call in and sample their specials soon.

## Wood Carving Group

All are welcome, this is not a class room teaching, or just listening to me or Alex talking about Woodcarving or Wood Sculpture. These meetings are hands on, where you will have support and plenty of encouragement to learn to Woodcarve, Wood Sculpt, including the safe use of the chisel's and gouges, sharpening of tools and how to make an inexpensive work-holding device.

Initially we supply one of four beginners projects. These are designed to give you something to do from the start. Wood is supplied for these first projects and tools are available to use during the course of the meeting. I cover the craft/art of woodcarving from both Traditional aspects to Art styles of woodcarving.

The Woodcarving and Wood Sculpture Group meets on Monday evenings at the Silloth Community Centre from 7pm till 9:30pm. The cost is £3.00 per evening.

All abilities, from complete beginners upwards are welcome. All ages between 16yrs and 160yrs welcome. To learn more telephone Clive on 016973 31995, Alex on 016973 32408, or call in the Community Centre on Monday Evenings.

Supported by: Neighbourhood Forum and Silloth Town Council.

## Tip for the Top - Hair Zone - Top Colourist Visits Silloth

Emma Shephard, one of the Country's leading young colourists, spent a day at 'Peter Josef'.

She worked with the girls showing them amazing new colouring techniques and mixing new colours together.

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Playing Field @ 7:30pm

**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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and  
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**December**

1st Silloth Nursing Home Christmas Sale at 2pm, entry £1 inc mince pie & coffee, cake stall, christmas stall, raffle

4th Police Surgery at Silloth Fire Station with PC Andy Robertson from 2pm-4pm

5th Tea Dance in Solway Community Technology College 1:45pm to 3:45pm, Tel: 016973 31528

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

8th Men's Choir Christmas Concert in Christ Church, Silloth

9th Silloth Crunch

9th Abbeystown Toddler Group Christmas Fete in Village Hall from 10:30am to 12:30pm

9th Christmas Fayre in Christ Church Hall @ 2pm

10th Silloth Methodist Church - Evening Carol Service

13th Waver Wine Circle Christmas Party Blencogo Village Hall @ 7:30pm

14th Carol Concert with Flimby Saxhorn Silver Band at 7:30pm in Mawbray Village Hall. Entry £4 includes glass of mulled wine and mince pie

15th Silloth Town Carol Service in Christ Church @ 7pm

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

17th Santa's Sleigh distributing sweets in Silloth courtesy of Silloth Rotary Club

19th Childrens Christmas Disco by Abbeystown Carnival Committee in Village Hall 6:30pm to 8pm, tickets £1.50

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

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**Dates for the Diary**

**January**

10th Waver Wine Circle Games Evening Blencogo Village Hall @ 7:30pm

27th Silloth Tennis Club event in Dunes Cabaret bar at Stanwix Park, entertainment by AWOL, tickets from Committee Members

**February**

11th Wigton Choral Society in St Aidans Church, Carlisle @ 6:30pm Choral Evensong, everyone welcome

14th Waver Wine Circle Cheese & Wine Evening Blencogo Village Hall @ 7:30pm

**March**

14th Waver Wine Circle White Wine (dry) Competition Blencogo Village Hall @ 7:30pm

24th Wigton Choral Society in the Sands Centre, Carlisle @ 7:30pm, Cumbria Rural Choirs, tel: 01228 625222

**April**

11th Waver Wine Circle Annual General Meeting Blencogo Village Hall @ 7:30pm

**June**

16th Wigton Choral Society in Nelson Thomlinson School, Wigton @ 7:30pm  
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**July**

28th Kite Festival on Silloth Green

29th Kite Festival on Silloth Green

**September**

6th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

7th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

8th RAFA Leek Club Show

8th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

9th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

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**Bee a Masthead Winner**

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**Masthead Bee Winner**

This month the winner is Molly Thomas from Holme St. Cuthbert School with a bee called "Jo Jo the Queeny Bee". Well done Molly!

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## Abbeytown Flower Club

Report by: Gladys Temple



24 Members of Abbeytown Flower Club went to visit Mrs Brenda Dowding at Heads Nook. They were all welcomed with a glass of mulled wine while they looked around all the wonderful decorations on show all over the house. Roast Turkey and all the trimmings was served with Trifle and wine then Coffee with Mince Pies.

Brenda then did seven flower arrangements including fresh and silk flowers. These were all beautifully simple and artistic so that she made them all look easy but the winners were proud to take them home.

The competition for a Christmas Bauble was won by Ruth Pinguet, 2nd Gladys Temple, 3rd Angela Garner.

The menu for the New Year Party was passed around and everyone made their choices so all are looking forward to going to The New Inn, Blencogo on Thursday 18th January, 2007.

## Wigton Arthritis Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

Chairman Edna Marper welcomed everyone to the October Meeting.

Edna introduced Mr Roy Ellis from 'Cumbria Fair Trade Network'.

They are a Commercial Enterprise and receive no help from Government sources, but each year their trade increases by 10% because they provide the producers with a fair price for their products, and that means that they can then educate their children and feed their family. The villagers who produce

Fair Trade products are also given a 10% Social Premium to spend on community projects such as clean water or building a school. They are also encouraged to produce their goods in an environmentally friendly way.

There are over 1,500 different Fair Trade products sold in local shops and now the large Supermarkets also.

Several Towns in Cumbria are now Fair Trade Towns and many shops, cafes and organizations in Wigton use Fair Trade produce. We only need the backing of Wigton Town Council to join them. Allerdale has produced a Fair Trade Directory so you can find which shops or coffee shops sell or use Fair Trade Products, you can support people in Third World Countries.

Jack Bray thanked Roy for a very interesting talk.

The drawing was won by Muriel Foster. Mary Harrison has very kindly volunteered to take over.

Christine Smithson reported that the Hydro Pool is still not open but members are attending the Water Street Gym on Monday mornings from 11am to 12 noon.

## Johnstone's Private Hire

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all customers that have supported us in the first six months of us starting our new business, it is really nice to find that we have regular custom every week.

It hasn't been the easiest six months as we have had some upsets along the way, we must apologise to everyone for the inconvenience that was caused by our telephone line going down in October, we tried to get it sorted as fast as we could but it was out of our control.

To all those that had left messages on our answering machine, booking taxi's and not getting one we must apologise, and hopefully if this is to happen again we have been told it will be rectified that same day. If you can't get through on the land line please try the mobile number.

We also would like to inform everyone about hours we are working over Christmas and New Year.

**ON CHRISTMAS EVE WE ARE WORKING UNTIL 1am IN THE MORNING**, then we all need to get to bed for father Christmas coming. **ON CHRISTMAS DAY WE ARE CLOSED**, apologies to anyone that hoped we were working.

The fares for taxi's will increase over the festive season and New Year so please ask if you are unsure about the prices. We now have two 8 seater minibuses and a car. If you require a quote, please phone.

We would like to say a big thank you to our drivers as they have helped us out when we needed it. A big thank you also to Judith Hayston, and Chantelle Saterthwaite for being there for the kids and sitting up till early ours of the morning until the phone stops ringing.

Once again thank you to all our customers and everyone that has given us support when we've needed it

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Johnstone, Hayley and kids.

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## Mayor's Report

The Town Council welcomed Sharla Burns of Skinburness as a co-opted member.

P.C. Andy Robertson discussed the proposed trial use of a speed indication device.

Correspondence: Letters were read from Lieutenant JCR Rider introducing himself as the new officer in charge of HMS Biter, from Silloth Carnival Committee thanking the Town Council for their help and from Mr & Mrs Allan.

The question of all the North West Regeneration monies being concentrated in the west of the borough was discussed.

A request has been made to Cumbria Highways/Capita for the supply of a map showing which back lanes within the town are classed as adopted roads.

Following the success of our team working on the Green it was felt we should look to tender the further work in adjoining parishes.

In reply to the letter in the last Buzz, the Silloth Street Markets petitions referred to are believed to have originated via the three Charity Shops in town, however no address is given. 322 signatures were received consisting of locals and visitors.

These petitions were forwarded to Allerdale Borough Council as they are the Market Charter holders, the market is actually operated by a management company for Allerdale.

In a letter of reply from which is still on

show in the window of SOSCS shop, it was anticipated to re-start both the Thursday and Sunday markets as from Easter. However both are wholly dependant on the market traders wanting to be there, no one can force them to attend.

The Town Council are in regular contact with Allerdale re the market, when last winter it ended with

one small stall and that the restriction signs are never opened and signs have never been erected to inform motorists that they should not park on the street on market days and that no proper barriers are erected to stop cars driving through the market. These matters always seem to fall on deaf ears.



Skateboarding Bee and his Pals by Joshua Davison aged 8 from Silloth Primary School



## The Bank Mill Experience

Bill & Staff welcome you to the nursery



### The Dunes Coffee House

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## Autumn Concert

Report by: Elizabeth Lowther

By popular demand, Patricia Pictor and friends made a return visit to the Methodist Chapel in Silloth on Friday 22nd September for an Autumn Concert in their "Short but Sweet" concert series.

Pat was joined by Stuart Stockell who was highly entertaining with his hilarious rendition of "The Road to Mandalay". Also taking part were 3 of Pat's Pupils, Luke Wilkinson, Kimberley Brough, and Danielle O'Hare - what talent.

This most enjoyable evening was drawn to a close with Patricia singing "Bless this House" a truly magnificent performance.

Refreshments were provided and served by Chapel members. The proceeds of £270 were given to Macmillan Nurses.

## Wigton Choral Society

Come and join us, we'd love to hear from prospective tenors and sopranos in particular.

If anyone wants to join us we'd welcome them at our practices on Thursday nights at 7:30pm in the Methodist Church in High Street, Wigton.

There are more details on the Wigton Choral website at [www.wigtonchoral.org.uk](http://www.wigtonchoral.org.uk). Singing is good for you!

## Town Carols

Silloth Town Carol Service will take place this year on Friday December 15th at 7pm in Christ Church.

As usual local organizations have been invited and there should be a contribution from the schools. Special guests will be Carlisle Salvation Army band who will be playing on the Green and perhaps through the streets before the service.

## Christmas Fayre

There will be a Christmas Fayre in Christ Church Hall on Saturday December 9th from 2pm. Stalls and a bran tub. Result of childrens' craft competition.

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## Darts/Dominoes/Pool Champions

Report by: Chris Puxley

It doesn't seem that long ago, that I was reporting to you of the brilliant sporting prowess of Silloth Rotary Club's "Darts/Dominoes/Pool" team. It was in May last year, when down in the bowels of the Golf Hotel at Silloth, they clinched the Rotary District 1190 NW Area Winter League Trophy.

On 24th October 2006, they've been and gone and done it again! This year, having been newly selected as the Team Sports Coach and having taken over the mantle from my well known fellow athlete and fitness guru, Charlie Harrison, I am very proud to report that our 12 man team of 'super-heroes' beat West Lakeland Rotary Club on their own turf.

It was yet another nail-biting final, this time played in the rarefied atmosphere of Moresby Parks Social Club. Some of you may know that this forbidding arena is located just a couple of miles inland, but at an altitude normally reached only by mule or sherpa. On this occasion, local mountain guide Margaret Carr transported us all in a specially adapted Markley charabanc with slipping fan-belt and studded tyres, that carried us towards

our opposition, and an uglier looking bunch you couldn't hope to meet! They obviously intended to teach us a thing or two on the finer points of darts, to knock the spots off our domino players and to seriously bruise the balls of our pool players.

However, we were not bowed or downhearted, having successfully undertaken several practice sessions at home and against weaker Rotary Clubs. Plus a secret training schedule that had also included special high altitude respiratory training. Team members had been encouraged to breathe using a vacuum mask designed by the wacky but ingenious engineer Rotarian Jack Nutall. Sessions had involved attempting to inhale the air from a reverse action Goblin carpet cleaner, which in the early experimental days had almost sucked the eyeballs out of Rotarian Jimmy Watson's face!

All the pain and separation from loved ones during training finally paid off. Silloth gradually set about demolishing the opposition. This was despite the worryingly weak performance of our ageing domino squad, who either felt mathematically challenged or were still suffering from altitude

sickness. One or two had been sat still for so long I was becoming concerned about the possible effects of deep vein thrombosis.

Having eventually won by the narrow margin of 13 points to 11, both sides then set about demolishing the magnificent buffet that had been laid on. A very successful sporting evening (for Silloth), was drawn to a close with the Award Ceremony. The delightful wooden fruit bowl, intricately fashioned from what, to some, would appear to be a selection of orange boxes and discarded pallets, was presented to Silloth by the NW Area Sports Officer Nick Jeffrey, from the Rotary Club of Workington Derwent. This was followed by a long and rambling thank-you speech by Charlie Harrison, (eh), enabling many Silloth players to catch a quick power nap.

Having again set the standard, Silloth must continue to work hard this year to retain the trophy for a third year. As Sports Officer, I will not rest in my endeavours to hone this team of armchair athletes into a force that will go down in the records as men of courage and determination, who shook the league to its core. And, as it happens, they're also all pretty good at fellowship!

## Poems

*The Blacksmith*  
by Whiskers

*In Beckfoot, there is a blacksmith called Sadie,  
Who bends steel bars just for fun?*

*When she popped in the pub for a quick one,  
The men in the vault, would all run.*

*The landlord announced, he's not frightened;  
In fact he feared her no more.*

*Then as quick as a wink, she finished her drink,  
And nailed his foot to the floor.*

*Pirates*  
By Jemma Doughty  
Age 10, Silloth Primary School

*We are pirates sailing the seven seas  
Though salty water makes us sneeze  
Drinking from our bottles of rum  
Getting to treasure island before the days done*

*One of the crew's up in the crows' nest  
I bet the cold air will get to 'is chest  
Always searching for Davie Jones locker  
Though some people say, "is off 'is rocker"*

*Sailing in a wooden ship  
Letting prisoners have a dip  
Looking at the treasure map  
While me stupid parrot plays with me cap*

*"A hoy! me hearties Tim 'ere"  
We're all dying for a drink of beer  
Just hoping that the ship won't sink  
But the captain won't let us have a drink*

*Suddenly the rain starts falling  
From the crows nest calling  
Storms a brewing!  
I spies a ruin  
Most men worry  
And run around in a hurry  
While the waves emerge from the depths*

*Dodging the ruins we do all the way  
To our destination  
It's a happy day*

## RNLI Appeal

### Silloth Lifeboat Station - Train One Save Many - Appeal Update

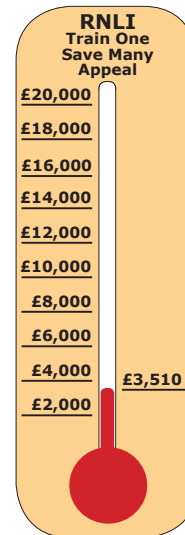
Since the launch of the Appeal in September, the current figure stands at £3,510.

Donations have been received from many individuals, groups and companies as well as some fundraising events that have got the Appeal off to a fantastic start.

The crew and fund-raisers are still actively raising funds and looking for offers of help. Your help may be as simple as giving a donation, or you may prefer to undertake some form of fundraising, such as running a raffle in your local pub, running an event or taking part in a sponsored event. We can provide support material, such as posters, sporting trophies etc.

If you would like more information or help with a fundraising event please call Eddie Studholme on 016973 61019.

The crew are delighted that Annette Gibbons, food writer and presenter, has agreed to be the patron of the Appeal.



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## Remembrance Sunday

Report by: Sheona Nicoll

Photos by: Bill Allan



The Royal British Legion would like to thank all those who took part in the service on Remembrance Sunday.

The standard bearers from the Royal British Legion, the Womans Section, Brownies, RAFA, also the wreath layers from British Legion, W.S. Royal British Legion, RAFA, Royal Navy Cadets from Manchester, RNLI, Town Council, Church Council, Masonic Lodge, Fire Service, over 60's club, Royal Observer Corps & RAF crews.



## Can You Help?

Late on Friday 20th / early Saturday 21st October 2006, a window at 18 Solway Street, Silloth was smashed.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please telephone 0845 33 00 247 or 016973 32031. If the information leads to a conviction, a reward will be offered!

## Line Dancing Charity Night



Report by: Andrea Davies

The Line Dancing group, which meet every Tuesday at 7pm in the Social Club, held another fund raising Karaoke evening on 9th of May.

We had John from Burnley again this year and those who attended had an enjoyable night. John is the son of one of our members and offered his services for free. Unfortunately, not many attended, mainly due to the lovely weather we were having. This meant that the auction, which had been planned, could not go ahead. In order to make as much money as possible for our chosen

charities, we have held weekly raffles to utilise the auction lots. This enabled us to raise £200. This will be divided equally between The Cumbria Air Ambulance Service and The Silloth First Responders.

I would like to thank many of the local business people in Silloth for donating the numerous prizes we were able to raffle and auction, from meals for two at the local takeaways to a cuddly toy or a bottle of bubbly. All were very much appreciated. Also, a Big Thank you to everyone who attended on the night or supported us by buying entry or raffle tickets.

## RNLI Appeal

The Silloth & District Fundraising Branch of the RNLI recently held a 50 & 60's dance night at the Golf Hotel in Silloth.

The event was well supported and was much enjoyed by all. Local 'boy band', The Fogies provided music and a tasty supper of pie and peas was enjoyed during the evening. The total raised from the dance from ticket sales, room raffle and tombola amounted to £603.75.

The Branch's Annual Grand Draw took place and all prizewinners have been notified and all prizes claimed. The amount raised by the draw was £973.

Many thanks to all those who supported the dance and draw, especially those who donated the many prizes for the raffle's and tombola and to the numerous people who took books of raffle tickets to sell.

Thanks also to Christine and Fausto and staff at the Golf Hotel as the evening went very smoothly. It is hoped that the branch will hold another dance evening during 2007.

## Silloth Reading Mission



Some of the children from Silloth Library who completed the Reading Mission during the Summer holidays. Well done all.

Congratulations also to Amanda of Silloth who won the £10 voucher, and Cody of Workington who won the £200 Halfords voucher.

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## Edith Pattinson at 100



L-R: Winifred Allan (daughter), Mayor Graham Wilkinson, Thomas Pattinson (son), Mayoress presenting bouquet

## Evelyn Batey at 100



L-R: Mayor Graham Wilkinson, Great Nieces Lillian Sewell, Peggy Allen, Carole Storey and Mayoress Marjorie Wilkinson

## Mary Shackley at 100



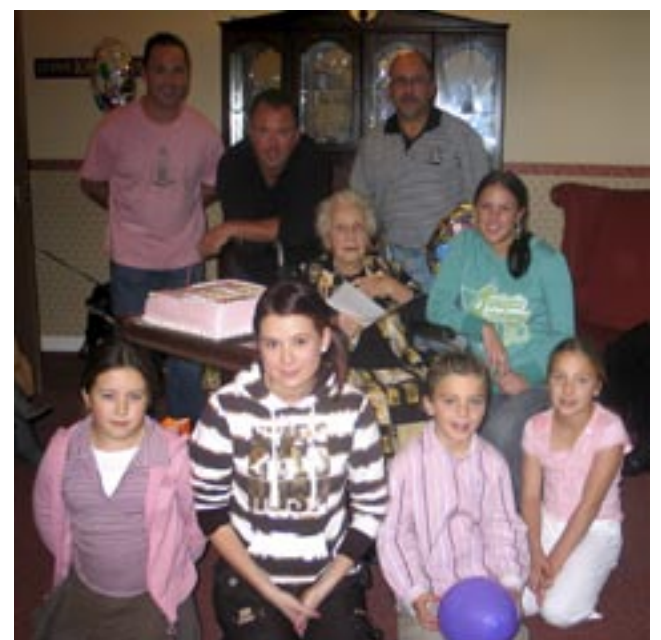
Cutting of Cake:  
L-R: Mayoress, Mrs Blake (daughter), Mayor



Winifred presenting flowers to on duty Staff



Staff L-R: Sister Irene Brown, Heather Grey, Linda Cork, Lillian Sewell, Jean Fearon, and Ada Pow



Grand Children and Great Grand Children

A Special Party was held on 18th September to Celebrate the 100th Birthday of Mrs Edith Pattinson.

Edith has been looked after in the Good Companions since September 1999 after falling and fracturing her hip at Mawbray Farm, where she lived with her son Thomas. Attending the party were her daughter Winifred, Son Thomas, son in law Bill Allan, Nephews & Nieces with

their partners from as far away as Yorkshire, also present were the Mayor & Mayoress of Silloth, friends, Staff and Residents.

During the afternoon the Mayor, Mr Graham Wilkinson, presented a Card from the Queen, also the Mayoress, Mrs Marjorie Wilkinson, presented a bouquet of Flowers from Silloth Town Council. Flowers were also presented from Mark, Jacci, and Staff of the Good Companions

along with cards and presents from family, friends and staff.

Musical Entertainment was provided for dancing and before the buffet a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday and for She's a Jolly Good Fellow was sung by all present. The beautiful buffet which

was made and presented by the staff was much appreciated by all the guests.

During the Party Winifred presented Jacci and Staff with Flowers in appreciation for looking after Edith so well for the past seven years and the lovely party they kindly provided.

Mary Shackley celebrated her 100th Birthday at the Good Companions on 29th September.

It was a wonderful day for her, surrounded by her family, Grand Children, Great Grand Children, Nephews and Nieces. Also attending was the Mayor and Mayoress who presented Mary with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of Silloth Town Council.

Her daughter Mrs Betty Blake said she would sincerely like to thank everyone who sent cards (86 in all) and the beautiful bouquets of flowers which her mother received. Also, last but not least, many thanks to all the Staff at the Good Companions who have lovingly cared for her mother for the last two years, it has been very much appreciated.

## Police Report

Report by: Insp. Dave Barr

Silloth has again shown that it can run and manage major events, such as the Carnival and the Beer Festival. These all passed off with the absolute minimum of crime or disorder.

Silloth Fire Station has now received the official seal of approval: for use by the Police as an operating base. It was first used on Carnival day. On the 6th November PC Robertson held his first "surgery" between 2pm and 4pm. He said "there was a steady flow of people

through the doors, some to report matters, and others having a look to see what we were doing in the Fire Station. It went well."

The plan for the future is to hold a surgery there on the first Monday of each month, between the times of 2pm and 4pm. People will have the opportunity to speak to PC Robertson about matters that are affecting them, which were not reported as an emergency. The timing of the surgery also gives PC Robertson the opportunity to take to the town council meeting

any matters which may be relevant to the council. PC Robertson will be advertising the surgeries in various shops throughout Silloth and in the Buzz diary.

Finally a note on general crime trends throughout North Allerdale. In the past six months there has been a slight fall in the number of crimes reported to us, whilst we are increasing the number that we are detecting.

As this is the last Buzz of the year, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a crime free New Year.

## Charity Dances

Shirley & Charlie Morris of Seacote Caravan Park would like to thank the people of Silloth and all caravan holders on every site for their generous support and donations while raising money at our monthly Charity Dances.

We have been able to donate £780 each, to the Silloth Lifeboat and Silloth Carnival. A very big thank you to Joan Bennet for the delicious trifles she made free of charge for our end of season dance held on 13th October.

Tickets went like wildfire, so lets hope more people will support our monthly charity dances during 2007.

Finally Charlie and myself wish everyone a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year and look forward to your company in 2007.

## Abbeytown Disco

Abbeytown Carnival held a Halloween Disco in the Village Hall on 26th October. The competition winners were:

Fancy Dress Pre-School: 1st Andrew Dixon / 2nd Naomi Winter / 3rd Maia Richardson  
Fancy Dress Year 1 & 2: 1st David Williamson / 2nd Atlanta Vailionis / 3rd Joe Gilroy  
Fancy Dress Year 3+: 1st Holly Wills / 2nd Charlotte Hetherington / 3rd Matthew Middleton  
Best Turnip Lantern: 1st Bailey Henning / 2nd Maia Richardson / 3rd Katie Swan



Camping Bee  
by Sam Jade Little  
aged 9 from  
Holm Cultram  
Abbey School



## The Garden in Winter

Series by: Nadia Bunner  
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This is the time of the year for reflecting on the past years garden successes and failures and planning for next season.

So much in our gardens for both good and bad depends on the weather. As I write this article, the sun is enhancing the best autumn colour for many years, roses are in bloom and it is pleasantly warm outside. There are reports of spring flowers blooming in various parts of the country. Yet it is mid November. It has been a strange year weather wise, producing some superb displays and an abundance of fruit, berries and nuts. Spring was bitterly cold, while July, September and October broke temperature records. August was tempestuous, bringing much needed rain.



flowering heathers. Garden art can often be appreciated at this time of the year without the distraction of the summer planting.

### Notes

Now is the time to take a critical look at the garden and plan for next season. At this time of the year with many plants resting, the skeleton of the garden is revealed and changes can be planned. A well laid structure will enhance any planting scheme. Over time, a plant may

on the lawn over winter. If weather conditions are favourable the lawn can be trimmed but keep the blades set high. Don't walk on the lawn if it is frosty as this could leave brown patches.

### House plants

Many flowering houseplants (Azalias, Poinsettias, Solanums) can be bought at this time of the year, but they have been grown under optimum and artificial conditions to stimulate flowering. Do not expect these plants to be long lived. They often resent being moved to your window ledge and quickly give up the ghost. To give them a chance, always protect a houseplant from the cold on its journey home, read and follow the instructions on the care label, do not keep them behind drawn curtains at night and give azaleas rainwater, not water from the tap.

Enjoy your gardening.



However regardless of the weather, the shortening day length will ensure that most plants have their winter rest, though some will continue to put on a show until they are knocked back by the frost.

The interest in the garden at this time of the year is much more subtle, but there are a number of plants which come into their own, including many ornamental trees such as Prunus serrula (the Tibetan cherry) and Betula jaquemontii (the white barked Himalayan birch) which have a beautiful bark most noticeable in the winter months, acers, rhubarb and dogwoods which are grown for their coloured stems, broad leaved evergreens, some of which flower in winter such as mahonia and viburnums, a variety of blue, gold and green conifers and winter

die leaving a gap or an imbalance, or become too big. Now is the time to think about what needs to be removed and what re planting is necessary. Having decided what needs to go and what can stay, enjoy browsing seed catalogues to find something a little different to grow next season.

### Maintenance

Check the supports of climbing plants and erect new ones as necessary. Clean, oil, sharpen and service mowers and other tools.

### Pruning

Now is a good time to trim overgrown climbing plants such as ivy.

### Planting

Container and bare rooted trees and shrubs (which tend to be cheaper) can be planted throughout the winter providing the ground is not hard with frost.

### Lawns

Make sure late autumn leaves don't sit

## Africa Dances at Holme St. Cuthbert



Pupils from Holme St Cuthbert have been taking part in a two week African music festival. Musicians Wedzi Zvivero and Millicent Chapanda of World Musik Makers have been leading them in a series of exciting workshops in call-and-response singing, African drumming and dancing.

The sessions have stimulated interest in the rich culture of Africa and encouraged the children to make links between

their lives in rural Cumbria and traditional life in rural Africa. Children have researched geography, wildlife, art and crafts. At the end of the festival they took part in a concert at Maryport Civic hall, wearing textiles they had dyed themselves.

"It was a tremendous performance of singing, drumming and poetry and we are very proud of our children," said Annabell Armstrong,

Chair of Governors at Holme St Cuthbert. "We know our children learn best by experiencing things first hand and the whole festival has been a wonderful success".

The festival included the six schools from the Aspatria Small Schools' Consortium. It was co-ordinated by Bob Pritchard of Arts Out West, the West Cumbria Rural Touring Scheme, and funded by a grant from Awards for All.

## Bishop of Zululand in Silloth

Report by: Lynne Tembey

On 29th October, Bible Sunday, about 60 members from Churches within the Solway Plain Team were at a Songs of Praise service at St Pauls Causewayhead taken by Team Rector Rev Sharon Swain with readings given by Dominic Swain and by Frances McIntyre. The address was given by the Right



Right Reverend Dino Gabriel, Bishop of Zululand, being welcomed at Silloth

Reverend Dino Gabriel, Bishop of Zululand. He told those present a little about himself and gave an inspiring summary of the current situation in his diocese including the huge problems with the pandemic of HIV AIDS.

The diocese of Carlisle has been linked to the diocese of Zululand for more than 25 years. In that time many exchanges and visits have taken place between different people from the two dioceses. Over the years we have also supported financially different projects to help with outreach and self-reliance.

The Bishop and two other Priests, the Venerable Isaiah Manqele and the

Reverend Dumisani Dlamini are visiting England for two weeks. They have attended the World Mission Conference with the Diocesan Bishop the Right Reverend Graham Dow, Partnership Secretary Mrs Lynne Tembey and World Development Adviser the Reverend Canon Jim Hyslop in Derbyshire.

Following their visit to Carlisle they travel on to Northampton to meet with members of the Zulem Trust, a group that supports the work in the dioceses of Zululand and Swaziland. Bishop Dino will be giving the address at a service of thanksgiving before returning home.

## Have a Sunny Christmas



Rebecca and Sophie Markley at Fremantle

Darren, Karen, Rebecca & Sophie Markley would like to wish all their family and friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We have settled into life at Perth very well, It is such a beautiful city. We are all enjoying work and school plus the leisure time out and about. Looking forward to the summer ahead and to all our visitors due out in the coming year.



## 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.

Contact details as follows:  
Andrea Davies or  
Donna Little  
016973 33011  
E-mail:  
cdc@silloth.cumbria.sch.uk.

## £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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## Abbeytown WI

Gladys Temple welcomed everyone to the November meeting and expressed sympathy to the Harrison Family.

The Christmas Dinner at the Wheatsheaf was discussed.

The Darts Pairs was held at Aspatria and though none of our Members got through we had a very enjoyable evening. The 80th Birthday Party was discussed and Gwen Atkinson from Aspatria has been booked to provide a Buffet Supper and Caldew Accordion Band will provide the entertainment. Joyce Wilson agreed to bake and ice the Birthday Cake.

A letter from Cumdivock W.I. thanking Abbeytown for a very pleasant evening last month was read out and an invitation from Crosby & District W.I., there was also a letter to all W.I.'s about the Milk Debate. Margaret Moore gave details of the Finances and was pleased we had made money on the Sponsored Walk. Freda has finished the 2007 programme and asked which months Visitors should be invited. It was agreed April and September were the most convenient.

Please return any

## Causewayhead WI

Report by: Frances Jackson

President Pat Bell welcomed members and new member Judith Beeby to the November meeting and then introduced the speaker, Pax Garabedian.

On a cold November evening, we were transported to the sights and sounds of Peru. Starting in Lima, which

Trophies in time for the AGM next month. As there is no Flower Show there are now extra Trophies to allocate for the Competitions and it was agreed that the monthly Competition winners over the year should have a 1st 2nd and 3rd Trophy while the other two should be used as Best Trier for the people who had entered most Competitions without winning.

Gladys then introduced Mrs Rosmarie Hilton from Mawbray whose talk was Titled 'Skin to Leather' She gave a very interesting insight into the processes the skins go through to become leather or suede from the raw skin at the Abattoir to the finished products.

The Competition for an umbrella was won by Noline Foster, 2nd Joan Graham and the Flower Competition 1st Elinor Roper, 2nd Margaret Moore. Raffle winners 1st Margaret Brown, 2nd Margaret Ackerley.

was humid until the afternoon sun burnt off the moisture, Pax travelled via Naza, Arequipa and Lake Tikicaca to the ruined Inca city of Machy Pichu. On the way we saw flocks of Llamas and Vicunas, exotic flowers and cacti, while condors soared above canyons deeper than the Colorado Grand Canyon. At Nazca are the famous and mysterious straight lines, hundreds of metres long along with figures of birds, humans, trees not to mention a monkey and a spider. In a remote village, high in the Andes, Pax visited the local market, and we marvelled at the colours of the adobe houses, the colourful costumes and hats of the villagers as well as the vegetable and spices set out on their stalls. Out of the communal ovens came trays of baked potatoes and roasted guinea pigs eaten in Peru like we eat chicken! The Inca trail leads to the ruins of Machu Pichu that were discovered in 1911. Accompanying all these wonderful pictures was the haunting native music of Peru. Frances Jackson warmly thanked Pax for sharing his experiences with us.

Thanks to the loan of a microphone and speakers from Christ Church, we were able to hear clearly the Secretary's report, the

details of the AGM, the date of the Christmas Dinner (18th Dec at the Golf Hotel) and a report on the Neighbourhood Forum meeting attended by three members.

Sarah Hansford told us about "Open Door" which provides free lunches and a social time at St Andrews Hall every Tuesday. She told us about the Christmas Cakes she makes with all profits going to charities.

Dianne gave details of our 80th Birthday Party next May. A letter of thanks was received from the Carnival Committee for the help given by members at the Carnival in August. A report was given on the work being done in the garden at the Discovery Centre and the previous week's beach clean. Six members and Ivan Lomas filled 11 sacks of rubbish plus two buckets and a fish box. Competitions; Flower: Jean Wilson. Fancy candle: 1st Rosemary Brooks, 2nd Mary Johnson. Grocery parcels: 1st Sarah Hansford, 2nd Christine Waddel. Raffle prizes: 1st Jean Day 2nd Margaret Wise.

Our next meeting is the AGM on December 13th. Please bring a dinner plate, cutlery, bowl for dessert and a plastic bag to take home the used dishes and cutlery.

## RAFA Leek Club



Back Row: Some of the Sponsors  
Front row Prize winners L-R: Mrs C Caulfield, Mr B Todd, Mr S Hankin, Mrs J Atkinson, Mr J Robinson, Mr F Toase

Report by: Ian Caulfield

This years show was held on Saturday 9th September in the R.A.F.A club. 14 members showed leeks. Entries in the open section were down on last year because of difficult growing conditions. The show was judged by Mr Colin Johnston. The leek club is grateful for the support of the sponsors also for the help given by Mrs Sheona Nichol and the R.A.F.A club.

The main prize winners in the sections were  
1st Mr Stuart Hankin  
2nd Mrs Jenny Atkinson  
3rd Mr M Pickering  
Best leek in the show Mr S Hankin  
Highest placed lady Mrs J Atkinson  
Robin Smith Trophy for trench leek won by Mr S Hankin  
Wooden spoon Mr J Robinson  
Most improved member Mr F Toase  
Most points in show, Open pot leek ( Brian Atkinson memorial trophy ) Mr S Hankin  
Best exhibit in show ( 6 shallots ) won by Mrs C Caulfield.  
Barry Johnston memorial trophy for 6 shallots won by Mrs C Caulfield.  
Joyce Simpson memorial trophy for cut flowers won by Mr B Todd.

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Times in GMT

		Heights in metres		
	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
1ST. FRI.	0816	6.2	2036	6.7
2ND. SAT.	0912	6.6	2131	7.2
3RD. SUN.	1001	7.1	2221	7.4
4TH. MON.	1047	7.4	2309	7.5
5TH. TUES.	1131	7.5	2354	7.5
6TH. WED.	****	***	1214	7.5
7TH. THUR.	0038	7.3	1257	7.3
8TH. FRI.	0125	7.0	1340	7.1
9TH. SAT.	0209	6.6	1424	6.7
10TH. SUN.	0253	6.2	1509	6.4
11TH. MON	0340	5.7	1557	6.1
12TH. TUES.	0432	5.4	1651	5.7
13TH. WED.	0532	5.1	1754	5.4
14TH. THUR.	0640	5.1	1859	5.3
15TH. FRI.	0743	5.2	2001	5.5
16TH. SAT.	0838	5.5	2054	5.7
17TH. SUN.	0925	6.0	2141	6.1
18TH. MON.	1006	6.3	2222	6.3
19TH. TUES.	1045	6.6	2302	6.6
20TH. WED.	1123	7.0	2342	6.7
21ST. THUR.	****	***	1201	7.1
22ND. FRI.	0022	6.8	1241	7.2
23RD. SAT.	0106	7.0	1327	7.3
24TH. SUN.	0152	6.8	1413	7.3
25TH. MON.	0239	6.7	1502	7.2
26TH. TUES.	0330	6.6	1553	7.0
27TH. WED.	0424	6.3	1648	6.7
28TH. THUR.	0523	6.0	1749	6.5
29TH. FRI.	0631	5.8	1856	6.3
30TH. SAT.	0739	5.8	2005	6.3
31ST. SUN.	0847	6.1	2112	6.4

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## On the Waterfront

Report by: Tommy Legs

September was a very quiet month with only four ships. The VEDETTE with fertilizer from Ijmuiden followed by the BEN VARREY with wheat from Liverpool. The SCOT TRADER brought a cargo of paper pulp from Antwerp and finally the BEN VARREY brought a cargo of wheat from Liverpool. Fortunately, the predicted very high tide on 10th September (8.5 metres on the dock gate) passed without causing any damage.

Finally, our many thanks to Peter McDowell who has been a most competent, and obliging Shipping Agent for Silloth Port since December 1990. Peter is taking early retirement and Teena and himself and two cats are going to take up residence in Turkey. (Everyone wishes you health and happiness in your new life, we will be bringing coach trips from Silloth just to make sure that you're doing ok.) All the very best from Mr & Mrs Tommy Legs who will ensure that you get a regular supply of the "Buzz".

October proved to be the quietest month for many years, with only three vessels visiting the port. The MER was first with French wheat, followed

## Letter

Dear Buzz,  
Last week my children and their spouses were here and as I wandered into the kitchen to wash up (nowt changes) I overheard my daughter saying "Go on which was your favourite holiday of all time?" Bear in mind that they have now travelled practically the World. I nearly fell in the sink when they were agreed .....Silloth.  
Go back to 1982/3 and we had a particularly bad time of it and I felt that as a little family we needed a holiday. Problem where; with very little money? My son was six and my daughter nine so were not exactly clamouring for the Maldives or even knew where they were. Cutting a long story short I booked a caravan on Silloth Lido for the Whit holiday (cheaper). The rain it raineth all around from Easter onwards. I packed games and the inevitable pack of cards and felt a bit dismal about being cooped in a caravan for a week. As my battered car left Carlisle the sun came out. Trust me, it stayed out all week, getting hotter by the day. Our photos of the open air pool could be Malta! The nature of the site meant that my children experienced a freedom they could not in the city. Off they tramped while I busied about and they appeared each meal-time spot on. Of course we did things together and most days came into Silloth itself for shopping, the Prom or the Fun Fair. Cheggers and Wurzel Gummidge came to the Lido and they felt that they had seen true celebrities. I felt that my mind had a rest and was ready to return home strengthened but I was unaware that they too enjoyed it so much. And I don't know what is in the air at Silloth but I slept really well each night!. I was adult and felt a bit crummy and that I should have been taking them somewhere like Florida. It was a cheap option, a stopgap, it was just Silloth. I did not occur to me that as children it didn't matter how near it was. We were together having a great time. This is all that they remembered. I needn't have beaten myself up. They reminisced about the ice cream, the heat, the fun of being in a caravan. And, wait for it, a very posh meal out in our posh clothes on the last night! It was fish and chips at the Golf Hotel. Is there some sort of lesson there of things are what you make it!  
The negatives .....  
Too near family! Each day somebody came to visit, see the caravan and have a buckshee day in Silloth! Oh and the playing cards never left the suitcase.

Edna Croft

by the Ukrainian ship ZAPADNY with molasses from France and finally the UNO brought fertilizer from Holland.



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## Silloth Rugby Club Youth Training



Report by: Jimmy Lettice

Silloth Rugby Club are pleased to announce the re-launching of part of its junior section.

As there is limited funding and volunteers it has been a struggle in the past to cater for the kids in our community. Now, with coaching from Jamie Simpson and Pete Irwin the under 14's have been reformed. It is hoped to arrange some friendly games for the boys and they have started coaching on

Tuesday nights down at the club.

There are a lot of talented lads about, if we can channel their energy and skills into sport then as a community we will all benefit. They hope also to work alongside

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The Cumbria Rugby Development Co-ordinators coaching has been going well and there is always room for extra lads, no one will be turned away unless they misbehave.

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He has just been crowned Silloth Rugby Club "yard of ale" champion for the third year running. Kenny fought off some stiff opposition in all rounds of the competition. His toughest match was undoubtedly the final showdown with JJ Graham.

It was a photo finish with the maestro just pipping his mate by a short head.

## Alexander Technique

Are there any people out there who could be interested in an afternoon class on the Alexander Technique?

This is a technique where you learn to let go of unnecessary muscle tension, allowing more freedom and ease of movement. It helps

backache stress, improves posture, increases confidence, and has other advantages.

The class would be run by a qualified practitioner and would be open to all ages over 16. You would only be expected to do what you felt comfortable with

## Abbeytown Bowling Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

Abbeytown were hosts to Silloth Bowling Club, Malcolm Temple welcomed everyone and wished everyone a really friendly evening. Supper was served at half time when Abbeytown were well in front but after a lovely Buffet Silloth came back and the scores were even at the end of the match.

The raffle winners were all from Silloth: 1st Liam Elland, 2nd Sandra Grey, 3rd JOAN Lewis and 4th Brian Lewis.

Oriel Hocking thanked Abbeytown for a lovely evening and looks forward to welcoming Abbeytown at Silloth in December.

and Jackie Burrows, the tutor, would stress that you must not strain yourself in any way.

We have been going to a class where the upper age limit is in the 70's so age is no barrier.

If you are interested please contact: Bina on 31345, or Dee on 31121.

## Silloth Group Medical Practice

OPENING TIMES: 8am - 6:30pm  
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### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING FLU VACCINATIONS

We strongly recommend that all of our patients who are over the age of 65 or suffer from chronic respiratory disease including asthma, chronic heart disease or diabetes to contact the surgery to make arrangements to have a flu vaccination as soon as possible. If you are unable to visit the surgery and feel that a home visit is appropriate please let us know so that we can arrange this for you. Also if you are a carer and require a flu vaccination this offer is also open to you.

If you are not in the above category but would like to have a flu vaccination this may be possible when all of our patients who fit the above criteria have been offered a flu vaccination. Please contact the surgery towards the end of November to check if we have sufficient stock left.

### SURGERY CLOSURE

Please note that the Surgery will be closed between 1-5pm on:

- Thursday 14th December
- Tuesday 23rd January
- Wednesday 28th February
- Thursday 22nd March

This is for educational training purposes for all surgery staff.

Between the hours of 1-5pm Cuedoc will take all Emergency calls. 01228 401999

### Telephone Consultations!

We are now offering telephone consultations with the GP of your choice. If you want general advice or have a query regarding your health and feel that a trip to the surgery isn't necessary then the receptionist would be only too happy to book a time for you. Please note however that due to the pressure of work we may not be able to ring you back at a specific time.

### PATIENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY

A new national survey is to be introduced later this year. This survey will over time help the Government understand, from the patient's perspective, how well action to deliver national priorities is being implemented. The Department of Health are to randomly select patients from our patient list who have had an "access" experience between 16th July and 15th October 2006. These patients will then be sent the patient survey questionnaire to complete in early January 2007. Patient data to be extracted will include: Patients NHS Number, name, address, date of birth and gender.

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### Collection of Prescriptions

Please allow 24 hours before collecting your repeat prescription from the Surgery. Allow 48 hours if collecting from the Chemist

### CHILD IMMUNISATIONS

Please note: Child Immunisation Clinics will be held every 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings from January. Appointments will be sent out as normal.

### Don't Waste Medicines ~ THINK! ONLY ORDER WHAT YOU NEED

Overstocking of medicines wastes money and can be dangerous. Will you take all the medicines you are ordering or do you automatically order everything on your prescription? Before you ask for a repeat prescription please stop and think are you still using all the medication on your repeat prescription. If not please inform the surgery. Gillian Jones, Medicine Manager

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## A Community Savings and Loans Scheme

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The above are example amounts

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## Silloth Tennis Club

### County Champions

Some of Silloth's young Tennis players have had a very interesting summer of non-stop competitive action with a mixture of success and narrow defeats. Leading the way was nine year old Emily Wise. In August Emily took the Kendal Open title for under ten's and has since followed that up with the county under ten plate title as well as appearances in the northern semi final of the mini tennis green event and the county under 12 doubles final alongside Hannah Story. For her part Hannah was Emily's conqueror en-route to claiming the mini tennis green crown after reaching the semi finals of the county under 12 competition. The mini Tennis green competition also saw Ross Johnstone as north Cumbria champ after beating close friend Oliver Neilly in the final. The competition also

saw good performances from Luke Graham, Gareth Davenport and Adam Story who all made the quarter finals and with it qualification for the county finals in October. Ross also took the county plate title for under 12's at the county championships. Another very notable performance was that of Dawn Graham who reached the county final of the "Road to Wimbledon" where she was up against the might of Dena Daley and after a tight first set finally succumbed to the county number 2.

### North Cumbria Champions

Hannah Story and Ross Johnstone are celebrating after becoming champions of north Cumbria at mini tennis green level.

After cruising through the field Ross had to dig deep in the semi finals coming back

from 4-0 down and he had to repeat the feat in the final against good friend Oliver Neilly again coming back from a 4 point deficit to claim the title.

Hannah had a similar story with the group stages proving a stroll until the semi final where she was 5-1 down against fellow Sillothian Emily Wise, coming back to win 10-6. The final was even closer as proven by a 10-9 victory over Brampton's Katie Bell.

Other good performances to note were from Luke Graham, Gareth Davenport and Adam Story, who all made the semi finals and with it qualification for the county finals at Ulverston.

### Solway School Sports Hall

The new sports hall at Solway School is attracting the attention of the Tennis world even before it is finished!

After hearing how good the venue is likely to be, Cumbria LTA have decided to host the West Cumbrian legs of both the schools and individual Mini Tennis Red events for 2007. The move will also help establish good links with the School and enable some of its students to gain experience in umpiring and the running of such events.

### Emily Wise Wins Kendal Open

Emily Wise is celebrating after winning her first full court title.

It came in the under 10's event at the prestigious Kendal Open. In its 58th year of competition the open attracts entries from all over the country and a look at Emily's trophy sees the names of current British women's Number 4 Katie O'Brien and Lisa Sutton who are currently world ranked 257 & 515 respectively in the senior rankings.

The tournament was played in round-robin format between 5 players with Emily winning all of her matches and it will hopefully give her confidence for the up-coming County Championships.

## Silloth Rugby Club

Three Silloth players play for Cumbria League Select XV in special game at Creighton Rugby Club



Ryan Robertson, Phillip Scott, and Darren Irwin

Three of Silloth's current first team players were chosen to represent the county league fifteen against the current Creighton R.U.F.C. First Team to celebrate the opening of the fantastic clubhouse at the Carlisle club. The clubhouse was donated to Creighton by former player Fred Story and is a superb building.

It was an honour for the Silloth Rugby Club and the lads, all three players played well and got on the score sheet.



Race Car Bee by Joe Gilroy aged 6 from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Carlisle United Crazy Bee by Annabelle Brown aged 9 from Holme St. Cuthbert School



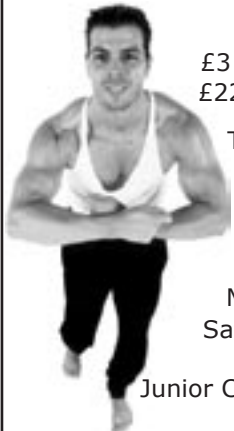
Christmas Bees by Kirsty Bell aged 5 from Silloth Primary School

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## Gordon Jameson Memorial Trophy - Solway Autograss Club

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As usual the Class 1's were the first to go. SL44 Michael Robson was impressive all day winning all his heats and the final. SL103 Paul Hodgson being runner up in all the heats and final.

Class 2's SL60 Andrew Davidson has done really well again this season taking the maximum points from the new club champion. SL12 Arthur Cunningham could not keep up the pace from the lively youngster in



Gordons' daughters and grandchildren presenting the trophy to Andrew Davidson  
L to R: Sarah, Chelsea, Paige, Victoria, Lauren, Wendy and Daniel

front of him and his frustration got the better of him in the final.

SL3 Stuart Lewthwaite who made a clean sweep of all his races led Class 3's all day. 2005 champion SL66 Mark Little did not have a good first heat but

managed second place in the final.

Next up was the Stock Hatches with so many cars available they had to be split into two races. SL626 Kevin Brough never turned a wrong wheel all day and won the final with ease.

YD40 Peter Beecroft was consistent all day and did well to beat the Solway drivers into second place in the final.

Class 6 was next to line up again they were split into two races WR106 Dave Widdup won the final but with

the memorial race only for Solway drivers we had to look at the second place driver SL476 Paul Sharp who took the reserve places all day.

Class 8's and 9's ran together along with the F600 of SL171 Peter Cobb. Although SL80 Phil Talbot had a shocking couple of heats he finally got his special into first place in the final. SL50 Steve Hartley battled all day with SL16 Mark Dalgleish swapping places in their heats but finally got the better of him beating him in the final to gain second place.

Ladies SL12 Lin Cunningham did not have a good third heat but managed to cross the line in first place. SL103 Fiona Hodgson is really doing well in her debut season winning the two heats but just could not keep SL12 behind her in the final.

Juniors have been very well supported all season and we had split them into two races. SL22 Gav Marks just needing a handful of points to take the crown again did really well considering he was not

100% fit after his recent accident. He did more than required taking the maximum 109 points. SL58 Eleanor Brown did well to take second place after having two thirds in her heats.

So now we had the finalists for the Gordon Jameson Memorial race.

Class 1 - SL44, 2 - SL60, 3 - SL3, 6 - SL476, SH - SL626, 8 - SL80, 9 - SL8. Missing was SL177. With handicap races the cars start from different carefully calculated sections of the track. Early favourites were SL80 Phil Talbot from Kendal and former holder SL60 Andrew Davidson. Lap 5 where we lost one of the favourites SL80, now we only had four cars left SL44 being the less powerful car was in fourth SL626 third SL3 in second and SL60 still leading. In the final three laps SL3 closed down on SL60 and it was a close finish at the end with SL60 taking it a cars length from SL3.

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