

## Letters

Dear Buzz,  
 May I start with saying that Mrs. P.M. Antolak's poem (August issue) was very good and that the Buzz is always a good read. I've been a visitor to Skinburness and Silloth for a few weekends and week long holidays for the past 22 years. Its a lovely place and also an excellent access point for Scotland and the lakes. My reason for writing is the hotel and that its sad to see the Skinburness hotel in such a sorry state and I have been a regular visitor to it over the years. As a youngster, I was allowed in the Skinburness Hotel's Dukes bar with my parents and remember back then it was always full and friendly. Over the last five years I must admit I have noticed a decline in customers and remember quite a few different owners since 2001. My biggest complaint was that in 2004 they stopped serving home made chips which were most tasty and I noticed the food prices escalated! In 2006 just before it closed, myself and my partner were the only two in there from 8pm until close and some nights the bar closed as early as 9pm. One thing I was thinking is that as the place is so large and there are claims the place isn't economically viable to run as an hotel

then why not compromise? Reduce the risk of this ever happening again by considering the diverse interested parties for example consider it being partitioned internally and being a pub and an old peoples home? The two could live together quite well I'd say and guarantee that the community doesn't lose its pub, lose the building and gets it back to its former glory! The recent news of interested parties is most welcoming and I hope the local community retake their pub and don't lose this wonderful historical building.

Antony Lack

Dear Buzz,  
 Just arrived back home in Littleborough from this years festival. There were seven of us and all had a great time. We've been to Silloth for three years now and it gets better every time. I would, on behalf of our party, like to thank all involved in the organization and running of the event and especially the kind, friendly folk of Silloth who once again made our trip great. Good luck to you all and we'll be back next year in larger numbers. Very Best Regards.

Dave Shepherd

Dear Buzz,  
 I intend organising a shopping trip again to Preston on Saturday 17th November, if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible and I will book a coach.

Olga M. Wood  
 1 Petteril Terrace  
 Silloth  
 Phone 31013

Dear Buzz,  
 Regarding the raised flagstone in Silloth, they are a disgrace and I know quite a few people who have had nasty falls. I myself had a nasty injury to my kneecap 6th June 2006, I was unable to walk for months and have lost the use of my knee which is still very painful. I was in hospital and had therapy for months, I reported it to the Town Council and County Council and they came and saw to it within two hours. Some flagstones are still not level and I have let them know. My solicitor has letters stating they were not informed and flagstones have to be raised 1 inch before a claim can be made. In my opinion this is ridiculous. Then again it's years since any maintenance was done, it's long overdue, Who Cares!

Olga M. Wood

Dear Buzz,  
 Thank you for the Music!  
 When you consider that all the people involved in the beer festival are volunteers and the fact that this year was without doubt the best ever presentation and professionally organised event - the really sad thing is that people in the town are still complaining. This is a letter to those who have complained. When you picked up the phone to complain did you consider that the 5,000 people who had a great time, young families, pensioners and people of Silloth Businesses enjoyed an increase in trade, how can you justify calling in the local noise control? It was a brilliant event - great music, great fun and if it kept you awake a little later than normal, was it worth complaining about? And those who refused to pay to enter? This event was top class music and entertainment and if anything we could do with more live music in the town, more events and more times when the community of young families and pensioners come together instead of complaining about everything from kids playing to people having fun. Well done to all the team who put in literally hours, days of hard work, took time off their own jobs and time away from their families to put this on for us, to the whole committee, Unpaid Bar and Security Staff, First Responders and Businesses who sponsored the event - a hearty thank you for a brilliant weekend - WE LOVED IT!

Vicky Carruthers

Dear Buzz  
 We would like to thank the organisers of the Silloth Music And Beer Festival, it was the best value for money you will ever get. The music by the local bands and the professional bands was first rate, everybody really enjoyed themselves and even with all the drink flowing there was not a bit of trouble. Once again thank you and roll on next year.

Jimmy Rose on behalf of  
 Hylton Park Caravanners

Dear Buzz,  
 I would like to ask, through your excellent newspaper, has anyone seen any red Squirrels in Silloth? On my way to the Lifeboat Station on Tuesday 4th September (at about 2pm), I had the pleasure of spotting a Red Squirrel running along the grass verge on Lawn Terrace. I followed the squirrel for some twenty metres or so, which enabled me to identify the animal, before it went into the bushes just opposite Harbour Cottage. Has anyone seen these animals in Silloth before or is this a first? If anyone does see Red Squirrels in Silloth could they please report the sightings to Northumberland Wildlife Trust Tel: 0191 284 6884 as they are collating information for the North of England. There is also a National Squirrel Sightings Hotline Tel: 0845 374 9375.

Eddie Studholme  
 Lifeboat Operations  
 Manager - Silloth

Dear Buzz,  
 With regard to the letter in the last month's edition ref. uneven pavements around the town. I can assure everyone that the Town Council are constantly pressing the Highways department of Cumbria County Council to take action. I personally have walked the town on several occasions with officers of the authority, who are aware of the problem but repeat the same line 'Budget Cuts', but also state they have received very few complaints to back up our calls for action, in other words they do not get notification of people falling. The only way to put pressure on the authority is for them to receive your written notification of every fall then maybe action will be taken. Please please send your written complaints to Cumbria Highways, Anthonne House, Harbour Business Park, Maryport. CA15 8BF. The more they get the better the results should be.

Graham Wilkinson (Mayor)

Dear Buzz,  
 I would like to say a big thank you to all of the volunteers, who made this years music and beer festival a huge success. It was nice to see all of the families and well behaved children, enjoying the Sunday afternoon in the tent. I was outside at one time watching the band in front of the Church with all age groups watching the band, it took me back to my early teens in 50's Silloth when you could not even kick a football anywhere on the green in front of the Church. We had to go behind the bushes where the rose garden is now. How times have changed, but I am sure there will be still one or two in the town who would like to go back to that time. I would like to thank Johnstone's Taxi firm and staff, who made it possible for us to get home safely after a couple of half pints. By the end of the week-end my stomach thought it was dealing with an alcoholic! All the best for next year

George Proud

Dear Buzz,  
 We would like to praise all the staff and helpers at the recent beer festival in Silloth. We are sure that everybody who attended it enjoyed it immensely. It is a great pity that some people in Silloth would like to see it end because of the so called noise, but we hope it gets all the support to perform again next year.

Frank & Hazel Graham

Dear Buzz,  
 May I take this opportunity to thank all of our friends in Silloth for their cards and kind thoughts following the sad death of my husband and soulmate, Henry. We lived here only two years and visited another seven before that. Henry spoke to everyone he met and he loved living here. My thanks to all, especially to John and Margaret.

Mrs Janette Crawford

Dear Buzz,  
 With reference to the many complaints received regarding the untidy state of the land adjacent to the Co-op at the junctions of Solway Street and Waver Street. The Town Council have written to both the Manager of the store and the head office of the Company and to date await a reply. In previous years the Council have cut the grass but due to non payments this will not be carried out, why should the rate payers of the town pay for private property maintenance for a company so big.

The Mayor

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