

Pensioners Coffee Morning



Report by: Diana Shaw

Silloth & District Pensioners Association held their first Coffee Morning of 2008 on 2nd February in the Recreation Hall.

Although a windy morning, it did not stop Silloth people from coming for their coffee and delicious home made scones and strawberry jam, all having a good chat with friends. The kitchen staff were kept busy.

The Bric-a-Brac had a bumper stall, the committee having collected items during the holiday period. Doreen Carruthers and Nan Crook were certainly

kept busy making a total of £60. A beautiful Iced Fruit Cake having been donated it was auctioned by Nan Crook making £7 for funds.

The raffle had nine lucky winners. The cake stall held a selection of delicious home made cakes manned by Doreen Mathews and Maureen Moore.

Thanks to all who helped in any way to make the morning a success which it surely was making a total of £160 for funds.

At the AGM in January Mrs Margaret Crawford was nominated for the Committee making a total of eleven

Choir in Abbeytown



Susan Clowe serving Chapel stalwart Nellie Holliday with a cup of tea

The annual evening entertainment by Silloth and Causewayhead men's choir was held in the Abbeytown Chapel on a wild and stormy night.

The weather did not stop the appreciative

audience from enjoying the fine singing. A voluntary collection amounted to £181 a vote of thanks was given by Susan Clowe.

The evening finished with Tea and Biscuits.

ladies serving.

The next Coffee Morning will be April 5th in the Recreation Hall. The Annual Trip in June will be going to Windermere, more information nearer the time.

A warm welcome awaits all new people having moved into the area at the Recreation Hall Playing Fields, Eden Street for Coffee Mornings.

Whist Drives are held every week on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm and Thursday evenings at 7:30pm.



Mayors Report

The Mayor's Report February 2008 by G. Wilkinson. The Chairman attended the Rotary Club Charter dinner.

The police report included the usual anti-social behaviour by youths in the town, theft of lead from the Pagoda roof on the green, damage to vehicles within the town and an update relating to the previous months question to the sale of vehicles on Station Road.

A presentation was given by children from Solway C.T.C. on the Mexico link in support of their application of funding in response to the £2,600 price increase, 19 students are going this year along with support staff, the council agreed to fund £1,000 of support.

Brian Irving of the Solway Coast A.O.N.B. gave a presentation relating to the proposed sign strategy whereby it is proposed to erect brown signs from the M6 North and South through to Silloth and the North Solway Coast.

Correspondence dealt with included a request asking when the road to the Rugby Club would be re-surfaced, this can not be carried out by the town council at present as we do not own the land,

negotiations are taking place and if successful action will be taken. Reports were discussed from both Allerdale B.C. and Cumbria C.C. Dog fouling was again raised and will be passed to Allerdale B.C. The public are only too aware of the need to clean up after their animal, owners have a duty to the residents and visitors alike.

Reports included: S.T.A.G. who have produced a publicity leaflet promoting Silloth, which is being distributed over a wide area by the T.I.C's. Silloth Regeneration Partnership gave an update regarding the H.L.F. bid. Ken Wannop gave an update reference to new equipment. Permission was asked and agreed for Will Stephenson to obtain both chainsaw and spraying qualifications. The Town Council was asked to make representation to Cumbria Highways to make the top end of Esk Street one way due to the lack of off street parking (area adjacent to the bungalows) this will be discussed further.

Finally the Annual Town Meeting will take place on Thursday 29th May in the Discovery Centre, the public are all welcome.

Silloth Parish Precept

Report by: Graham Wilkinson, Mayor

It is that time of the year when we have to balance the books.

Last year Silloth Town Council were able to reduce the precept, unfortunately this year the council must raise the precept due to calls on the councils finance as follows: Due to Health & Safety requirements several items within the childrens playing field on Eden Street must be replaced as the existing items are beyond repair.

Improvements to the roadway access from the Station to the pensioners hut, changing rooms, fitness centre and Rugby Club, together with the footpath to the rear of the brewery leading to Links Close.

As a council we have also been asked to help fund a signage strategy which would see major tourism signs being erected on the M6 both North and South i.e. Penrith to Carlisle with the follow on signs to encourage tourists to visit our area.

Furthermore we must raise match funding for our Heritage Lottery bid for the upgrade of the Green.

In all cases we are seeking funds such as they have received in West Cumbria from outside bodies, however these can only be gained by the town if we raise match funding for the projects from within our Parish.

As a council we aim to carry out works requested by residents however these are governed by our limited funds which can only be raised via the parish precept.

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