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# Silloth Lifeboat has been Tested and is Great



Photo by: Mick Satterthwaite

Sunday 11th January was the first opportunity for Silloth Lifeboat crew to take the new lifeboat out in challenging weather.

This is essential training, required to

ensure that when a real call-out happens and if the weather is really bad the crew can be confident they are familiar with the boat and everything they will be required to do with her. Good

weather training cannot hope to replicate the conditions found in a proper storm at sea. The new lifeboat is larger, more powerful and much better equipped than the old one so there is much

for the volunteer crew to learn and become familiar with before their services are required for real.

Steven Henderson, Coxswain, said "This boat is great, because it is

larger all round it is really comfortable and we are feeling really confident in it. It is fitted with radar, a chart plotter and VHF direction finder so we can be much more efficient in difficult conditions."

## Events 2009

Vintage Rally ~ 20/21st June

Abbeystown Carnival  
25th July

Kite Festival ~ 25/26th July

Silloth Port Anniversary Event  
8/9th August

Greenfest ~ 15/16th August

Solfest ~ 28/30th August

Silloth Carnival ~ 31st August

Silloth Beer & Music Festival  
10/13th September

## Sunset Competition Winners



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# African Adventurer

Jackie McCormick works at Silloth Primary School as a Learning Mentor. As part of furthering her experiences she is going to do four weeks voluntary work in South Africa this summer.

Although she will not be getting paid for this there is a cost for her to actually be able to do this. It is going to cost around £2,500 which includes flights, accommodation and food. Jackie will have to try and raise the money for this. Jackie organised a Bottle Bingo on 8th December at Silloth Social Club which unfortunately was not a success. Fortunately everyone had a good time. She would like to thank Ivy Donald for helping organise the books and keeping her right, Joe Crow for calling the numbers, the Social Club for letting her host it there, and her friends Anneke, Andrea, Jenny, Laura and daughter

Toni for all their help too. Jackie would not of been able to do it without you all. She also gives a special thank you to Emma Bennett who went round the rugby club at the Football Dance in December and raised £20 towards the costs.

Jackie has now organised a Race Night to be held in the Balmoral on Saturday 21st February starting at approximately 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome and all proceeds will be going towards the African Adventure. If anyone has ideas that would help her to raise money or feel you would like to make a donation, please do not hesitate to contact her. Jackie is at Silloth Primary School every day apart from Thursday.

Jackie would also like to thank Silloth Rotary Club for their kind donation and Silloth Primary School who have kindly supported her, enabling her to officially



book a place and set a date for 1st August 2009. Please come to the Race Night and again thank you to all the people who have helped me so far.

# Hair Zone 4 U

**The Next Big Thing for Hair 2009 is big hair, think Flash Dance!**

Lots of back combing, lots of height and texture with big quiffs. We will still see the Hollywood starlets look very sexy and feminine with loads of movement and deep shine. Vintage glamour, 2009 will see the plait return as an accessory (see our advert).

Colour as always is the key accessory for all styles, we predict coppers of all hues to be the new black for 2009. Sammy coloured Megan's hair with two shades of copper, with a dark brown plaited extension to give contrast for a shining result as in our advert.

Colour extensions can give a rich finish to any

style, American dream clip-in's are perfect for this as we can colour them in shades we like. This is not always possible with internet purchased extensions, we chop the clip-in's to suite you and place them for maximum effect.

For blond's in 2009 we feel softer strawberry blonds will take over from the ash and metallic of 2008. But remember, whether it's Retro or Full on Glamour, it needs to be Big to be beautiful in 2009.

Beat the credit crunch with our offer of a Parting and Crown Colour similar to Megan's for £29.50 throughout February.

Peter  
Sammy  
Emily

## RACE NIGHT

in The Balmoral on Saturday 21st February at 7:30pm all proceeds towards Jackie McCormick's African Adventure

## Arthritis Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

Mary Peile welcomed 16 members to Wheyrigg Hall for our New Year lunch, best wishes were sent to those members unable to attend due to illness or other commitments.

A lovely meal was served enjoyed by

everyone, then a draw took place with members bringing a parcel and receiving one in exchange. The next meeting at Loveday House will be on 7th February when we are looking forward to welcoming The Local Community Officer to give us advice.

## Causewayhead WI

Report by: Frances Jackson

**Beach Clean Report**  
Beach cleaning on the West Beach continues throughout the Winter, and the excesses of Christmas were walked away on December 30th.

WI members were joined by Brownies and 'WISH'es (WI Supporting Husbands) on a beautiful crisp, frosty, sunny morning. 16 bags of litter, some tyres and a traffic cone were collected. Everyone enjoyed a hot drink and the warm glow that comes from a job well done.

The total number of sacks collected in 2008 was 144; plus tyres, traffic cones, fishing net, crab pots, buckets, fish boxes, drums, a bicycle, part of a child's slide, a dead sheep,



Dead Turtle found on West Beach

and a septic tank!

Sadly a dead Loggerhead Turtle was washed up on the beach nearer to Blitterlees before Christmas. Photographs were taken and the stranding reported to the UK Cetacean and turtle strandings Investigation Program.

There have been an increase in the number of turtles strandings mainly in the South West and along the West Coast of Scotland. The Turtles get caught up in the Gulf Stream. One actually was alive when found on Islay and was subsequently released on Grand Canaria in a warmer sea.



Fireman Sam Bee by Rachel Mary Harrison from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Buzzy by Chelsea Beth Bennett from Woodfold Halse School Daventry

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# Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

**President Audrey Harrison thanked Isobel Hurst for the seasonal flower decoration on the table at the 2008 AGM.**

Freda Garner read the minutes of the 2007 AGM then several notices from the County News were read. Margaret Moore gave a very comprehensive financial report and Freda read her Secretaries report pointing out the varied programme we had enjoyed and the visitors we had entertained while we had also visited seven different WIs and been made very welcome.

Isobel Hurst moved the adoption of the reports and Pam Taylor seconded this. Audrey then gave her President's report and thanked everyone for all their help over the past year when she was away for several meetings. All the present committee agreed to carry on but no one else came forward to join so there was no election. The election for President was held and Audrey agreed to carry on. Margaret Mynes agreed to become programme secretary with the help of Elsie Donald and everyone else agreed to continue their present positions.

Freda pointed out that as we have lost a few members she had to move around the Social Groups and the Hostesses so please read your new programme to see when you will be on duty.

The Cups for the annual competitions were then presented. The winners of the Flower Cup were 1st Freda Garner, 2nd Elsie Donald 3rd Joyce Wilson with best trier Noline Foster.

The mixed competition was a tie between Freda Garner and Gladys Temple, 2nd Joyce Wilson

3rd also a tie between Elsie Donald and Audrey Harrison with best trier Margaret Moore.

A beautiful buffet supper was served and members did a Quiz about Wigton Shops and businesses provided by Gladys while eating, the winner being Audrey Harrison.

Irene Irving then read out a Quiz on the number of years since various things in the news had happened. The winner of this quiz was Margaret Mynes with Audrey and Gladys joint second.

Elsie Donald did a reading and Freda read a Pam Ayres poem.

The monthly competition was for a garland and was won by Freda Garner 2nd Joyce Wilson.

The Flower competition winner was Audrey Harrison 2nd Freda Garner.

The lucky raffle winners were Elsie Foster, Freda Garner and Gladys Temple.

The winners of the Hoopers Gala Cake competition on 11th December were Kate Lishman, Gamblesby WI and Gladys Temple Abbeytown WI who won a voucher for Lunch for two at Hoopers Restaurant.



O Bee Wan by Lee Allen from Holme St. Cuthbert School

# Silloth Children's Centre

The courses started in January will continue throughout February and the NVQ Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools Level 2 & 3 qualification started Monday 26th January and is scheduled to go on till 13th July.

This is the first wave of qualifications delivered in the Children's Centre in conjunction with local schools and extended services. We are hoping it becomes a regular occurrence.

Even though the Centre isn't manned full time we are still running courses and being flexible for anyone wishing to use our facilities. We have an answering machine installed; we don't want to miss your call.

'Tots and Toddlers' have their regular slot 10am to 11:30am on Wednesday's and again on Friday's from 1:30pm to 3pm, term time only. No need to book - just come along and have fun.

During February Half Term 16th - 20th February there is a Family Fun Session 1pm to 2:30pm in the Centre.

'Rainy Days Play Sessions' are planned for February 27th for 5 weeks from 10am to 11:30am. Do you get stuck for ideas when it comes to keeping the children entertained? Would you like to develop your creative

Steve G Bee by Finn Graham from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Monkey Bee by John Bewick from Holm Cultram Abbey School



# Prize Art Competition

## Launch of School Art Competition



**Solway Community Technology College with the support of the Solway Buzz has launched an exciting art competition for pupils of the school with 'BEES' as the subject.**

As we know from the many exciting and varied bees drawn by our Primary School children, this subject has an amazing scope for interpretation. The categories for entries are as follows:

- Computer generated
- 2 Dimensional
- 3 Dimensional.

There are some excellent prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each of the three

- categories.
- 1st prize in each section is a waterproof hydra plus 2000 jacket.
- 2nd prize in each section is a soft shell jacket.
- 3rd prize in each section is an

outdoor fleece.

All prizes are very kindly sponsored by Carlisle Embroidery Limited who have always supported the Solway Buzz and we are very grateful for their continuing support.

We are still hoping to find other sponsors, anyone willing to help should contact Peter at the Solway Buzz.

The closing date for entries is Friday the 3rd



April and judging will be held on Tuesday 21st April. We are very grateful to our judging panel which consists of the course leader for the Access to Higher Education Diploma in Art and Design from the University of Cumbria, a member of Silloth Town Council and also a School Governor.

We would love to see as many entries as possible, so get your thinking caps on! If you have any queries please speak to Miss Williams, Head of Art in Solway Community Technology College as she will be more than happy to assist.

skills? Why not book onto this Free course - it will benefit parents who have children aged between 2 to 5 years. A free crèche is available for children over 6 months, this must be booked when you book your place

on the course, using the contact details above.

Looking to next month - there will be a representative from Job Centre Plus on Thursday 5th March 9:30am to 11:30am. This is a confidential drop in to be

held in the One to One room in the Centre.

If you need any further information on any of the courses mentioned please do not hesitate to call Jenny Lunney on 016973 31230 or 016973 22777.

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Abbeytown mobile library will stop outside the Wheatsheaf Inn at 1pm for an hour every Monday

## Silloth Library

### Opening Hours:

Monday 2 p m - 6 p m  
 Tuesday c l o s e d  
 Wednesday 11 am - 1:30pm  
 2:30pm - 5pm  
 Thursday 11 am - 1:30pm  
 2:30pm - 5pm  
 Friday 11 am - 1:30pm  
 2:30pm - 5pm  
 Saturday 10am - 12noon

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## Regular Weekly Events

**Mondays**  
 Bingo - Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:15pm

**Tuesdays**  
 Silloth Open Door Group, Pop-In Lunch from 12-1pm @ St. Andrews Hall for donation  
 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 & Car Boot - Silloth Airfield 10am to 4pm  
 RNLI - Exercise @ 10am  
 Bingo - Bowling Club, Eden Street @ 7pm

## Production Team

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 This is down to you, we can only publish items if you send them to us.  
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 We will accept letters, faxes or emails, but we do prefer emails as we do not have a typist to type your articles out.  
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 Peter McRobert with the support of the whole community and an army of volunteers.

## Silloth RNLI Shop

### Shop Opening Hours

The shop will close mid December and reopen at Easter. Many thanks to all who have supported us.



## Silloth Tots & Toddlers

Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in the Childrens Centre, Silloth from 14th January and is open to all children aged from 0 to 4.

Sessions are on:  
 Wed: 10pm to 11:30am  
 and  
 Fridays: 1:30am to 3pm  
 term time only  
 Entry is £1 per family and this includes refreshments  
 All Welcome  
 Call in for a friendly chat

**Do you have an event in the area bounded by Abbeytown, Mawbray, Silloth, Skinburness, if so please let us know.**

## Useful Tel Numbers

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 Community Grants: 01900 325013  
 Crime Stoppers: 0800 555 111  
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 Dentist, Steel: 016973 32042  
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 Mawbray: 01900 881242  
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 Abbeytown: 016973 61261  
 MP, Tony Cunningham: 01900 65815  
 Silloth Library: 016973 32195  
 NAP: 01900 702898  
 Neighbourhood Forum: 01900 325013  
 Police: 08453300247  
 Quakers, Wigton: 01228 523174  
 Register Office, Wigton: 01228 223447  
 Samaritans: 01228 544444  
 Silloth Community School: 016973 31234  
 Silloth Nursery & Junior School: 016973 31243  
 Silloth Town Clerk: 016973 31128  
 Allerdale B. Council: 01900 702702  
 Silloth Tourist Information Centre: 016973 31944  
 Solway Buzz: 016973 32180  
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 Water LeakLine: 0800 33 00 33

This section is for your convenience, so please, let us know what you want included, also any changes to numbers.

## January

22nd Soup Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

29th Soup Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

31st The Ventriloquists Silloth Social Club in aid of Silloth RNLI, tickets £3  
 Tel: Sue Draude 016973 32313

## February

2nd Silloth Town Council meeting

5th Soup Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

7th Crunch service at Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

16th Starship Discovery Holiday Bible Club in Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Eden Street from 10am to noon for children aged 4 to 11, free entry for fun, games & crafts

17th Starship Discovery Holiday Bible Club in Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Eden Street from 10am to noon for children aged 4 to 11, free entry for fun, games & crafts

18th Starship Discovery Holiday Bible Club in Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Eden Street from 10am to noon for children aged 4 to 11, free entry for fun, games & crafts

## Football Training

**Silloth Football Club**  
 All training takes place at the Sports Hall

### Times 2009

Under 7's  
 Friday 3:30 to 4:30pm  
 Contact Stephen Hart 31517

Under 9's  
 Monday 5:30 to 6:30pm  
 Contact Melanie Irving 32850

Under 10's  
 Monday 4:30 to 5:30pm  
 Contact Kevin Dixon 31954

Under 12's  
 Thursday 4:00 to 5:30pm  
 Contact Derek Wallace 32050

Under 14's  
 Friday 5:30 to 7pm  
 Contact John Gibson 32627

Under 16's  
 Wednesday 8 to 9:30pm  
 Contact Colin Baty 31297

Girls Under 12's  
 Wednesday 4:30 to 5:30pm  
 Contact Jennifer Bell 32291

Open to boys and girls.  
 Membership forms available from all coaches.

### Men's Training at the Sports Hall

Tuesday  
 7:30pm to 9pm  
 Contact Colin Baty 31297

## February cont'd

19th Abbeytown Flower Club, AGM, 016973 61055

19th Starship Discovery Holiday Bible Club in Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Eden Street from 10am to noon for children aged 4 to 11, free entry for fun, games & crafts

20th Starship Discovery Holiday Bible Club in Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Eden Street from 10am to noon for children aged 4 to 11, free entry for fun, games & crafts

24th Solway Coast Forum

## March

2nd Silloth Town Council meeting

5th Church Anniversary Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

5th Skinburness Residents Association AGM in the Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm

6th Country Music Festival at Stanwix Park tel: 016973 32666

7th Crunch service at Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am

7th Country Music Festival at Stanwix Park tel: 016973 32666

8th Country Music Festival at Stanwix Park tel: 016973 32666

## April

3rd Dalston Male Voice Choir at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth

6th Silloth Town Council meeting

10th Good Friday

13th Easter Monday

18th Curry Night in aid of Silloth RNLI at 7pm in St Andrews Church Hall details in next edition

Errors do occur in Dates for the Diary Please check before attending an event

## May

4th May Bank Holiday

7th Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth

11th Silloth Town Council meeting

25th Spring Bank Holiday

## June

1st Silloth Town Council meeting

6th Silloth Lifeboat baming ceremony at 11am

20th Vintage Rally on Silloth Green

21st Vintage Rally on Silloth Green

## July

2nd Summer Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

6th Silloth Town Council meeting

9th Summer Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

16th Summer Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

23rd Summer Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

25th Silloth Kite Festival on Silloth Green

25th Abbeytown Carnival

26th Silloth Kite Festival on Silloth Green

30th Summer Sandwich Pop-in at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth 11:45am to 1pm

## August

3rd to 16th Port History Exhibition @ Silloth Discovery Centre

8th 150th Anniversary Events at Silloth Dock from 10am to 5pm

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15th Greenfest on Silloth Green

## August cont'd

16th Greenfest on Silloth Green

28th Solfest 2009 www.SolwayFestival.co.uk

29th Solfest 2009 www.SolwayFestival.co.uk

30th Solfest 2009 www.SolwayFestival.co.uk

31st Silloth Carnival

## September

7th Silloth Town Council meeting

10th Silloth Beer & Music Festival 2009 featuring Bullfrogs

11th Silloth Beer & Music Festival 2009 featuring Nine Below Zero Tantrum

12th Silloth Beer & Music Festival 2009 featuring T.Rextasy Stereotonics The Evidence

13th Silloth Beer & Music Festival 2009 featuring 'Oasish' tribute

## October

5th Silloth Town Council meeting

## November

2nd Silloth Town Council meeting

6th Country Music Festival at Stanwix Park tel: 016973 32666

7th Country Music Festival at Stanwix Park tel: 016973 32666

8th Country Music Festival at Stanwix Park tel: 016973 32666

## December

6th Silloth Town Council meeting

# Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered sports shirt to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and £5 Gift Voucher.

So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Send them in to the address on this page and a quality Solway Buzz

embroidered sports shirt from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.

This month the winner is Owen Newbury from Silloth Primary School with a bee called "Bee Cool".



You don't have to be at school here to send a bee to us. If you are here on holiday we would love to receive your bee drawing, just tell us your name, where you are from and where you are staying. You will find our address on page 4.

**Copy Date** →

Copy date for the April issue  
 If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note that the next copy date is:  
 1st March 2009



# Causewayhead WI

## Report by: Patricia Froggatt ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Causewayhead WI took place on Wednesday 10th December at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth.

President Pat Bell welcomed members to the meeting and invited everyone to partake of the supper provided and served by the Committee. This consisted of sausage, mash, and mushy peas followed by various fruit crumbles and rice pudding.

The general business followed commencing with the minutes of the last meeting which were accepted by the membership. Secretary, Jean Vorley, then gave her annual report outlining the various events which had taken place during the year, including the birthday party in May and the visit to the Post Office in September plus a précis of the various speakers who had entertained us throughout the year.

Treasurer, Ann Harrison, gave her report which included the money raised from the Plant Stall at the two events in which Causewayhead had participated. It was evident from her report that the balance sheet was in a healthy position.

President, Pat Bell, presented her report, thanking various members for the work they had put in during the year, particularly the organisation of the

programme and for the arranging of the plant stall and the beach cleaning operations.

Frances Jackson gave a resume of the Beach Cleaning operations and thanked members who had assisted with this. She particularly outlined various odd items which had been collected off the beach, i.e. a septic tank. A total of 16 beach cleans had taken place during the year.

Jean Graham stated that members would like to make a contribution towards the meal which had been provided by the Committee.

During the evening voting had been taking place for the Committee and at a previous meeting it had been agreed that the number of members on the committee should be 11. The result of the voting and new committee was as follows:

- Pat Bell
- Margaret Crawford
- Margaret Durham
- Pat Froggatt
- Ann Harrison
- Olga Hetherington
- Frances Jackson
- Dorothy Maxwell
- Diane Shaw, Jean Vorley
- Sue Wilson

The meeting was informed that practice for the Darts competition would commence on Tuesday 6th January at 7pm at the RAFA Club.

Competitions:  
Flower: Frances Jackson and Rosemary Brooks  
Competition: Jean Day

Grocery Parcels:  
Pat Froggatt, Jean Gibson and Liz Telford

Raffle: Pat Bell and Sonya

The Annual Xmas Dinner took place at The Gincase on Friday 12th December and was a huge success. The meal was excellent and thanks go to the staff at the Gincase for the service and presentation of the meal.

The entertainment was provided by Sylvia and Jennifer who delighted everyone with their vocals and choice of songs. Everyone gave enthusiastic applause and joined in many of the songs. It was a night to remember.

# After the Storm

This photograph from 1945/1946 shows the aftermath of a severe storm. It is taken from a photo album by L. Hargreaves. It also shows the presence of an AIR RAID SHELTER. Was this for the house or a look out for Home Guard?

The modern concrete promenade gives lots of protection.



Bee Festival by Macy Baker from Silloth Primary School



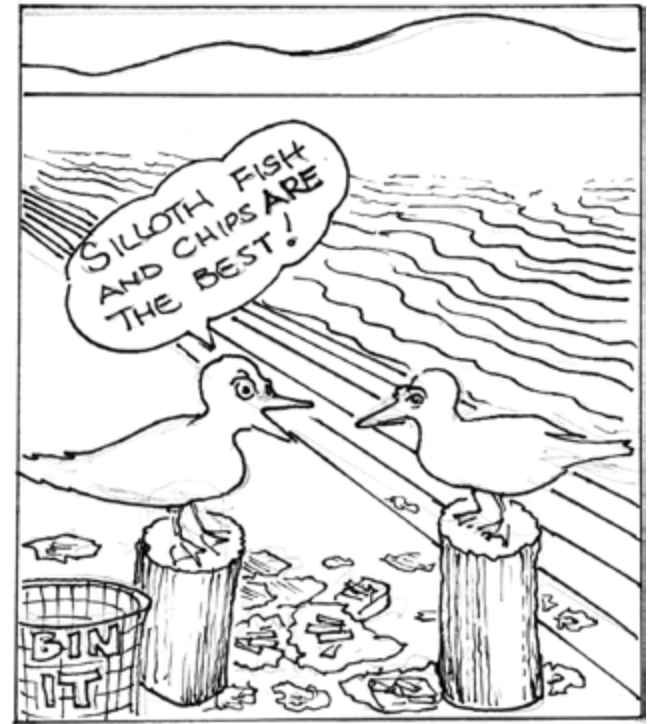
# Sudoku

The Sudoku competition has been temporarily suspended, it will hopefully be restarting during the summer of 2009.

As stated in the last issue of the Solway Buzz, our sponsors Johns Plai

generously offered three prizes of a fish supper meal for two in the Johns Plai Restaurant.

The winners of the issue 71 competition are; R Bell, Silloth  
J Potter, Newton Arlosh  
R Gray, Silloth.



# Abbeytown MU

Report by: Gladys Temple

Rev. David Tembey began the meeting with a Service in the Ambulatory based on listening, with the carol In the bleak mid winter, wonder and the carol Away in a Manger trust and faith with O Come All ye faithful.

After this very thought provoking talk everyone retired to the coffee shop for a sumptuous buffet after which there were several poems and readings by various members.

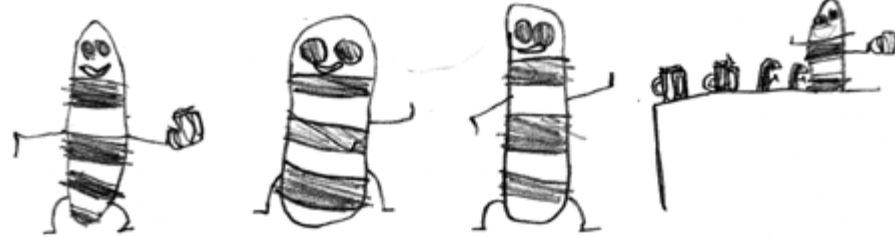
The next meeting will be the AGM on 28th January 2009.

# On the Waterfront

December was another quiet month with only four ships visiting the dock.

The first was the CURLEW with wheat from Cowes, followed by the BEN VARREY with wheat from Liverpool and the NORDICA HAV brought wheat from Rostock.

Finally the tanker ZAPADNYY brought molasses from Bremen.



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# Colour in the Library



Pictured above are some of the Christmas pictures coloured in by our junior members.  
Well done to you all. Special congratulations go to Jake Baty and Nathan Gray whose picture was "picked out of the hat". Each received a selection box.

# Monday Luncheon Club

Report by:  
Lawrence Marshall

Silloth Primary School kindly invited the Luncheon Club to join the children for their Christmas dinner at the school on 10th December.

The children were waiters and waitresses and they looked after us very well. The meal was top class and we are grateful to kitchen manager Val Hutchinson and her staff who also provide the food during the school term for our voluntary helpers to serve our diners.

The club held its Christmas dinner at Wheyrigg Hotel on Monday 15th December. Eighteen diners and helpers enjoyed an

excellent three course meal. A sing-a-long of carols and songs finished off the party.

During the school holidays The Good Companions care home invite the club to have their weekly meal with them. This is appreciated and means that the weekly meal is throughout the year. They also invited the club to join them at their Christmas party. Thanks go to the volunteer Community bus drivers and the lady servers at the Monday meal who are organised by Mrs Betty Walton.

We were all very saddened to hear Josie Fiddy had passed away between Christmas and

New Year. Josie was a real character at the luncheon club with her witty remarks and her knowledge of Silloth was remarkable due to her long life.

For information about the Monday luncheon club contact Lawrence Marshall on 016973 31257.

Ganster Bee  
by  
Liam Cockbain  
from  
Holm Cultram Abbey School

# Angels & Shepherds



On Sunday 14th December Silloth Evangelical church hosted their annual Christmas family service.

This was presented by the children of the church's Tuesday Bunch midweek club (which meet at 5:30 to 7pm every Tuesday). This

year's theme was the role of angels in the nativity story with girls dressing as angels and the boys as shepherds.

The programme involved the children singing. Rebecca Carter, Alice Davidson and Merrick Adams led the prayers whilst Poppy Rumney read

the scriptures. Josh Davidson, Blane Marshall & Tarn Rumney took part in a comedy sketch, and the service finished with a short animated film based on the popular TV show the X Factor titled "The Angel Who Couldn't Sing."

The fellowship at Silloth Evangelical church would like to thank everyone who came along to support this event and sample the mince pies afterwards - family, friends and our Mayor and his wife for once again supporting us.

If anyone requires further information concerning the Tuesday Bunch please contact either David & Dorinda Temple (33095) or Averil Hodgson (31711).



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# Naming Ceremony



Report & Photo by:  
Eddie Studholme  
Silloth Station Manager

The naming ceremony  
for Silloth's new Atlantic

85 lifeboat "Elaine and Don Wilkinson" B-828 is to be held on Saturday 6th June 2009 at 11am.

# Mayors Report

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that over the festive season he had attended several functions including four carol services.

PC Andy Robertson gave a briefing on the new crime mapping system now up and running on the web, which gives comparisons over set periods for each area of the county. He also stated that at present there are three persons restricted under the pub watch scheme within Silloth.

Correspondence dealt with included a large document from Communities and Local Government entitled Real People Real Power Code of Practice - a consultation. Cumbria Highways outlined their proposals for Village Gateway signing on the Silloth to Maryport road in conjunction with the A.O.N.B.

Committee Reports included the allotments where at present there are 12 residents on the waiting list, it was

also noted that several pigeon lofts are out of use. Recently the area has suffered again from flooding, however this could be caused by a rise in the water table as much of the surrounding land including Hylton Park Caravan site has suffered the same fate.

Reports from Representatives; The Primary School is doing very well and are looking to extend the hall. Silloth Regeneration are awaiting the outcome of the Heritage Lottery Bid for the Green project, which should be known by the end of March. North Allerdale Development Trust are proceeding through the formation of a company with an application for charity status, setting budgets and proceeding towards the appointment of a Trust Manager. The report from Allerdale Councillors outlined the ongoing debate regarding joint working with Carlisle City, there will be no early resolution to this matter. The County

Councils report related to the proposal for waste management whereby there will be a recycling centre in the Carlisle area and one in the Barrow area, whereby all materials that cannot be recycled will be formed into pellets for use in power stations with very little waste going into land fill, which is heavily taxed by the government.

Discussions were held regarding the provision of several holdings on the land to the rear of Skiddaw Close. Whilst planning approval was given several years ago Allerdale B.C. who own the land cannot come to agreement with Derwent and Solway as to a price, furthermore there can be local occupancy attached to the development which this council feels is wrong.

Estimates were discussed for the surfacing of roadways and parking area adjacent to the sports field and pension hut, a contract has been awarded whereby the work should be undertaken shortly.

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## SRA AGM

Skinburness Residents Association is holding its Annual General Meeting on the 5th March 2009 at the Golf Hotel, starting at 7:30pm.

Simon Boniface, SRA Chairman said "If you are a resident in Skinburness, please make every effort to attend as it is your association! I look forward to seeing you there."

Although the Hotel is scheduled to be open, if it is still closed for renovation on that date please check with Simon on 016973 33169 for up to date information on the location of the meeting.

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# Silloth OAP's Party



Report by: Maureen Irving

Silloth and District O.A.P. Christmas Party was once again held in Stanwix Park where 120 pensioners enjoyed a lovely tea of Turkey and Ham salad followed by Trifle and Cream Cakes.

Entertainment was provided by Silloth Primary school Choir, Danny and Joan Holmes provided the dance music with singing by Rose.

They were all thanked for making the party a big success, thanks also to the Stanwix family for their help in preparing the lovely venue.



Longest Married Couple:

Mrs D. Shaw, chairperson, thanked the non committee members for all their help over

the year. Special thanks to Judith Jameson for purchasing and wrapping the lovely raffle presents.



Libby the Librarian Bee by Molly Thomas from Holme St. Cuthbert School



Flower Bee by Jenna Henderson from Holme St. Cuthbert School

# Open Door @ Christmas

Report by: Sarah Hansford

## What we can do for others

The Open Door Group was established in September 2006. More than forty people attend our free lunch every Tuesday at St Andrew's Hall 12noon - 1pm. Only voluntary donations are accepted.

This year we had Christmas dinner twice (not enough room for one sitting). Total for both Christmas dinners was one hundred and forty people. The ladies choir from Whitehaven sang at the first sitting, there was also a Christmas play, singing and instrumental music. At the second sitting we had Paul Calvert and Nabeel Hamouz from Bethlehem. Father Christmas also dropped in!

We had a hamper, which was raffled and won by Patricia Rowell. The "Guess what is inside the box" competition was Elsie Murray.

The Open Door Group



sends a big thank you to all who gave things and those who helped on that day. We are very grateful to the Silloth community for supporting our group.

Everyone please note we have now closed for Christmas and New year. We will be re-opening on 3rd February. All welcome.

If you have anything which you no longer want, you can give it to Open Door. Open Door only operates with your faithful donations and support.



Dorothy presenting prizes to Pat & Elsie



Nabeel Hamouz & Paul Calvert from Bethlehem



# Six foot Conger Eel!



Report & Photo by: Belinda Darrington and Phil Elliott

We went for a Boxing Day walk on the beach and came across this huge

dead conger eel!

We estimate it to be around 6' long. We assume they are a normal feature of the Solway, but it gave us a fright as we

have never seen anything like this on the beach before!

I don't think I'll be going swimming here if it still has living relations!



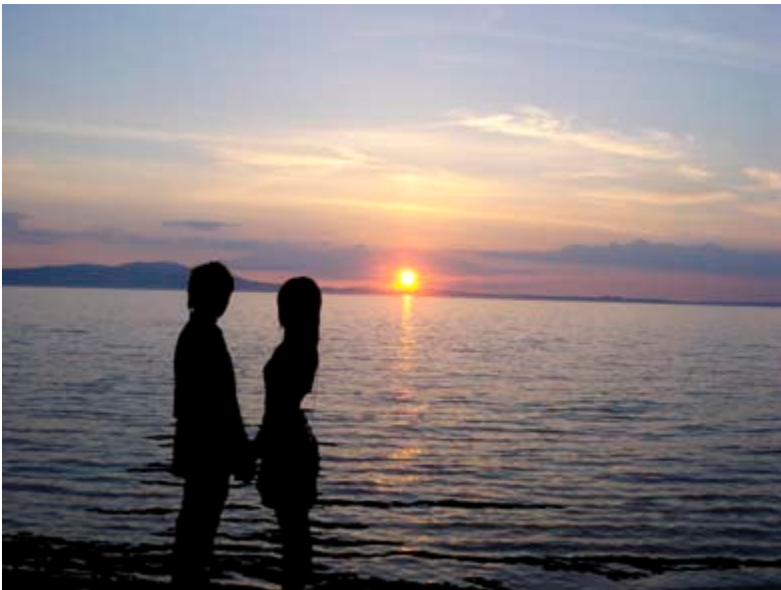
# S.T.A.G. Sunset Competition Winners



Adult Third place by Peter Cusack from Silloth



Adult First place by Susan McNeil from Oulton



Junior First place by Bradley Johnstone from Silloth (15)



Junior Second place by David Christopher Reay from Washington (13)



Adult Second place by Rob Twaddle from Whitley Bay

The first ever STAG (Silloth Tourism Action Group) photographic competition has produced an outstanding selection of photographs.

There were a total of 223 entries from all over the British Isles and the standard of entry

amazing. Judging was done in two phases with members of STAG creating a shortlist of around 30 photographs and the final judging being done by the Mayor of Silloth Graham Wilkinson.

STAG are considering

having another photo competition this year on a different theme, please send your theme suggestions to the Solway Buzz.

Winners Prizes:  
**Susan McNeil** wins £49 portrait voucher from Photography by Peter  
**Rob Twaddle** wins £20 Caravan Care voucher

**Peter Cusack** wins £20 Golf Hotel meal voucher  
**Bradley Johnstone** wins £50 voucher  
**David Christopher Reay** wins £20 voucher



# Holm Cultram Abbey



Report & Photo by:  
Judy Williamson

Holm Cultram Abbey Christingle Service was held on Christmas Eve.

The Service was special because it was held inside the Abbey, which was lit by Candle Light, the Congregation came wrapped up warm,

and enjoyed the Service and Singing Carols.

The Service was led by Margaret Hancock. Andrew Norman was the Reader and Sarah Norman lit the Advent Candles. Children from the School did a Nativity Play while Margaret Hancock sang

and played her Guitar. Margaret also played her Violin while Rev David Tembey and helpers handed a hundred Christingle Candles out to the Children who had packed the Abbey for the Service.

The Abbey looked beautiful in the Candle

light and the Rev David Tembey then blessed the Christingles and thanked Margaret for leading the Service. Special thanks also to Maureen, Eileen and everyone else who helped make the Christingles and prepare the Abbey for the Service.

# We Need More Bees

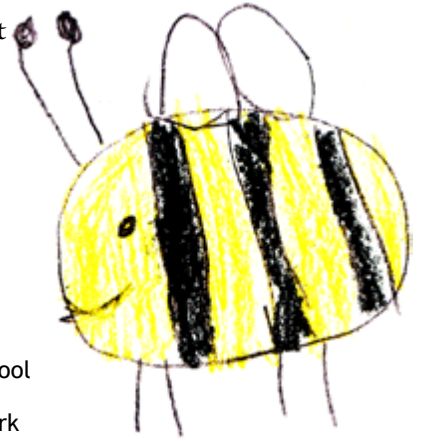
**Help.....**  
The Solway Buzz needs more Bees, especially from Primary School Children.

**Can you help?**  
Send your bees to the Buzz (address on page 4), please don't fold the bee. The easy and cheaper way is to call into the Discovery Centre on Petheril

Beatrice the Bee by Hannah Standley from Freckleton CofE School staying at Stanwix Holiday Park

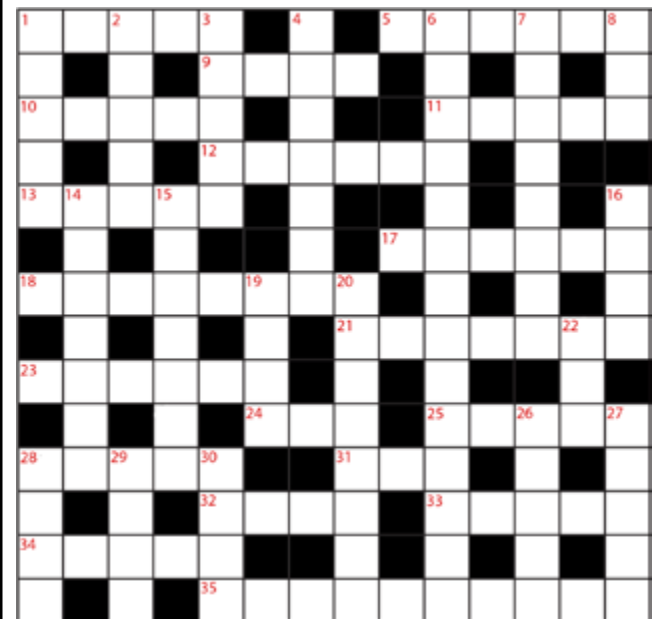
Street (entry is free) and ask for a bee form, your kids can then draw their bee and you can leave it at the centre who will pass it on to the Buzz.

**Go on, you can help....**



# Crossword

Crossword puzzle created by Mycroft



Across

- 1 Range (5)
- 5 Appear (6)
- 9 Dry (4)
- 10 Knock down (5)
- 11 Lowest point (5)
- 12 Rural (6)
- 13 Foe (5)
- 17 Courage (6)
- 18 Feud (8)
- 21 Bag (7)
- 22 Matler (6)
- 24 Rocky Peak (3)
- 25 Refute (5)
- 28 Amend (5)
- 31 Curve (3)
- 32 Eager (4)
- 33 Asian Country (5)
- 34 Fear (5)
- 35 Use (10)

Down

- 1 Faux Pas (5)
- 2 N. American Animal (5)
- 3 Wait (5)
- 4 Disagree (7)
- 6 Premiership football club (14)
- 7 Town in Midlands (8)
- 8 Hearing organ (3)
- 14 Necessary (7)
- 15 Reconcile (7)
- 16 Stagger (4)
- 19 Acid (4)
- 20 Moulding (8)
- 22 Large bird (3)
- 26 Shift (5)
- 27 Characteristic (5)
- 28 Mountain Range (4)
- 29 Flavour (4)
- 30 Contest (4)

Answer to issue 71 crossword & prize winner



The winner of issue 71 crossword was Joyce Hosker from Silloth. There are no prizes for future crosswords.

# Christmas at Holme St. Cuthbert



Report by:  
School Headmistress

On December 18th the children of Holme St. Cuthbert School took part in their Christmas nativity production "Witnesses".

The Rev David Tembey welcomed everyone to the church which provided a beautiful venue for this celebration of Christmas. Family and friends filled Holme St. Cuthbert Church and were entertained by some wonderful singing, impressive acting and lovely costumes.

Paul Blackburn played a roving reporter who interviewed those characters who were witnesses to events in

Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. Mrs Winnie Bell, who later won the raffle prize of a Christmas hamper, said it had been an excellent performance that everyone had enjoyed immensely.



Photos by: Bill & Winifred Allan

A generous collection was shared between Shelter and The Children's Society.

After the performance families enjoyed coffee and mince pies at the school.

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# Tide Tables

Times of High Water at Silloth  
Courtesy of A.B.P. Silloth, Times in GMT

FEBRUARY 2009		SILLOTH							
		DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE							
		High Water				Low Water			
Date		Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	SU	03 07	6.7	15 30	7.0	09 52	-0.2	22 15	-0.2
2	M	03 49	6.4	16 16	6.6	10 30	0.1	22 56	0.1
3	TU	04 41	6.0	17 15	6.1	11 21	0.4	23 52	0.4
4	W	05 48	5.5	18 28	5.6			12 33	0.7
5	TH	07 09	5.3	19 50	5.6	01 15	0.7	14 08	0.6
6	F	08 33	5.7	21 12	6.0	02 48	0.5	15 39	0.2
7	SA	09 44	6.4	22 17	6.6	04 10	0.1	16 52	-0.3
8	SU	10 39	7.2	23 08	7.3	05 15	-0.4	17 52	-0.8
9	M	11 27	7.7	23 54	7.7	06 10	-0.8	18 45	-1.3
10	TU			12 11	8.2	06 58	-1.1	19 32	-1.6
11	W	00 37	7.8	12 55	8.3	07 42	-1.2	20 15	-1.6
12	TH	01 21	7.8	13 37	8.2	08 23	-1.2	20 55	-1.4
13	F	02 00	7.6	14 17	7.8	09 01	-1.1	21 31	-1.1
14	SA	02 38	7.3	14 56	7.4	09 35	-0.8	22 03	-0.7
15	SU	03 15	6.9	15 34	6.7	10 08	-0.4	22 36	-0.2
16	M	03 54	6.2	16 15	6.1	10 43	0.1	23 12	0.4
17	TU	04 38	5.6	17 05	5.3	11 28	0.5		
18	W	05 37	5.0	18 20	4.6	00 03	0.8	12 31	0.9
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20	F	08 42	5.1	21 19	5.1	02 30	1.0	15 17	0.8
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MARCH 2009		SILLOTH							
		DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE							
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Cheeky Bee  
by  
Bryony Sturrock  
from  
Holm Cultram  
Abbey School

# Charter Mark

Council team cleans up with Charter Mark Allerdale Borough Council's Environmental Health team is celebrating a clean sweep after retaining its Charter Mark Award for the ninth year running. The award is given by Government as a reward for excellent customer service and is issued on behalf of the Cabinet Office.

The Unit first received the award in 2000 and has just received confirmation that it has retained the honour following detailed reassessments.

To obtain the award, Environmental Health staff from the Council had to submit a written application and undergo a two-day assessment visit.

Councillor Sam Standage, Allerdale Borough Council Executive member with responsibility for Environmental Health, said: "The Council's Environmental Health Unit is the only environmental health team in the county to hold this award. To maintain the grade continuously since 2000 is a great achievement which should give the public confidence that they receive excellent customer service. The high level of compliance with the assessment criteria shows that the service is continuing to improve."

The Council's Environmental Health Services manager Peter Daley said: "This award is good news for the staff

Poem Footsteps  
by Patricia Antalok

*They often walked along the shore  
The man and child of almost four  
They watched the ebbing of the tide  
And saw the imprints of their feet,  
Beside each other, on the new washed sand*

*Her own soft fingers found his hand,  
They talked and walked along the sand  
So newly washed by rippling waves  
Which found their way through rocks and caves  
So deep and dark*

*Sometimes she would run ahead  
Would laugh and squeal, would not be led  
Would gather shells and tiny things  
Left by the tide it often brings  
To shed upon the shore*

*Of this she tired - The sand now gone  
And in its place sharp stones beyond  
To cut and bruise those tender feet,  
Or cause a fall, or sometimes is meet  
Out some other harmful wrong*

*So turning homeward they would follow  
Their printed tracks through pool and hollow  
Until she stopped, and cried aloud  
"Where are my tracks they've disappeared"  
Her head was bowed in loss of her identity*

*"Come child, remember I am always there  
To carry you; and that I care,  
You cannot see your footprints here  
On stony places which you fear  
It's then that I will carry you"*



working in the unit. It is independent recognition of their ongoing hard work and dedication in carrying out the difficult job of balancing their enforcement role with providing advice to a diverse range of customers.

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# Poems

Poem Johnny Liar Gets His Revenge

Save The Pig  
by Wings



*Now you've heard about Johnny Graham  
The world's biggest liar to boot  
How he was held captive in pigsty by porker  
And made to look daft as a coot.*

*Next day the porker was sorry  
"I shouldn't make sport in this way  
So what I will do for thee farmer  
I'll treat you to an 'away day'"*

*We will both go down to the Silloth  
We will visit the Beer Festival tent  
Drink beer and dance to the music,  
Bring some money 'cause all mine is spent!"*

*Said John, "You've got the cheek of the devil  
But I suppose you are due a day out  
Get dressed up nice in your finest  
And don't forget to powder your snout"*

*Pig put on dress of fine tulle  
A handbag and necklace in place  
Off they went together to the dancing  
With a smile spread all over her face*

*Now John is a fine country dancer  
As Dennis Westmorland would plainly attest  
But pig could frolic and two step  
Her boss nova, plainly the best.*

*The pig would quick step and samba  
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*"Your dancing is good for a porker"  
Said John "but I wonder how  
Tha'll manage next year with peg leg?"  
Mrs porker stood and furrowed her brow*

*"Why would I have a peg leg?  
A peg leg is made of wood"  
So why am I needing a peg leg  
When all four of my trotters are good?"*

*John said, "I'm not for taking offences  
At pigs that take master for joke  
But whilst forgiving what you've been up to  
I still like my nice leg of pork.*

*So next year when thou comes to the dancing  
Telling all how I almost fell on my bonce  
Just remember that true fine old adage,  
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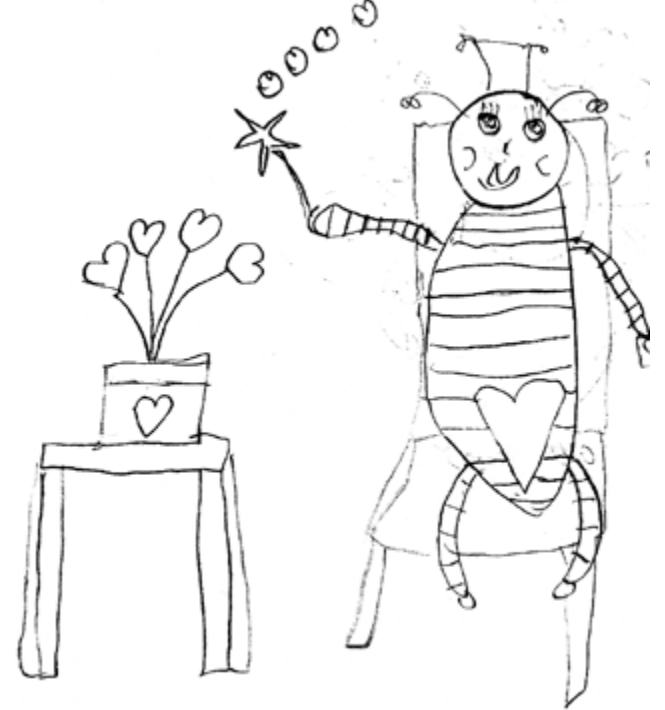
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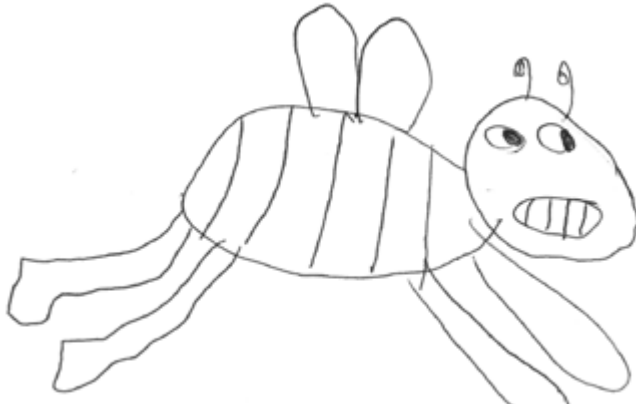
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# New Year Celebration Dip Picture Story



Photos by: Eddie Studholme

L-R: Callum Findlay, Steven Wright, Victoria Robinson, Simon Nichol & Johnstone Foster

A few brave members of Silloth Lifeboat Crew went in for their New Years dip on Sunday 4th January. They were joined by well known local taxi operator Johnstone Forster who decided to save on his water bill by having his annual bath in the Solway.



Victoria Robinson required just a little encouragement from Steven Wright.



They stayed in the water approximately 3 seconds!



However, Victoria certainly felt triumphant afterwards and so she should be. Next year, lets see a crowd of swimmers. Well done to them all.



Clown Bee by Sophie Connolly from Holme St. Cuthbert School

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# Silloth Wind Farm

Report by: SOSAC

## Wind Turbines Park Head Farm Silloth

The Public Inquiry for the appeal made against the refusal to grant Planning Consent for 'Erection of four wind turbines and associated infrastructure and services including site road, crane pads, substation control building and temporary construction compound'.

The Public Inquiry is to be held at The Wave, Irish Street, Maryport, Cumbria CA15 8AD for four days starting at 10am on Tuesday 3rd February to Friday 6th February 2009.

Many of you have written your objections,

both to Allerdale Borough Council and the Inspector appointed by the First Secretary of State. It is now time to show how strongly you disapprove of the planned Wind Turbines by attending this inquiry. Doing this you will show the inspector how strongly you feel. The more people who can attend particularly on the first day will show the Inspector we really care for our beautiful area. If you wish to speak, it is essential that you attend when the inquiry commences.

Remember this will be your last chance to stop this application!

# Abbeytown Flower Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

Ruth Pinguey welcomed 24 members to the Kelsay Hotel for the Abbeytown Flower Club New Year Party.

A tasty meal was well served then Olive Reed gave out quiz sheets about flowers. Marion Jefferson, Audrey Harrison and Ruth Pinguey all got 20 out of 20 and received prizes. Several other members also received prizes. In the meantime three

parcels were passed round to feel and guess what was in them. The tea-bag holder was won by Lesley Hope, the spoon rest by Angela Garner and the garden kneeler by Lesley Evans.

Instead of exchanging parcels it was voted that each member gives £3 to the Children's Hospice, which Ruth collected. The next meeting on 19th February will be the AGM with an American supper.

# Santa Meets the Tennis Kids



Junior members of Silloth Tennis Club were paid a visit from a special someone at the club's annual Christmas parties which were held in the school sports hall on the 23rd of December.

After the usual party games such as pass the parcel, musical statues and musical chairs the highlight was a meeting with the big man himself and the chance to tell



him what they wanted for Christmas.

The club wish to express their gratitude to Alison Henderson and staff at the Corner Café for their support and Emily Wise and Zoe Blair for their valued assistance.

Rider Bee  
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# Silloth Football Club

Silloth Football Club committee wishes all their members and families a Happy New Year. We are hoping to follow a successful 2008 with an even more successful 2009.

Training our stars of the future aged 5-7 is in the sports hall on Fridays 3:30pm to 4:30pm, everyone welcome girls and boys.

During 2008 we had problems providing transport to and from

away games. Team coaches had to find ways of ferrying players using, in some cases, their own family members otherwise games would have had to be cancelled.

The committee have had to bring in new rules. In future if you cannot provide or organise transport for your child they will not be picked to play. Please let your coach know at training if you have transport. Our coaches and committee

give hundreds of hours of their own time voluntarily and it is very stressful for them to have to ring around before a game to try to get help with transport. This seems to be unique to Silloth. Other clubs I have spoken to don't seem to encounter the problem.

Thank you to all the parents who have helped so far (you know who you are).

Please help your children enjoy their football. Come and support them.

# Badminton News



Report & Photo by: David Wise

Both Adam Story and Emily Wise were selected to represent Cumbria in the under 12 Anglo Scottish team event which was held at Ashington in the North East on the weekend of December 12th and 13th.

Up against the cream of Northumberland, Ayrshire, the Borders, Lothian, Lanarkshire and Yorkshire it is always a very tough and competitive event but Cumbria achieved a very creditable 5th with both players recording some very good wins. Congratulations go to their coaches at the Abbeystown club, Colin Satterthwaite and Lorraine Graham for their support.

# Tennis Club

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

December 2008 saw mixed fortunes for Silloth Tennis Club's young players on their travels with illness playing its part with Hannah Story pulling out after one match at Sunderland and Emily Wise having to miss the Wigan event altogether. Emily made up for her disappointment by winning an under 12 ratings event at Carlisle meaning that she will drop her rating to 9.1 in

April. In the under 8's we had much improved performances from Mary Hollick, Joe Beaty and Liam Lightfoot in the Mini Red A event at Maryport with the B event seeing fine debut performances from Josh Stoddart and Max Paton as well as a first semi final appearance for Ryan Millican and another final for Kieron Oliver. January will see some of these little stars taking part in the Mini Red league at Carlisle.



Dirt Go Bee by Alfie Wise from Holme St. Cuthbert School

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