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Happy New Year to all our Readers



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Forget Me Not Flowers



Happy customers enjoying the hospitality at Forget Me Not Flowers

The open night at Forget-Me-Not Flowers was a big success.

It was lovely to see customers old and new, who were offered warm mulled wine and mince pies to help keep the chill out from the cold night air.

The new range of personalised printed

gifts which were on show are proving to be very popular. In the new year they are launching a new service where you will be being able to shop online using their new website. The address is: www.forget-me-not-flowers.co.uk.

Everyone at Forget-Me-Not Flowers would

like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, we see you all more as friends rather than just customers.

Auction of Promises



Initially, this is to raise money for an information system for the entrance hall in Solway Community School. It is being organised by the PTA and held in the Golf Hotel at 7:30pm on

and enjoys his audience giving him feedback. Gladys Temple thanked Leo for his talk and Brian for showing the slides. He was asked to come back next year and show different slides. Mary Harrison served refreshments and Jack Bray helped wash the dishes.

The next meeting is the New Year Lunch at Wheyrigg on Friday 15th January 1:30pm the Community Bus will pick up at Loveday House.

Pensioners Pre-Christmas Tea



Photo by: Derek Shaw

Report by: Pat Froggatt

On Saturday November 7th Silloth & District Pensioners held their pre-Christmas tea in St. Andrew's Church Hall. Diane

Shaw welcomed everyone and called on Lawrence Marshall to open the event.

The hall was bursting at the seams with everyone determined to have a good time and to savour the warm and friendly atmosphere. The whole afternoon was highly successful.

Raffle winners were Bill Allen, Dot Davidson, Mrs. Marshall, Margaret

Marr, Ann Bean, Ann Lea, John Hope and Pat Froggatt.

The event raised approximately £274. There was also a cheque for £300 from Silloth Charity Shop for which the Committee offer their thanks. They also wish to thank everyone who attended and made the afternoon such a ray of sunshine on a rather dismal day.

Arthritis Support Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

Mary Peile welcomed members and Jean Mason, a visitor, to the December meeting.

As Leo Holden and Brian Murray needed no introduction their slides of 'Old Wigton' began. The first slide was of St. Mary's Church which is the third church built on this site and some of the stones were used from the old church, which had been built with stones from the Roman Fort at Old Carlisle. The corn market on the front of the church has W O B set in the cobbles denoting Wheat Oats and Barley that were sold there when it was a market. Slides from all over Wigton showing us how it looked before and sometimes-modern ones to see how some places had not changed while other were different. There

was Hospital Cottages, The Congregational Church, and The Old Norman Window in St. Mary's churchyard and Proctors Row where many could remember going to the Clinic to see the Dentist. There was a photo of Robert Smirk who was born in Wigton and became a famous architect. There was a bust of him at the Mechanics Institute, which is now in the National collection. The Methodist Church built in 1927 with the pinnacles that were blown down in a storm. Westmorland House, several of High Street at various periods, lots of carnivals and parades, The Blue Bell Hotel, King Street, Station Road, Union Street, The Baths and lots more.

Leo is obviously an expert in his subject

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES and LEARNING at SOLWAY COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

Sports Hall Activities

Solway Community Sports Hall currently offers a wide range of activities for all age groups.

These include:

- Tennis Coaching (From ages 4-14)
- Football Coaching (U8 - Men)
- Hockey (Primary School Age)
- Badminton Coaching (All Ages)
- Netball Coaching (14+)
- Boxercise (16+)

Why not come and give an activity a go!

Roller Disco

You may remember that Solway Community Sports Hall ran Roller Disco sessions earlier on this year on Friday evenings and Sunday evenings. This proved to be very popular.

If we get enough interest again, we would like to start the Roller Discos once more, but probably only on the weekend.

But we need to know if you are interested - please ring the Sports Hall or the School main number and tell us what you think!

If you are interested in any of the activities or would like to know more information please contact the Sports Hall on 016973 32229 or Solway Community Technology College on 016973 31234

After School Activities

Ever considered trying something different but never got the chance? Solway Community Technology College now offers Adult Education Classes.

These include:

- Tai Chi
- Singing for Pleasure
- Yoga (16+)

But we are very happy to consider others of interest - please let us know.

Future Ideas?

As a small community it is important that our facilities are enjoyed by everyone. So it is essential for us to know what activities you would like us to offer. We are currently considering running:

- Belly Dancing
- Pilates
- Genealogy Classes

If you are interested in participating in any of the activities listed above or have any other ideas regarding what you would like to see offered, please let us know.

Allerdale BC Christmas Arrangements

Allerdale Borough Council's closure and refuse collection arrangements for the Christmas and New Year period are as follows:

Office closure dates:
Customer Services Centre, Workington - Closed from 4pm, 24 December 2009 (last cash payments taken at 3.30pm), re-opens 4 January, 2010 (8.45am to 5pm).

Allerdale House, Workington and Council Customer Service Centres at Wigton, Keswick, Cockermouth and Maryport - Closed from 4pm, 24 December 2009 (last cash payments taken at 3.30pm), re-opens 4 January 2010 (8.45am to 5.15pm).
Tourist Information Centre, Solway Coast Discovery Centre, Silloth - Closed from 4pm, 24 December 2009, re-opens 4 January 2010 (10am to 4pm).

Museums:
Maritime Museum, Maryport - Closed from Monday 21 December 2009. Re-opens 10am Monday 4 January 2010.

Helena Thompson Museum, Workington - Closed from 4pm on Tuesday 22 December. Re-opens 10am Monday

4 January 2010.

Keswick Museum - Closed (Winter season).

The Wave Centre, Maryport - Closed from 24 December (except for "Christmas in a box" meal collections and pantomime rehearsals). Open for pantomime dress rehearsal only on 26 December. Open 27 to 30 December from 12noon to 10pm and 31 December from 12noon to 5pm. Closed 1 January (except for removal of pantomime scenery). Re-opens at normal hours from Saturday 2 January 2010.

Domestic Refuse Collection Service

There will be no garden waste collections during the weeks commencing 14 December, 21 December, 28 December and 4 January. Refuse and paper recycling collections due on Friday 25 December will be completed on Sunday 27 December.

Refuse and paper recycling collections due on Friday 1 January will be completed on Saturday 2 January. Refuse and paper recycling collections will be as normal for all other dates. Please

try to put waste out on the correct day. Check your recycling calendar if you are in any doubt or call 01900 702800 for more information. The telephone line for domestic refuse and recycling enquiries, 01900 702800, will be open from 9am to 2pm on 29 December, 30 December and 31 December 2009. Allerdale Borough Council's website can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the comfort of home by logging onto www.allerdale.gov.uk. The website has a secure online facility for making payments as well as reporting problems, such as fly tipping and noise pollution, and finding useful information, for example the bin collections over the Christmas period.

For urgent enquiries during office closure, please contact Allerdale Borough Council's emergency out of hours number on 01900 871080.

Allerdale Borough Council would like to wish all its customers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Open Door Christmas Lunch



Report by Peter Mair Chairman 'Open Door'

This year's "Open Door Group" came to an end with our annual dinner and celebration.

On 1st December, more than 110 people sat down to be served Christmas dinner of turkey and all the trimmings, followed by mince tart, tea and coffee. The program that followed included a beautiful trumpet rendition by Charly

Rosema, and a number of Christmas Carols by the "Ladies Praise Choir" from Whitehaven.

Mr. Bill Asbury brought a short message based on the Christmas story, with reference to a painting done especially for "Open Door" by a local artist, of the Shepherds and Wise Men coming to worship the Babe in the manger "Jesus, the Reason for the Season". Wise men still seek Him.

As each person left, they received a gift from Mr and Mrs Santa.

Many thanks are due to all the volunteer helpers who make the event so successful.

Guess the box contents prize was won by Joe Blaylock, the answer was 'A Keyring'. "Open Door" will re-open from 12 to 1pm on 9th February.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Blessed New Year.



Hair Zone 4U

SARAH HARDING'S Posh Shag

Have you seen Sarah Hardings new look, her version of Victoria Beckham's posh pag (posh shag), by the way it is not the first hair cut to be called a shag. We all adore the look on Sarah and Victoria, we are sure Sarah's pag was styled with a jumbo tong and we think Victoria's much

fuller pag was set on large Velcro rollers and blast finished with Clynol Fizz, we love Fizz you must try some.

SUSAN BOYLE'S Bad Hair Days

What a transformation, doesn't her hair look good now, Susan has had forty eight years of bad hair days, she must love the way her hair looks and feels now.

After so many years of waking up to mayhem on her head every day, actually it's not that uncommon for women in their 40s 50s 60s to have Susan Boyle bad hair days, they either stick a hat on it or think no one will be looking at them; believe me everyone will be looking at them. But it doesn't have to be like that, like Susan you can

banish bad hair days for good and you don't have to have Susan's millions to do it. We have been promoting colour gloss and natural gloss for the past four months in the salon £20 including blow dry, you can't get better value for your money than that.

Sammy & Carly

Cover girl Megan

Megan's all night up do is a timeless classic 'Audrey Hepburn up do',

her colour is fusion of autumn fruits blended at the salon by Sammy and Carly to give Megan a colour that is unique to her. You can have an

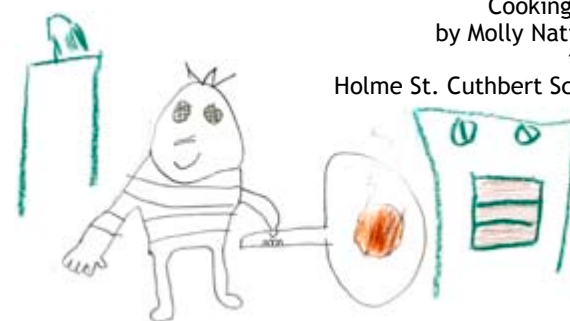
individual colour blend that would be just yours alone, a nice way to start the New Year.

Sammy & Carly

Cooking Bee

by Molly Natrass

from Holme St. Cuthbert School



Peter Josef

All Night Up Do's
Party Hair 4U
Colours 2 di 4

Seasons Greetings from Peter, Sammy, Carly & Emily

Modelled by Megan,
Hair by Sammy, Photography by Peter



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Dates for the Diary

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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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Children's Centre

Opening Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday: 9:30am - 2:30pm
Wednesday: 9am - 12noon
Thursday: 9am - 12noon
Friday: 1pm - 4:30pm

We are also flexible if people wish to use the centre out of the opening hours. If you wish to use the centre at other times, please call Pam Armstrong on 016973 22771 or Jenny Lunney on 016973 22777 at Aspatria Children's Centre. We are more than happy to show people around, chat on a one to one basis or for a group of people wishing to enquire about the centre.

Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Hours

Sunday Only
11am to 3:30pm

The shop will close mid December and reopen at Easter.
Many thanks to all those who supported the RNLI during the year.
We look forward to seeing you again in 2010.

Useful Tel Numbers

Age Concern Home Safety Scheme	01946 68986
Chemist, Silloth:	016973 31394
Community Bus Dave	016973 31785
Com'ty Bus Lawrence	016973 31257
Community Grants:	01900 325013
Crime Stoppers:	0800 555 111
Dental Emergency:	01228 603620
Dentist, Buchanan:	016973 31270
Dentist, Steel:	016973 32042
Doctor:	016973 31309
First Responders can only be called by the Ambulance service, call:	999
Gas:	0800 111 999
Highways Hot Line	0845 6096609
Hospital:	01228 523444
Holme St. Cuthbert School	
Mawbray:	01900 881242
Holm Cultram Abbey CofE School	
Abbeystown:	016973 61261
MP, Tony Cunningham:	
	01900 65815
Silloth Library:	016973 32195
NAP	01900 702898
Neighbourhood Forum:	01900 325013
Police:	0845 3300247
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
Johnstones Private Hire:	07999 934555
Solway Private Hire:	016973 32310
Able Taxi:	016973 31508
Vet:	016973 20242
Waste Disposal Dept:	01900 702800
Water LeakLine:	0800 33 00 33

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

Arthritis Support

Wigton Area Arthritis Support Group meet on 1st Friday each month at Loveday House, South End, Wigton @ 1:30pm, details from Gladys 016973 43964

Civic Amenity Sites

Operated by Cumbria County Council. tel: 01228 606060
Maryport Tip, tel 01900 66922 open daily 8am to 6pm
Wigton Tip, tel 016973 45617 open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 6pm

Football Training

Silloth Football Club

Times 2009/10 in Silloth Sports Hall

Under 8's
Wednesday 4:30pm to 5:30pm
Contact Emma Oliver 32112

Under 10's
Monday 5pm to 6pm
Contact Melanie Irving 32850

Under 12's
Friday 5:30pm to 7pm
Contact Kevin Dixon 31954

Under 14's
Wednesday 5:30pm to 7pm
Contact Derek Wallace 32050

Men's
Tuesday 7:30pm to 9pm in the Sports Hall
Thursday 6:30pm to 8pm at the Playing Fields
Contact Colin Baty 31297

Over 35's
Matches on Mondays at 6:30pm
Contact Stephen Hart 31517

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

Abbeystown Library

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

Abbeystown Bowls

Abbeystown Indoor Bowls every Monday @ 7pm in the Assembly Rooms beginners welcome.

Production Team

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December

- 18th Town Carol Service at 8pm in Christ Church
- 20th Christmas Praise with Carols at 10am in Christ Church then Lessons & Carols at 3pm in St. Pauls Church
- 20th Santa Sleigh tour by Silloth Rotary from Dickrod Lane, Skinburness at 3pm to the Crofts, West Silloth giving presents to the children
- 24th Christmas Eve Crib Service at 6pm in Christ Church then Midnight Holy Communion at 11:30pm in Christ Church
- 25th Christmas Day Holy Communion at 9am in St. Pauls Church then Holy Communion at 10am in Christ Church

January

- 7th Trinity Methodist Church Pop-In 11:45-1pm
- 11th Silloth Town Council Meeting in Community Hall

February

- 1st Silloth Town Council Meeting in Community Hall
- 3rd Neighbourhood Forum
Tel: 01900 706009
- 4th Trinity Methodist Church Pop-In 11:45-1pm
- 6th Crunch Service Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am
- 6th Solway Community Technology College PTA Auction of Promises at 7:30pm in the Golf Hotel
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March

- 11th Silloth Christmas Lights Committee AGM in the Albion Inn @ 7pm
- 12th Criffel Tea Dance in Silloth Community School from 1:45pm to 3:45pm, all welcome, Mary Pigg 016973 31553
- 14th Trinity Methodist Church Pop-In 11:45-1pm
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- 16th Crunch Service Skinburness Road Car Park 9am to 11am
- 21st Trinity Methodist Church Pop-In 11:45-1pm
- 22nd Hearing Drop-In at Wigton Local Links Office from 10am to Noon for replacements, advice & cleaning, 01228 562691
- 28th Trinity Methodist Church Pop-In 11:45-1pm
- 29th RNLI SOS Day Quiz Night in the Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm, Tickets £3.50 inc supper

April

- 12th Silloth Town Council Meeting in Community Hall
- 16th Trinity Methodist Church, Whitehaven Male Voice Choir @ 7:30pm
- 6th Trinity Methodist Church Network Sandwich Pop-In 11:45-1pm
- 10th Silloth Town Council Meeting in Community Hall
- 19th Vintage Rally on Silloth Green
- 19th Wigton Choral Society Summer Concert in St. Mary's Church, Wigton @ 7:30pm, tel 01900 881095
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May

- 6th Trinity Methodist Church Network Sandwich Pop-In 11:45-1pm
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- 24th Kite Fest
- 25th Kite Fest
- 29th Trinity Methodist Church Summer Sandwich Pop-In 11:45-1pm

August

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- 14th Greenfest
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Masthead Winner

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This month the winner is Tony Mitchell from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee called "Jimmy". Well done!



Copy Date →

Copy date for the February/March issue
If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note that the next copy date is:
1st January 2010

Silloth Health Matters

Silloth Health Matters group was set up a few years ago to assist the community with funding for groups to stage health related events.

So far, they have helped provide healthy eating, baby massage, arthritis, childcare, open door and many more events.

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Supper of soup and sandwiches is included in the price of £3.50 per person.

Please come along and support the RNLI for what should be a fun sociable evening.

Monday Club at the Lowther Arms

Report by: Jean Howes

The Monday Club is run by a group of customers and friend of The Lowther Arms, Mawbray.

We set up the club to try and co-ordinate the fund raising efforts of Dawn. We had a Treasure Hunt in July and Scavenger Hunt

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Wigton MU

Report by: Gladys Temple

Helen Armstrong welcomed everyone to the November Meeting.

Stella Fisher led the prayers with the Bible reading by Vera Irving. Jean Key played the piano for the singing of 'What a friend we have in Jesus'. The theme of this year is Relationships so Rev. Bill Asbury took this as the theme for his talk. He spent 22 years taking the news of the Gospel to South America and began by living with the people of the shanty towns and learning how they exist in very poor conditions but remain full of hope. He pointed out that no two people are exactly alike and that the 'soap operas' on TV do not show real life but bring some people to believe life should be like that and relationships breakdown when it is not. There are 'soap operas' in Brazil just as there are here and many people watch them believing they are true to life. One of the first things he had to do was to learn the

language and as he lived with the local people he soon began to do this.

He met his wife before he went to Brazil but met her again on the boat going over, they married in Brazil and had three children. He showed us a piece of stone he had been given which looked just rough stone on one side but when turned over was full of beautiful precious crystals reflecting lots of shades of purple. He told us not to take people on first sight but to get to know them and find the good inside. Bill is a very accomplished artist and showed us some of the drawings and paintings he did while he was in Brazil and also ones he has done since he retired to Skinburness. He exhibits at various places in the area including The Gincase.

Ann Poole thanked Bill for a very interesting and enjoyable talk. Helen, Elizabeth and Jean served the refreshments while Bill answered lots of questions.

in August. Then in September we took over the Monday Fun Quiz that Dawn had run. With the co-operation of Dawn and her Mum Mary, it has become a great event with many people joining us each week. We have donated money to the Culterham Village Hall. The Childrens Friday

Club and £250 to the Flood Relief Fund.

We are looking forward to starting the Quiz again on January 11th when we look forward to a lot of fun and raising a lot more money for many good causes. Plus there will be other events in the Spring and Summer.

Abbeytown MU

Report by: Gladys Temple

Lynne Tembey led the prayers and prayed especially for Rev David Tembey who is to head the fundraising for the Abbey, which was devastated in the fire and still needs lots of money to bring it back to life as a Parish Church.

The roof is back on and the builders are in doing the plaster work but all the furnishing and fitting will cost more than the insurance will cover so we pray that people will be generous.

Noeline Foster read an invitation from Wigton Mothers Union to their meeting on Tuesday 16th March when Doug and Pauline will update everyone on the Dewode Project, which has been supported by Wigton people for several years. Maureen Gibson went to the Deanery meeting and reported that the new Diocesan President is Shirley Paynes, Deanery Leader Mary Banks, Secretary Barbara Simpson and Treasurer Sheila Rowe. The Diocesan Trip on 19th May will be to Liverpool.

The Community Officer who was supposed to be our Speaker did not come so Lynne Tembey told us of her visit to Chennai (formerly known as Madras). Four people went from this Diocese, Bishop James, Rev. Peter Strefield, Carol Marsden and Lynne. They were

made so welcome wherever they went and Cornelliuss who was the Diocesan link welcomed them all with a shawl making them feel very special. £6,000 had been sent from the Carlisle Diocese to help towards 'The Lite Centre' where they were shown around. There are meeting rooms that can be let out for occasions such as weddings that bring in welcome income. Bishop James blessed all the rooms and each of them cut the ribbon for the room they were to stay in. The rooms were basic but each had an ensuite. Lynne was fit and well all the time but the others all were ill at various times. The Diocesan Council meet every two years and everyone meets. The local hospital was visited and Bishop Goodwin School Head provided an ambulance in memory of her son and they saw it at work. They visited a School for the Deaf who did a prayer for the safety of all their visitors. There are lots of schools and there is a passion to learn. They visited a School for Special Needs where the money raised through the Harvest for the Hungry was sent this year. There is a skill centre to teach them to be able to make a living wage for themselves. Gladys Temple thanked Lynne for a really interesting talk.

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Mayors Primary School Report

Report by:
Graham Wilkinson

The Chairman stated that letters of support had been sent to the Mayors of Keswick, Cockermouth and Workington offering the Town Councils support following the serious flooding.

Over the past month the Chairman has attended six official events plus three meetings.

The Chairman gave notice that as from May 2010 he would not be standing as Chairman/Mayor, having held the post for five years he stated it was time for a change at the top.

Annual reports from the Rugby Club and Football Club were taken. The Rugby Club has received the seal of approval from the RFU. The Football club has been awarded Charter Club of the year, over the past year eight teams have taken part although there has been a lack of support by parents. Jointly, along with the Town Council plus outside funders it was agreed to look into flood lighting the playing areas as this is now a regulation. Plans are being drawn up for an Astra Turf practice ground. It was agreed that ground rents be left as previous in these hard times.

Correspondence: An invite to the town carol service. A thank you letter from the crew of 'HMS Biter' who attended the Remembrance Day service and were provided with accommodation and lunch. A letter regarding the letting of allotments, this was discussed at length by the full council and matters will be addressed. Cumbria County Council re changes in the way

Silloth Primary School Children In Need Events



A proud Ruby Allen with Pudsey wearing her strip

Report by: Mary Hillhouse

Plans for children in need day at the primary school had to be cancelled as the school was closed because of the floods in surrounding areas. One of the fundraising events was for the pupils to design a football strip for

Pudsey Bear. The winners in each year group were given a Pudsey pin.

The overall winner was Ruby Allen aged 3 from nursery whose design was made up and she received the Pudsey Bear wearing the football strip she had designed.

social care and support is organised. Cumbria County Council a leaflet which is being widely circulated in regard to future funding of Secondary Schools. Allerdale Borough Council a further letter of complaint regarding advertising banners within the town. The Town Council noted the comments and agreed that it was Allerdale Borough Councils responsibility to police this matter not the Town Council. Questions were asked, do other towns get the same treatment as we appear to have with

regard to banners? Planning matters noted were those agreed by the planning committee of the Town Council and those of Allerdale Borough Council, plus notification of an appeal at the Solway Village.

Reports covered: the Primary School not having any further details regarding Mr Dennison. Joint Advisory with AONB's AGM on 11th December in the Golf Hotel. Regeneration with an update on the HLF bid for The Green,

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consultants Southern Green reported a good attendance at the Golf Hotel on 27th November, further displays are hoped to be held in the Library. North Allerdale Development Trust say things are now on a firm footing with the transfer of property going through. Health matters some requests for funding are deemed not relevant and it may be time to rethink the groups outlook.

Allerdale Borough Council reported the Mayor changes are going through plus the sore point of increased parking charges.

Cumbria County Council reported the County may have to take over the duty of parking attendants currently carried out by Allerdale Borough Council and other councils within the County. The new Chief Executive is now in office. Major funding fears are ahead, following the loss of so many bridges and damage caused by the floods.

The Town Clerk reported on budgets for 2010/11 which must be set prior to Christmas, these will be discussed prior to Christmas at a special meeting. Requests

for funding came from the Christmas Lights Group for £2,500 towards



the new lights which have been erected. This was agreed and a vote of thanks should be given to the group for working in such bad conditions. Finally a request from The North West Air Ambulance based in Lancashire, we have already donated £500 in June this year to the Great North Air Ambulance, this request was not supported.

Sporty Bee
by Anna Middleton from
Holm Cultram Abbey School

Want to be in the Know

Want to Be In The Know? Then come to the next Silloth Tourism Action Group (STAG) meeting on the 14th

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Free Parking Days

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The Council has given the extra days of free parking to town councils across the borough in addition to the free days already made available. This means it will now be free to park in Allerdale Borough Council's car parks on the following days:

- Cockermouth: 12th, 19th & 24th December and 2nd January 2010
- Keswick: 12th, 19th & 20th December
- Maryport: 12th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th December
- Wigton: 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd & 24th December
- Workington: 13th, 19th, 20th & 24th December

Councillor Tim Heslop, the Leader of Allerdale Borough Council, said: "We're pleased to help out wherever we can with keeping the borough on the road to economic recovery and overcoming the devastating effects of the floods. The Christmas trading season is probably the most important time for local traders and we hope that by offering extra days for shoppers to

come and visit our towns without having to pay to park we can encourage even more people to see for themselves that Cumbria is open for business".

Allerdale Borough Council, in partnership with Park Safe, can now offer a service to residents in communities north of the River Derwent. Rather than face the traffic on the A595 and A66 every day, if they have to drive to work south of the river they can use the rail service or the footbridge and leave their vehicle parked securely overnight in the multi-storey car park between 5:30pm and 8am for the discounted rate of £1.

Permits are available from the Flood Support Team based at Northside Community Centre.

People in possession of the permit who require the discounted rate must go to the office to get their entry/exit ticket cleared, rather than using the pay machines. If they use the pay machines the full rate will be charged. For anyone parking in excess of the 5.30pm to 8am period, standard hourly charges will be added to the £1 tariff.

In Cockermouth, long stay (all day) parkers are requested to use Riverside Car Park, where ticket machines are still out of commission following the flood.

Since the flooding

emergency last month, Allerdale Borough Council has been taking a relaxed approach to car parking enforcement in the affected areas, both on street and in car parks.

Whilst the Council is aware of calls for unlimited free parking after the floods, it cannot meet this request for two reasons: Firstly, the Council simply cannot afford to lose the income from its car parks, which would result in a reduction in services and its capacity to respond to the emergency.

Secondly, a charging regime is the most effective way of ensuring that there is a regular turnover of parking spaces that increases footfall in local businesses.

From Monday 7th December, Allerdale Borough Council are recommending normal working practices and will be enforcing waiting limits on car parks and on single and double yellow lines. Where there is obvious recovery work going on, the Council's civil enforcement officers will be as flexible as possible and only ask vehicles to move if there is an obstruction to traffic.

£1,650 for Charity



Presenting the cheques are Wilma Armstrong, Eric Stanwix and Liz Nichols

Twice a year at Stanwix Park they hold a Country and Western weekend. During the recent event in November the cowboys and cowgirls ran several fund-raising events for local charities.

Even although the

majority of these people come from all over the UK they always make a point of ensuring that the money raised is used to benefit charities in this area. This year they raised an amazing £1,650 which was split between the Air

Ambulance and Cancer Care. The next Country and Western weekend at Stanwix Park is being held on the weekend of 5th, 6th and 7th March 2010. For more information tel: 016973 32666.



During the Country and Western weekend at Stanwix Park there are five dress themes, one of which is Gamblers and Tarts.

Pictured above are a few of the Tarts and below are some of the Gamblers. These people really know how to make the most of a weekend of entertainment.



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Silloth Santa Dash & Auction Raises £1,800

Report by:
Johnston & Hayley Forster

Yet again there was an awesome turnout for Cumbria's longest running Santa Dash on the 22nd November.

The weather was not at its best, however all of the Santa's that turned up to support this rapidly growing annual event were in high spirit's. They set off walking round the streets with most of the kids knocking on doors to a warm welcome from those generous people who answered. Then onwards through the town to the sound of festive music. The Rugby Club was our next stop for one of the best buffets we've ever had, many thanks go to Alison, Moyra and the rest of the hard working people in the Corner Cafe.

The blind auction was an amazing success with many fantastic prizes. These were all donated by local businesses, without their support this event would not happen, so a massive thanks goes to every one of them.

Jazzy Jim came up trumps once again by making Michael Jackson do one last performance using Joyce's body and you got to admit it was awesome. There were loads of fantastic singers and a few not so good one's, but who noticed. The main prize in the raffle was won by Ryan Orchard. The grand Lights Switch On went without any mishaps and the committee thought Max Allison made a marvellous job of switching the festive illuminations on. The 'switch on' honour was one of the items bid for at the Auction. This was followed by the awesome band Stella Evolution. The committee hope you all had a great night and they thank everyone for supporting this magnificent event.

Lastly, from Silloth Christmas Light Committee, they want to give a massive thanks for all your support. An even bigger thank you goes to Jack and Tracy Graham who are stepping down from the committee, we will miss them tons.

On the 11th of January there is the Silloth Christmas Lights Committee AGM, if anyone is interested or got any complaints just turn up and have your say in the Albion Inn at 7pm.



More photos will be on the Buzz website before Christmas, check out www.SolwayBuzz.co.uk



Friends of the Green



Heraclitus of Ephesus, a Greek philosopher (c.535 BC - 475 BC) said "The only constant is change" and this old photograph of the Baths and Victorian shelter show just how true this is.

Even more change is hopefully coming with Lottery funded improvements to Silloth Green being planned.



Jazzy Jim and Grandad Bill Allison helping little Max switch on the lights



As part of the plans for the regeneration of Silloth Green and to allow the local community and visitors to the area to become involved in its future management, Silloth Tourism Action Group (STAG) is forming 'Friends of the Green'.

Why have a Friends of the Green?

- To work for the enhancement, maintenance and use of the Green in the future
- To work in partnership with the Green management
- To protect the

facilities of the Green and help improve them

- To provide facilities for recreation and leisure time enjoyment
- To raise funds for maintaining and improving the Green
- To ensure that local people are involved in the future of the Green

What does this mean practically?

- Maintenance/ gardening support
- Surveys – concerning the environment to visitors and other monitoring activity
- Seasonal planting
- Guided walks
- Events

What happens behind the scenes?

- A regular newsletter
- Seeking sponsorship
- Holding regular meetings
- Maintaining

membership lists

- Producing and running a website
- Collecting and holding archive material

In order to start off a fund for future improvements and to cover administration costs, it is proposed to ask for a membership fee starting at £6 per annum. None of this is to cover wages as everyone involved is a volunteer. This will enable you to make a contribution to the Green's future. Larger contributions are of course very welcome. We are starting with no funds whatsoever so all larger donations will be very gratefully received. Other funds will be sought through sponsorship and grants.

Some of you may be wondering why we need

to ask for a membership fee and look for other funding in the future when a significant amount of money is hoped to come from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This major funding will be available for a one off project to bring about the regeneration of the Green. It will not provide funds for ongoing improvements after that.

It is hoped that by having 'Friends of the Green' there will be continuous improvements to the facilities and infrastructure so that the Green will always be the Jewel in Silloth's crown.

This is your opportunity to be involved in the future of what is arguably the most important environmental feature of our beautiful town.



L to R: Clara, Hannah, Katie, Emily, Ashleigh, Adele, Sam, Tabby, Georgia & Rachel



More photos will be on the Buzz website before Christmas, check-out www.SolwayBuzz.co.uk



Friends of the Green

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please enrol me as a 'Friend of the Green' and keep me informed by newsletter of all developments and plans for the future of Silloth Green and dates of 'Friends of the Green' meetings.

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Children's Centre Activities

Our courses begin again in January, where we have 'Triple P' (Positive Parenting Programme) for 7 weeks from Tuesday 12th January 10am till 12 noon. Offering parents support and advice with children aged 2 to 11 years.

Next up is 'Healthy Living' starting Wednesday 13th January 1pm till 3pm for eight weeks, then followed by an eight weeks exercise class. For those of you who want to keep up with the healthy New Years Resolutions, this is ideal for you.

Aspatia is continuing with the 'Numeracy' and 'Paediatric First Aid' courses and over at Wigton, the 'C.V and Confidence Building' course.

Limited crèche places are available for all these courses, so please book as early as possible to avoid disappointment, children need to be over 6 months and under 5 to access our crèche.

We are now looking for further ideas for other courses and groups to run in Silloth Children's Centre. If you would like your idea put across please contact either Jenny or Pam on 0845 543 6909 / 016973 31230 at Silloth or on 016973 22771 / 22777 at Aspatia. Alternatively there is a 'parent's forum' on Thursday 28th January at Silloth Children's Centre from 6:30pm till 8:30pm where everyone is welcome to come along and express their opinions and views of what to expect from the Children's Centre.

Later on in the year is 'Tatty Bumpkins', a 5 weeks yoga movement and music session with your children. This starts Tuesday 20th April 1:30 till 2:30pm, following this will be a 5 weeks singing and dancing session



starting on Tuesday 8th June 1:30pm till 2:30pm which is 'Mini Movers.'

Our 'Dad's Group' is still continuing once a month on a Saturday morning 10am till 11am and is rotated around the three Children's Centres (Aspatia, Silloth and Wigton). This is a chance for dads, granddads and male carers to enjoy an hour of fun with their children as well as meet other dads and male carers.

Dates for January are: 30th January at Wigton Children's Centre 27th February at Silloth Children's Centre 27th March at Aspatia Youth Wing/ Dreamscheme venue. We currently run a 'Childminders' drop in session for any registered childminder and children in their care to meet fortnightly on a Monday morning at Fletchertown 9:30am till 11am. These drop in sessions allow childminders and children to interact and socialise with others from across the area. It also gives childminders a chance to swap ideas and gain new skills.

'Childminder' dates for the New Year are Monday 11th January and Monday 25th January and Monday 8th February.

'Playschemes' are also planned for February half term at Aspatia Community Centre on Monday 15th from 10am till 11:30am and at Wigton, The Bower on

Tuesday 16th from 10am till 11:30am and 1pm till 2:30pm. 'Playschemes' are for children aged 5 to 11 years where parents can leave their children for an hour and a half of fun!

Also during February's half term are 'Family Fun Sessions' available for children of all ages with their parents / carers. Monday 15th is held at Harriston Village Hall 1:30pm till 3pm. Wednesday 17th is held at Abbeystown 10am till 11:30am and Thursday 18th is held at Silloth Children's Centre 10am till 11:30am.

'Fresh Fruit, Salad and Vegetable Bags' are still available from our Children's Centres. They can be delivered to Tots 'N' Toddlers (term time only) on a Wednesday morning session.

Toy Library catalogue is also still available to any child under five from Silloth Children's Centre. There is a one off membership fee of £1. Bargain!

The 'Jobs in Cumbria' newspaper is still available and updated every Monday afternoon and the 'kiosk' (Parent Information Points - PIP's) in

Silloth Children's Centre provides free internet access and is ideal for any parent or families out there looking for employment opportunities.

Please feel free to drop into the Children's Centres at any time and use these kiosks. As always, if you would like to find out more about what is happening in our Centre, please call in.

We are now open every day, our opening times are:
Monday: 1pm to 4:30pm
Tuesday: 9:30am to 2:30pm
Wednesday: 9am to 12noon
Thursday: 9am to 12noon
Friday: 1pm to 4:30pm

So please call in during any of these times to see a member of staff about future events or even just a look around the centre, parents and children are always welcome. (Times and days may change due to staff holidays, training, meetings, trips and courses etc however we will try to provide you with as much notice as possible). We look forward to meeting you Jennifer Lunney and Pam Armstrong.

Benefit Fraud

Allerdale Borough Council has prosecuted a Silloth man for fraudulently claiming more than £20,000 in housing and council tax benefits.

On Friday 13th November 2009, North Allerdale Magistrates heard how Terence Low, 64, of Golf Terrace, Silloth, had stated on a benefit application form in February 2004 that his only income was from Incapacity Benefit and Industrial Injuries Benefit. As a result of this information, Mr Low was awarded housing and council tax benefits.

A review form received in December 2004 stated that Mr Low's only source of income was Incapacity Benefit and Industrial Injuries Benefit. A further application form was received in September 2006 where the only income declared by Mr Low was Incapacity Benefit, Disability Living Allowance and Industrial Injuries Benefit.

Information received in March 2009 by the Council from the National Fraud Initiative indicated that Mr Low may be in receipt of an army pension.

Following investigations it was established that Mr Low had been in receipt of an army pension since

December 1976 and that this payment was still continuing. This income and the bank account which it had been paid into had not been declared by Mr Low.

Copies of bank statements were subsequently received and these showed that Mr Low was also in receipt of an occupational pension from the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority which he had failed to declare to Allerdale Borough Council.

At court, Mr Low pleaded guilty to failing to inform the Council of his true income, which resulted in an overpayment of housing and council tax benefits of £20,509.84. Allerdale Borough Council has made arrangements to recover the money.

Mr Low was given a four-month curfew order requiring him to remain at home seven days a week between the hours of 9pm and 7am.

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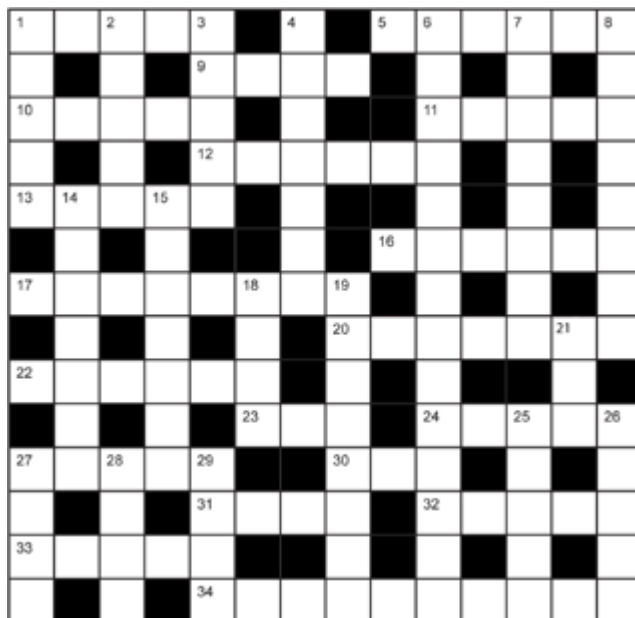
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Dear Buzz,
May we take this opportunity in wishing everyone at the Buzz a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2010. Many sincere thanks and appreciation for all your efforts in the Buzz, which not only serves the community but is also sent to friends worldwide.

Derek & Diana Shaw

Crossword

Crossword puzzle created by Mycroft



Crossword questions

Across

1. Garden shrub with purple flowers (5)
5. Ill temper (6)
9. Boarding between rafters and roof covering (4)
10. _____ Heep. character in David Copperfield (5)
11. Former gold coin of European countries (5)
12. Egyptian mathematician circa 300 B.C. (6)
13. Town on S.W. outskirts of London (5)
16. Demand for repeat performance (6)
17. Musical work by Richard Wagner (8)
20. Remote part of empire (7)
22. Tool used for gripping or turning (6)
23. Horse of indifferent quality-colloq. (3)
24. One of the Leeward Islands in Caribbean (5)
27. Famous salmon fishing river in S.E. Scotland (5)
30. Tease (3)
31. Character in King Lear (4)
32. Enlist (5)
33. Greek god of ridicule (5)
34. Species of shark (10)

Down

1. and 14. Down. Common name for passer domesticus (5 - 7)
2. John _____ Late C20th leader of Labour Party (5)
3. Jane _____ Cookery writer-TV presenter (5)
4. Air passage from larynx to bronchial tubes (7)
6. Ursine character created by Michael Bond (10 - 4)
7. Image of Jesus bearing crown of thorns (4-4)
8. Nourishing item (8)
14. See 1 Down (5-7)
15. Perfume (7)
18. Warm southerly wind in the Alps (4)
19. Famous part of Lord's cricket ground (4-4)
21. _____ Fi. Science Fiction- abbr. (3)
25. Enthusiasm (5)
26. Stable (5)
27. Large, heavy literary work (4)
28. Novel by Jane Austen (4)
29. Attractive person-colloq. (4)

Crossword Answers issue 80

Across

1. Godet
5. Meadow
9. Erne
10. Molar
11. Nacre
12. Svelte
13. Aside
16. Adhere
17. Polyglot
20. Holster
22. Osmium
23. Ass
24. Wager
27. Onset
30. Lea
31. Ague
32. Tramp
33. Errol
34. Copperhead

Down

1. Gamma
2. Delhi
3. Terse
4. Inferno
6. Ennerdale Water
7. Decadent
8. Wheatear
14. Sponson
15. Daytime
18. Lima
19. Thesleep
21. Exe
25. Grave
26. Rapid
27. Ogee
28. Sark
29. Talc

Tide Tables

JANUARY 2010		SILLOTH							
		DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE							
		High Water				Low Water			
Date		Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	F	11 49	7.7			06 28	-0.8	19 05	-1.0
2	SA	00 17	7.6	12 37	8.0	07 18	-0.9	19 57	-1.2
3	SU	01 07	7.7	13 28	8.1	08 05	-0.9	20 46	-1.3
4	M	01 57	7.7	14 17	8.1	08 53	-0.9	21 32	-1.2
5	TU	02 46	7.5	15 06	7.8	09 37	-0.8	22 16	-1.0
6	W	03 35	7.2	15 56	7.4	10 21	-0.5	23 01	-0.6
7	TH	04 27	6.6	16 48	6.9	11 06	-0.2	23 48	-0.2
8	F	05 22	6.1	17 46	6.2	11 59	0.2		
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On the Waterfront

Report by: Tommy Legs

November was quite a busy month with seven ships visiting the port.

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Tommy Legs wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Poems

Winter
by Mrs P Antolak

*The winter months are hard to bear
For aged ones, who would not dare
To go outside, to brave the winds.
We struggle on, - Get left behind.*

*"Now wrap up warm" our friends do say,
"Be careful of the roads today"
"It's been a night of frost, you know"
"Take care now, mind how you go".*

*Imagine! - standing by a pool
Of deep dark water, now, keep the rule,
Dive in and glide - still deeper
Deeper, through the tangled water creeper.*

*At last I burst the surface - see the sun,
A bright day has just begun.
I quickly rush along and cry "It's spring"
"I've beaten winter" - That's the thing!"*

*Here is the season that I love,
The snowdrops come, call of the Dove
The air smells sweet, and I can sing
I'm here again! and it is spring.*

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Causewayhead WI

Report by: Jean Vorley and Pat Bell

The November meeting was held in St Andrews Church Hall, Silloth.

Vice- President Olga Hetherington welcomed the members and our visitors from Abbeytown, Dundraw and Newton Arlosh. Olga announced that our members wished that the proceeds from the raffle be used to help provide parcels to send to our troops in Afghanistan.

President Pat Bell then told us that past member Mrs G Donaldson had tragically died, she had served as President, Secretary and Treasurer during her years in our WI; before moving to Kendal to be nearer her family.

After a short business meeting, Olga introduced our speakers, Joyce Donaldson and Olwen Hill.

Joyce spoke first, telling us, after seeing a demonstration at her WI; how she became hooked on making fabric boxes from then on. A square fully opening box has 25 components; she

showed us the different shaped boxes that she makes including diamond, octagonal, round ones made from plastic canvas and a pyramid box containing a clown that she brings out at Christmas. Joyce is very willing to share her passion with anyone who would like to learn how to make fabric boxes and very kindly donated a box as a raffle prize. She was thanked by Brenda Dowdell.

Then it was Olwen's turn, to demonstrated a Christmas flower arrangement, after seeing Christmas wreaths being made when she was 7 years old, Olwen decide that was all she wanted to do when she grew up. She did however branch

out into flower arranging. After getting married and bringing up her family she found she missed her flowers, so decided that she would have a go at teaching flower arranging. She told us funny anecdotes about her work, gave us tips on the do's and don'ts of flower arranging as she worked, producing four beautiful arrangements in fresh and artificial flowers and foliage. She very kindly gave two of the fresh arrangements for the raffle. The vote of thanks was given by Diana Shaw.

After supper and the social half hour the raffle was drawn. We are delighted that £95 was raised for our service personnel.



Beauty Queen Bee by Mary Williamson from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

President Audrey Harrison welcomed everyone to sing Jerusalem and thanked Elsie Donald for the lovely flowers on her table.

Best wishes were expressed to Mavis Graham and Phyllis Dockeray who are both in hospital and sympathy extended to Mary Briggs and Margaret Ackerley for their sad loss.

Freda Garner read a record of the October Meeting and items from the County News were read. Orders were taken for those wishing to take the County News next year. Letters of thanks were read from Thursby and Westnewton after their enjoyable visit last month. Margaret Mynes has finished a list for the speakers for next year and read them out. Festive food for the buffet supper was requested and some

poems or a quiz was also promised.

The Silloth First Responders was the subject of Lorna who has been a responder for nine years. Her husband called a meeting to set up the First Responders after coming across an incident where he was unable to help and the ambulance took too long to arrive. The first meeting did not have much response but undeterred he called another to which nineteen people came. January 2001 saw the training begin and a very intensive programme led to fundraising to buy the equipment needed. There are twelve members now and each has a pager to be on call twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, then they need walkie-talkies, which are more efficient for their work than mobile phones. They receive lots of help from the ambulance service but still need to provide their own defibrillators. The first one the Rotary Club paid half for and The Golf Club helped to buy one while the ambulance service have loaned one as well. The

first one cost £3,000 but now they are down to £1,700. The rubber gloves and oxygen are supplied by the ambulance crew but it can take up to forty five minutes for an ambulance to arrive so the First Responders are doing a very important job covering from Mawbray to Abbeytown from Silloth.

Freda Garner thanked Lorna for a very interesting and informative talk.

The refreshments were served by Isabel Hurst and Muriel Mattinson while the competition winners were: Pill Box 1st Joyce Wilson 2nd Gladys Temple, Flower Margaret Moore 2nd Freda Garner and the raffle winners were Muriel Mattinson and Margaret Brown.

Elinor Roper's Group organised card bingo.

The next meeting will be on 12th January when Gilly Fraser will talk about when she helped bring heavy horses down from Northern Scotland to South Cumbria. The competitions will be a Christmas cake and a Christmas card.

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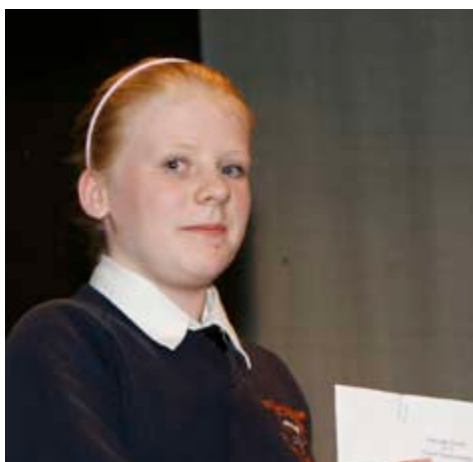
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Headteacher Susie Shepherd said "Congratulations to the class of 2009. For the second year in succession records were broken at Solway Community Technology College.

The school recorded its best ever GCSE results, with over 66% of students achieving the top grades. 51% of students achieved 5A* to C grades including English and Maths."

Every student in 2009 achieved five A* to G grades. Students are delighted with their results and almost all have now been accepted onto the next stage of their career. Many students exceeded their personal targets. Jade Shaw achieved the highest achievement award, gaining a massive 115 points more than her estimated point score. Lauren McMaster achieved the highest attainment in the year with all of her GCSE grades being either A* or A grades. Lauren achieved Level 2 qualifications in another five areas so that she achieved fourteen level 2 qualifications in total. 93% of students gained at least one level 2 or A* to C grade this year.

Headteacher Susie Shepherd commented "the class of 2009 were hardworking and committed to their



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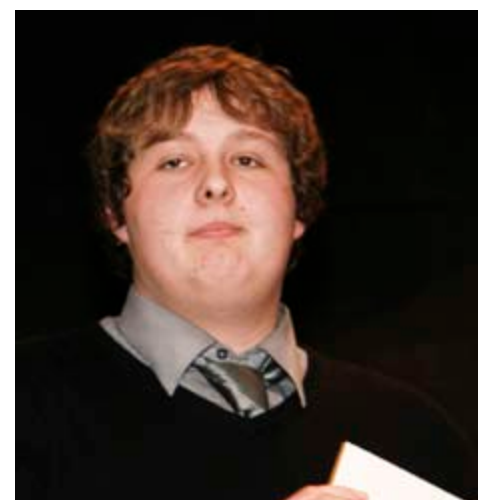
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studies. The results were a testament to the hard work of students, the support of parents and the professional commitment of staff. The students in Year 11 all got on very well with each other. They had a very positive attitude and I am sure that this helped them to achieve such good results. We know every student individually and we are able to offer tailored support to each of them. This year over 90% of the students beat their personal target. We are very proud of them".

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Christmas Tit Bits

Robins appear frequently on Christmas Cards, but why are these pretty little birds always associated with Christmas?



Just after the birth of Jesus, Joseph went to find fuel for the fire in the manger. While he was gone some little brown birds fanned the fire with their wings to keep it alight. The fire scorched their breasts while they were so close to the fire.

The Virgin Mary noticed this and decreed that for evermore Robins should have bright red breasts, in memory of the service they performed for the baby Jesus.

The children's Christingle service is now popular in Britain but has been customary in Scandinavia and other European countries for over a century.

Each child is given an orange pierced with four thin sticks bearing sweets, and a candle to symbolise the light which Christ brought to the world.

Probably the most popular tradition which hangs on in there regardless of modern living, is the mince pie. We have a custom that you make a wish on the first one of the season. After that you try to eat at least one for every day of the twelve days of Christmas, which will then bring you good fortune for the twelve months until next Christmas. Another custom is to offer and accept a mince pie in each house you visit over Christmas. Not to offer these is bad manners, and was at one time thought to be so inhospitable as to bring bad luck on the house for the rest of the year! To refuse them when offered was to turn away good fortune.

Christmas Eve was traditionally the time to bring in the Yule Log. Now that so many have wood burning stoves this is a tradition which could be revived.

The log, (usually Ash in England or Birch in Scotland) was lit in the hearth from a piece saved from the previous year. It was a custom for the lady of the house to keep the kindling piece under her pillow, as a belief it gave precaution against fire in the home. No wonder so many women complain of headaches at night!

We sing about the twelve days of Christmas, who knows what the twelve days of Christmas really are? The twelve days of Christmas is the period from the day after Christmas to Epiphany, or January 6th. Epiphany is, traditionally, the date when the Wise Men arrived to give their gifts to the baby Jesus. Many countries, especially in Europe and South America, do not give gifts on December 25th; they wait until twelfth night, January 6th, the 12th day of Christmas.

Badminton



In October, Adam Story registered his first tournament victory in a Cumbria Schools Badminton under 13's competition held at Kendal Leisure Centre.



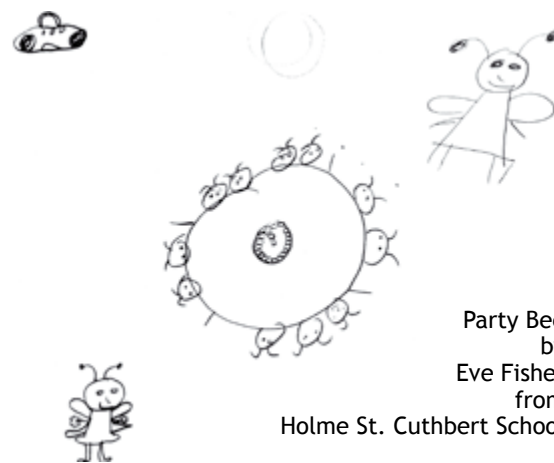
Bob by Jodie Keaveney from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Michael Jackson Bee by Billy Harrison from Holme St. Cuthbert School



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