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Silloth Music & Beer Festival Tickets now On Sale

TICKETS are now on sale for the 10th Silloth Music and Beer Festival in September and the organisers have an extra reason to raise a glass in celebration.

The festival raised its game online and ventured into the world of social media to complement its website at sillothbeerfestival.co.uk. Through clever use of Facebook and Twitter, traffic was up 34 per cent with nine per cent coming via Twitter, four per cent from Facebook, and eight per cent from local web and newspaper links.



Major New Event

Soldiers in Silloth
Military camps will be set up in Silloth in July. Roman soldiers, Vikings, Roundheads and even soldiers from the American Civil War will camp on the Green and demonstrate their skill at arms. Visitors will be able to see how soldiers and their followers lived in times gone by and even try out some of their weapons and uniforms.

After the success of last year's celebration at Silloth Docks (the brainchild of harbour master Chris Puxley) the organising committee wanted to try and hold a major event every year. As 2009 was

based on the sea and the navy, so in 2010 the theme will be land warfare – though the pirates who came last year are expected to return as well!

On July 9th and 10th Silloth Tourism Action Group (STAG) are presenting a historical re-enactment event featuring groups from all over the country living in authentic camps over the weekend and giving demonstrations of drill and battle tactics in the arena. You can visit the camps and talk to the soldiers and their camp-followers and inspect their equipment, armour and weapons.

Details will follow nearer the time but PUT JULY 10th & 11th IN YOUR DIARY!

The American Civil War Society

"Soldiers in Silloth" is also the official name of the tourist attraction promised for Silloth based round Tim Barker's collection of over 10,000 toy soldiers and related forts, tanks, etc, etc. Local volunteers have now established a limited company to run the project and it is hoped to open the exhibition centre later in 2010. This will probably not be till after the re-enactment weekend but you can see the connection.

Much Appreciated



The City Lord Mayor of Hull presenting the 'Certificate of Appreciation' to Sheona Nicoll

Report by: Kevin Anderton

Sheona Nicoll of Eden Street has been awarded a 'Certificate of Appreciation' from the President of the Royal Air Force Association Northern Area, Nigel Bairstow.

The framed certificate was presented by the City Lord Mayor at the RAFA area meeting in Hull.

Also in attendance was the Secretary General of the RAF Association and Sheona's husband, Dave. Sheona has worked tirelessly for the RAFA as Standard Bearer and fund raiser and has raised many thousands of pounds for charity.

In Silloth the branch Club is now the only remaining RAFA establishment in Cumbria and Sheona and her husband together with branch president

Tom Dennett have over the years kept the branch profitable and vibrant whilst filling the roles of secretary, treasurer and general dogsbody.

The committee, staff and members are all delighted at this well deserved honour for such a popular local person.

NEW

We have two new regular features starting this month.

On page 2 we have very interesting book reviews by Anne Carruthers, the Access and Lifelong Learning Coordinator for Copeland and Allerdale. This is a series your editor is looking forward to reading and he will be very interested to hear your views on just how useful you find this series to be.

On page 14 we have a new gardening series by Lesley Douglas, Garden Centre Manager of Bankmill Nurseries. Lesley will keep us up to date on our gardening chores each month.

Our thanks to each of these contributors for supporting the Solway Buzz.

Cute Kids Photo Competition

27th & 28th March in the Golf Hotel
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Abbey Receives £1,500

On 5th February eight members of Holme St. Cuthbert History Group presented a cheque for £1,500 to Rev Tembey. This was for the Abbey Restoration Fund.

The money was raised from the sale of their second local history book 'More Plain People and Places on the Cumbrian Solway Coast' with £1 being donated from the sale of each book. The group



presented the money during a day of Prayer at the Abbey.

The group would like to thank all the people who bought a

copy of the book. Copies of both books can be purchased at the Solway Coast Discovery Centre in Silloth or contact K Simpson 01900 881353.

Skinburness Get-Together

The Skinburness Residents Association AGM was held on 25th February and the Chairman thanked all present for attending.

There were posters on display illustrating the actions taken to date by the SRA and also historical photographs of Skinburness. Members decided unanimously to continue with the Association. The Treasurer summarised income and expenditure for the year. Accounts have been approved independently and accepted. The committee was elected with Grahame Littleton as Chairman, Pat Bell as Vice-Chairman and

Roger Blake as Hon. Treasurer for the coming year. The position of Secretary remains unfilled and six members were re-elected as general committee members. It was decided that a Quorum shall be made up of 25% of members (previously 20 members) and that the subscription will remain unchanged at £10 per household. Could those members who have not yet paid their subscription please let the Treasurer have the money before April 1st? Send it to Roger Blake, Greyholme, Skinburness, CA7 4RA.

There will be a social get together over tea/coffee on Friday 7th May from 2pm to 4pm in Chichester Hall, Dicktrod Lane, Skinburness. This is open to both members and not yet members.

Arthritis

Report by: Gladys Temple

Do you or anyone you know suffer from Arthritis? We meet together on the 1st Friday of each month at Loveday House, Wigton. With the permission of the residents we use the sitting room which is very comfortable. Each month we have a speaker, sometimes from a medical background, sometimes alternative therapies or just social relaxing speakers.

We have use of the Hydrotherapy Pool at the Cumberland Infirmary where we do gentle exercise and Brian Ready advises members how much exercise and the correct type for each of us at Water Street Gym. The February meeting was led by Mary Peile and she welcomed Mary Heslam as speaker. Mary kept everyone interested with a large variety of poems and stories. She always lifts everyone's spirits with her gentle humour and makes us feel better after all the dreadful weather we have had recently.

Mary Peile thanked her for a lovely afternoon. Ann Graham and Edna Marper served refreshments and Norma Jamieson won the raffle.



Queen Bee by Ella Thompson from Silloth Primary School

Switched-On Voters

People in Allerdale are the most tech-savvy voters in the country.

Allerdale Borough Council has won an award from the IT firm Halarose, which provides election management systems for local authorities across the

UK.

Their records show that, out of 49 authorities that use its software, Allerdale came top with the largest percentage of households returning their electoral information via phone, text or internet.

Parkinson's Meetings

Solway Branch Support Group

The first meeting of the year was cancelled in January because of the bad weather.

Alison Horn of the Sunbeam's Trust entertained members at the February meeting. She presented a beautiful recital of songs and music played on her antique harp. Everyone relaxed as they joined in with the choruses of the popular folk songs and they were very interested when Alison invited them to try their hand at plucking the harp strings.

The Sunbeam Trust was started about fifteen years ago by Annie Mawson.

Her musicians take music into the

community especially to people young and old who have special needs. They also give recitals at various functions. The Trust continues to grow in strength and plans are afoot for the development of a music centre near Penrith. Members of the Solway PDS group hope that Alison will make a return visit next year.

Meetings are held at Wheyrigg Hall Hotel on the first Wednesday of each month. New members are always welcome.

Battle of the Bands

The first heat is on Saturday 27th March in Silloth Rugby Club. The second heat is on 10th April.

Bands taking part include The Twoers, Chief Brodie, Tropical Fruit Disaster, Retribution, Stellar Evolution, The Alleys and The Ventriliquists.

Many more winners will get to play at this years Music & Beer Festival.

The earlybird tickets are now on sale for only £25 which is great value for 4 days of entertainment.

Thursday night headliners are CLASSIC CLAPTON. This is the worlds top Eric Clapton tribute and Silloth is part of their 25th anniversary tour which finishes with a gig in Newcastle City Hall.

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Mayor's Report

Events attended by the Chairman included the Rotary Charter night, Longcake Educational Trust, North Allerdale Development Trust AGM furthermore he reminded those councillors present that they will need to elect a new Chairman/ Mayor as from the 10th May as he would not be standing for a further term having stood for the past five years.

Solway Mexico Link

Both children and teachers from Solway Community Technology College gave a presentation of their thoughts and hopes of what they wish to gain from their forthcoming visit.

Correspondence

Included the following; a request from Silloth Vintage Rally for the use of the Green, this was agreed. Christmas Lights Committee seeking permission to erect temporary poles on Eden Street to extend the lights to the Albion corner, this was agreed in principle, further info is required. Allerdale Borough Council consultation on strategic housing land availability over the next 15 years, which shows a possible build of up to 215 properties on various plots of land within the town boundary.

Planning Applications

Approvals by Allerdale Borough Council and the Town

Council were noted.

Reports

The Primary School: roll numbers are falling due to the ongoing problem in relation to the head teacher, following discussions it was agreed to arrange a meeting with the Director of Education at which the Town Council will stress our fears for the long term health of the school, as the matter has been in limbo far too long. Joint Advisory: the five year management plan has been drawn up and circulated. S.T.A.G.: a full programme of events have been planned for the summer season. There may be a possible visit by a small cruise liner so the passengers may visit Appleby Horse Fair. North Allerdale Development Trust: the trust have taken over the Market Hall and Community Centre in Wigton and have held their first AGM prior to the official opening of the refurbished Market Hall. Silloth Health Matters: it has been agreed to use the residue of the funds in hand to support the sports held at the carnival. Solway Community Technology College: the school has gained a top 20% level for the second year running, the school also achieved a level 2 result from Ofsted, many students are staying late at school to enhance their learning.

Handymans Report

A gritter has been sourced for use around the town when the winter weather returns, replacement equipment has been purchased following the theft of much of the small tools/ machines over Christmas and new security measures are in place.

Town Clerks Report

Councillors were reminded to supply reports a.s.a.p. for inclusion in the annual town report prior to the meeting in May.

Requests for Financial Assistance

Were received from the following groups, Silloth Vintage Rally it was agreed to award £1,500 towards the cost of the event. Solway Mexico Link it was agreed to award £1,000 towards the visit. Great North Air Ambulance it was agreed to give a donation of £500 to this worthy cause. S.T.A.G. it was agreed to award £6,000 from the tourism budget to help fund events on the Green.

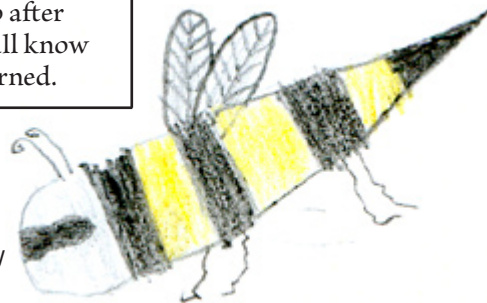
Financial Report

Estimates are being sought for the painting of the Community Hall exterior, lettering on the war memorial and the water fountain on the green, together with the fitting of two self closing gates to the children's play area.

Dog Fouling

Following serious concerns raised by both residents and visitors an urgent request has been made to Allerdale Borough Council to take action against those who will not clean up after their dogs. You all know the law so be warned.

Stig Bee
by
Nathan Gray
from
Silloth Primary
School



Yoshi Bee
by
Ross Wilson
from
Belair Primary School
Adelaide
Australia

Holm Cultram Abbey School

Report by: Linda McDonald

On Friday 5th February, the children of Holm Cultram Abbey CE Primary School contributed to the Gift Day organised by Rev, David Tembey. This was to raise funds for the Abbey which was destroyed by fire in June 2006.

The children sang songs as part of an assembly for parents and the wider community, and displayed written work they had done about their memories of the Abbey. Some children did a survey of parents and community members to find out their thoughts on how they would like to see the Abbey restored.



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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

Easter Week

Saturday 11am to 4pm
 Sunday 11am to 4pm
 Monday 1pm to 4pm
 Tuesday 1pm to 4pm
 Wednesday 1pm to 4pm
 Thursday 1pm to 4pm
 Friday 1pm to 4pm

April & May

Saturday 1pm to 4pm
 Sunday 11am to 4pm
 Bank Holiday Monday 1pm to 4pm
 Our shop is staffed by volunteers and may not open at the advertised times - we do apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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

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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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

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Useful Tel Numbers

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 NAP 01900 702898
 Neighbourhood Forum: 01900 325013
 Police: 0845 3300247
 Quakers, Wigton: 01228 523174
 Register Office, Wigton: 01228 223447
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 Silloth Community School: 016973 31234
 Silloth Nursery & Junior School: 016973 31243
 Silloth Town Clerk: 016973 31128
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March

23rd Easter Fete in Silloth Primary School Hall from 1:30pm to 4pm

23rd The Criffel Tea Dance at Silloth Community School from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

26th Public Consultation over the new plans for Silloth Green. Display is on for two weeks at The Golf Hotel

27th Coffee Cake & Craft Event in aid of Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance @ 2pm in St. Andrews Church Hall

27th Public Consultation on Silloth Green at Golf Hotel

27th Battle of the Bands in Silloth Rugby Club tickets on the door

28th Public Consultation on Silloth Green at Golf Hotel

29th Public Consultation on Silloth Green at Golf Hotel

30th Public Consultation on Silloth Green at Golf Hotel

31st Public Consultation on Silloth Green at Golf Hotel

April

1st Public Consultation on Silloth Green at Golf Hotel

2nd Public Consultation on Silloth Green at Golf Hotel

3rd Public Consultation on Silloth Green at Golf Hotel

4th Crunch Service at Skinburness Rd Carpark 9-11am

4th Public Consultation on Silloth Green at Golf Hotel

5th Public Consultation on Silloth Green at Golf Hotel

6th The Criffel Tea Dance at Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

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.

Copy date for the May issue

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

1st April 2010

April

6th Public Consultation on Silloth Green at Golf Hotel

7th Public Consultation on Silloth Green at Golf Hotel

8th Public Consultation on Silloth Green at Golf Hotel

10th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall @ 10am

10th Battle of the Bands in Silloth Rugby Club tickets on the door

12th Police Surgery in the Abbey, Abbeystown 12:30pm to 1:30pm

12th Silloth Town Council Meeting in Community Hall

14th Police Surgery in Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm

14th Causewayhead WI meeting in Trinity Methodist Church Schoolroom @ 7:15pm

16th Whitehaven Male Voice Choir Concert At Trinity Methodist Church at 7pm, this Fantastic Choir is not to be missed and everyone will be in for a real treat tickets from church members, Tickets £3.50, tel: 016973 31228

20th The Criffel Tea Dance at Silloth Community School from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

21st In aid of the Parkinson's Disease Society a Flower Arranging Demonstration (Ann Wills) and afternoon tea in the Wheyrigg Hall Hotel, Wigton at 2pm. tickets from Jane Mathews 016973 52527 or the hotel, £5

22nd Three Golden Apples at Culterham Hall, Mawbray, 7:30pm, Tickets £6, 01900 881353

May

1st Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall @ 10am

4th The Criffel Tea Dance at Silloth Community School from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

5th Causewayhead WI Birthday Party @ 7:15pm

6th Trinity Methodist Church Network Sandwich Pop-In 11:45-1pm

7th Skinburness Residents Association get-together for tea & coffee in Chichester Hall from 2pm-4pm

10th Police Surgery in Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm

May cont'd

10th Silloth Town Council Meeting in Community Hall

12th Causewayhead WI meeting in Trinity Methodist Church Schoolroom @ 7:15pm

16th Crunch Service at Skinburness Rd Carpark 9-11am

16th Plant Sale, Crafts & Produce at Culterham Hall, Mawbray, tel: 01900 881353

18th The Criffel Tea Dance at Silloth Community School from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

18th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

June

1st The Criffel Tea Dance at Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

5th Silloth & District Pensioners Annual Trip

7th Silloth Town Council Meeting in Community Hall

9th Causewayhead WI meeting in Trinity Methodist Church Schoolroom @ 7:15pm

10th Police Surgery in the Abbey, Abbeystown 12:30pm to 1:30pm

10th Police Surgery in Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm

15th The Criffel Tea Dance at Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

19th Vintage Rally on Silloth Green

19th Wigton Choral Society Summer Concert in St. Mary's Church, Wigton @ 7:30pm, tel 01900 881095

20th Crunch Service at Skinburness Rd Carpark 9-11am

20th Vintage Rally on Silloth Green

29th The Criffel Tea Dance at Silloth Community School from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

July

1st Trinity Methodist Church Summer Sandwich Pop-In 11:45-1pm

3rd Silloth & District Pensioners Strawberry Tea in St. Andrews Hall @ 2pm

5th Silloth Town Council Meeting in Community Hall

8th Trinity Methodist Church Summer Sandwich Pop-In 11:45-1pm

July cont'd

8th Police Surgery in Silloth Fire Station 2pm to 4pm

10th Soldiers in Silloth on Silloth Green!

11th Crunch Service at Skinburness Rd Carpark 9-11am

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13th The Criffel Tea Dance at Silloth Community School from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

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24th Kite Fest

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August

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10th The Criffel Tea Dance at Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45pm to 3:45pm

14th Greenfest

15th Greenfest

17th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

30th Silloth Carnival Parade starts at 1pm

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

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. 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.

This month the winner is Leah Richardson from Holme St. Cuthbert School with a bee called "Dancing Bee". Well done!



Copy Date



Abbeytown MU

Report by: Gladys Temple

Branch Leader Maureen Gibson welcomed members to the AGM and led the prayers. Freda Garner took the Chair for the AGM and asked Noline Foster to read the record of the AGM 2009.

We have healthy balances after sending donations of £104 to Overseas and £63.63 to the British Fund. We also send donations to Make a Mothers Day and The Global Village Fair Fund. Thanks were sent to Donald Foster for again auditing the books. Maureen then gave her record of her last year as Branch Leader having done seven years. Mary Banks is to be the new Deanery Leader.

The Diocesan Trip to Liverpool will be on 26th April. Maureen then read a letter from Brenda Sim who is away in New

Zealand. She apologised for missing the first meeting of her year as new Branch Leader and sent her prayers to us all. The new Secretary's job is to be a job share between Maureen and Freda until someone else can be found to take over. Freda is to stay on as Treasurer. Gladys is to stay as Press Secretary and Noline is to take over the Raffle. Maureen is Literature Secretary. The committee members are Brenda, Freda, Maureen, Noline, Elsie Donald, Joan Winter and Elaine Atkinson.

Everyone was pleased to be able to meet up after such a long time and Elsie Foster served refreshments assisted by Muriel Studholme while all caught up on news of their friends. Muriel had been to The Holy Land and told us of some of her memories of her visit.

Silloth Children's Centre

Report by: Jennifer Lunney and Pam Armstrong

Silloth Children's Centre has finally started work on the 'outdoor area'. From the children's room there is going to be a big extension to open up the outdoor space for children to learn and have fun in. The Children's Centre has worked closely with the Primary School to get this up and running and both the Children's Centre and the Primary School will have access.

We have some ongoing courses as well as new ones running in Silloth Children's Centre.

The 'Healthy Living' dates have changed and so the course is now starting on Wednesday 24th February 1pm till 3pm for 8 weeks (missing two weeks for Easter), then followed by a 10 week 'Keep Fit' exercise class starting on 5th May from 1pm to 3pm (missing one week for half term), the venue for this is yet to be confirmed.

We are now looking for further ideas for other courses and groups to run in Silloth Children's Centre. If you would like your ideas aired - please contact either Jenny or Pam on 0845 543 6909/016973 31230 at Silloth. Or on 016973 22771/ 22777 at Aspatria. Alternatively there is a 'Parent's Forum' on Thursday 25th March at Aspatria 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.

Home to Silloth Children's Centre is the 'Tots and Toddlers' group. They meet twice a week on Wednesday mornings 10am till 11:30am and Friday afternoons 1:30pm till 3pm and is 50p per family. The group participate in art and craft activities, music and song time and healthy snack time as well as promoting children to socialise, work together and share to help aid the transition to school a much easier process for both parent and children. The group also enables parents to support and advise each other on issues they may have.

Would you like to spend quality time with your children - to enable you - mum/dad/carer we have: 'Tatty Bumpkins,' a five weeks yoga movement and music session with your children. This is suitable for toddlers aged from 2 years and starts Tuesday 20th April 1:30pm till 2:30pm. Book your place using the usual numbers and come along and have some fun.

Our 'Dad's Group' is still continuing once a month on a Saturday morning 10am till 11:30am and is rotated around the three

Children's Centres. So far it has been around once.

So for any dads/male carers out there who have attended a session, we really value your support and hope you continue to join Dougie in his quest for 'quality time'. The next dates are:

27th March at Aspatria Youth Wing/
Dreamscheme venue
24th April at Wigton Children's Centre
29th May at Silloth Children's Centre
26th June at Aspatria Youth Wing/
Dreamscheme venue

'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 5 from Silloth Children's Centre. There is a one off membership fee of £1! Bargain! And you get to change your toy every two weeks.

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.

RNLI SOS Fundraiser

Silloth & District Fundraising Branch of the RNLI hosted a quiz night at the Golf Hotel, this was to support the RNLI's National SOS fundraising day.

Nine teams competed and raised £145 for the RNLI.

Thanks go to Sarah Betsworth for compiling the questions and to husband Geoff who was quiz master.

Thanks also to the Golf Hotel for hosting the event and providing a delicious supper of soup, sandwiches and sausage rolls for all.

Lifeboat Callout

Report by: Sue Kent

On Sunday the 28th February Silloth's B828 Don & Elaine Wilkinson new Atlantic 85 Lifeboat plus Nith inshore rescue boat were launched.

The call was to a stranded Landrover Discovery which had been on the sands at Southernness. It was sitting in 3ft of water with the tide still coming in around it. When the lifeboat arrived on scene the occupants had managed to scramble ashore. The Lifeboat Crew proceeded to check they were all safe & well.

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Heading Home

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It was responded to by five lifeboats, Silloth's Atlantic 85 and 'D' class lifeboats, Maryport Inshore Rescue Boat, Workington Tyne Class Lifeboat and Nith Inshore

Rescue Boat.

The crew on the Silloth Atlantic 85 were Senior Helmsman Steven Henderson (on the left), Helmsman Darren Irwin (on the right), Chantelle Southwaite, Mark Ware and Simon Nichol.

On their return to Silloth this photograph showing Silloth Lifeboat with the Nith Inshore boat in the background was taken from the deck of the Workington Lifeboat by Peter McRobert, who helps

to support the RNLI operations by providing a photographic record of their exercises for training purposes.

This photograph is now available to purchase, it is framed under glass on a mitred mount board in a black wooden frame. The photograph is 18" x 12" (45cm x 30cm) and the overall size is 24" x 18" (62cm x 46cm) all sizes are approximate. Alternative frames may be available.

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Wigton M.U.

Report by: Gladys Temple

Helen Armstrong led the prayers to open the February Meeting at St. Mary's Wigton and then introduced Alec Arthur from the Fire and Rescue Service.

He explained that they fit fire alarms for anyone who requests a member to visit and examine their premises to see where alarms are necessary. If necessary they will provide alarms which vibrate for people with hearing difficulties. Please make sure any adaptors used have a fuse as fires have been found to have been caused by cheap non-fused adaptors. Fireproofed throws for less mobile people are also available as well as bedding packs for people who smoke in bed. We were advised to knock off all Television and digi boxes each night, shut all doors especially kitchen and living room doors and be sure to know how to get out in the event of a fire. Keep

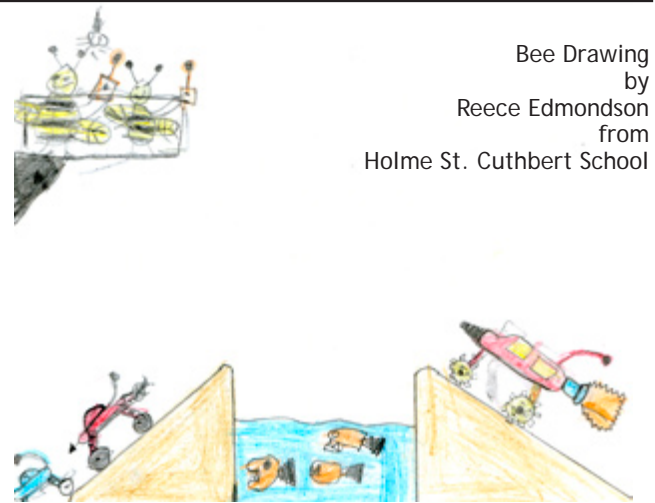
air fresheners which spray away from candles as these can cause a fire and also be careful where you place candles. He had leaflets and DVD's for everyone to take home.

He was thanked for a very informative and interesting talk by Margaret Peddar. Refreshments were served by Ann Lomas, Jean Key, and Myra Lawson.

Nominations were requested for a new Branch Leader but no one else was willing to take the job. Helen Armstrong is willing to carry on as secretary and Elizabeth is to carry on as treasurer and the committee are to carry on.

Several notices were given out and we were shown the new cards of one of the new stained glass windows sold in aid of the Tower Repair Fund at 75p.

Plants were given to Ann Pool and Helen Armstrong to say thank you for all the work they do for the branch.



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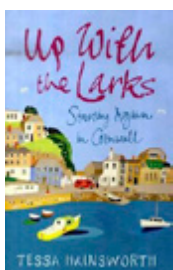
Buzzing Book Reviews

by Anne Carruthers
Cumbria County Council Library Service

Up with the Larks by Tessa Hainsworth

Having given up a high powered job and the lifestyle to match, Tessa Hainsworth, had no idea how hard she would struggle when, full of optimism, she fulfils her dream of moving to rural Cornwall with her young family one September.

Within a month, she is almost ready to return to the hustle and bustle of London, tail between her legs; with her husband juggling jobs and the renovation of their cottage rapidly eating away at their savings, the family is running out of money – fast. A chance encounter in the local post office leads her



to accept the unlikeliest of job offers.

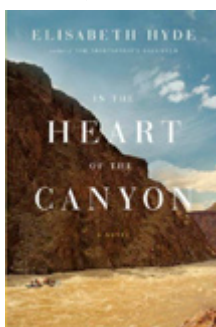
She starts in the bitter darkness of midwinter, faced with the perils of the Christmas rush, a van with a mind of its own, a host of unfamiliar routes and the locals- and their animals, large and small. But day-by-day and month-by-month, she learns to love a wonderfully colourful cast of characters until her second Christmas in Cornwall is entirely different from the first, as the whole community takes her to their hearts and at last Cornwall becomes home.

This is a warm hearted, feel good, laugh-out-loud funny story.

Highly recommended.

In the Heart of the Canyon by Elisabeth Hyde

JT Maroney, veteran river guide, is ready to take his 125th trip deep into the heart of the Grand Canyon, one of the most beautiful natural chasms in the world. JT thinks he's seen it all before, but this trip will change him forever. For the next two weeks his twelve passengers, mostly strangers to one another – and certainly to him, will paddle, swim and ride the rapids, sleep under the stars and breathe in the drama of the landscape. They'll also learn all about each other; more, perhaps, than they wanted to know. As the trip gets underway, allegiances form, often between



unlikely members of the group: connections that constantly change and evolve in the most unpredictable ways.

In the heart of the Canyon illustrates Elizabeth Hyde's gift for character and suspense in a striking and hostile landscape. Where stifling heat and the volatility of the river combine to create treacherous physical and emotional challenges for all.

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Highly recommend for your suitcase this summer, allowing you to take a holiday within a holiday!

Before We Say Goodbye by Louise Candlish

When Olivia Chapman bids farewell to her dying mother, she discovers a note with the address of Olivia's first love. Having been deserted by a young Ritchie over 20 years ago, Olivia can't help but wonder why her mother is trying to reunite them.

Curious, she embarks on a trip to track down Ritchie. She finds him living with his young daughter, still the caring charismatic man she

fell for all those years ago. But she's about to fall for him all over again and this time she too is married and has two sons of her own. With her marriage faltering and her everyday life fading into

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- o The Way Home by George Pelecanos
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- o The Silver Linings Play Book by Matthew Quick

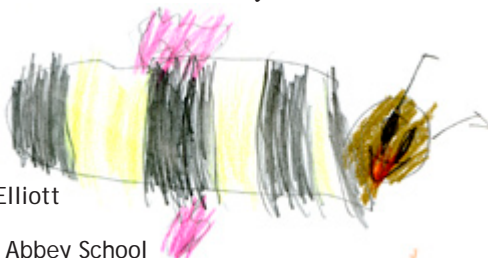
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Nessie?



Report by: David Palmer

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Monster. Alternatively it might be a distant relative of a prehistoric creature by the name of "Flotsamosaurus". Have there been any other sightings recently?

School Report

Report by: Karen Evans

This term saw the publication of the national achievement and attainment tables for the GCSE results for 2009. We were delighted to see that for the second year running the achievement scores of our students placed us in the top 10% of all schools nationally. We also had the third best CVA score in the County. In 2008 we were in the top 5.

OfSTED January
We knew that we would receive an inspection during the course of the year but were definitely surprised to receive a phone call on the morning of 22nd January to tell us that three inspectors would be arriving in school at 8am on Monday 25th January. Staff (both teaching and non teaching), students and governors worked hard to make sure that the school looked its best when the inspection team arrived.

We are very pleased with the report which provides confirmation of how the school has improved. Our only frustration comes from the fact that the verbal feedback which we received from the inspectors was more fulsome than the actual report. The report is subject to a word count and is very much written to a formula so the words "impressive" and "inspirational" don't appear.

The students excelled during the inspection and were clearly keen to show

the inspection team what they know, understand and can do. We received very many supportive letters from parents and community members which showed how much our community values our young people and the school. Thank you to all those parents who responded with comments as well as returning the parental survey forms.

We know that 93% of all the teaching seen was judged to be good or outstanding and none was judged to be inadequate. This is testimony to the hard work of staff. "Students do much better than expected because of the good teaching." The inspectors were very keen to see how we worked with students and parents to gain high achievement and attainment.

We are very proud of the school and what the students, parents, governors and staff have achieved.

Stay 'Til Late
We are very pleased that so many of our current Year 11 students are staying after school to ensure that coursework is completed to the highest possible standard. This week 79% of year 11 students have stayed from 3pm to 7pm to complete the OCR ICT coursework which will be moderated by an external examiner in the first week back after half term. Students tell us that they enjoy the informal atmosphere and sharing "tea" with other students and staff. We are very proud of the

Courageous Emily



PC Emily Addison attended a Thames Valley Police award ceremony held at Pinewood Studios. Proud parents J Martin and Jean Addison, formerly of Silloth, were present to watch their daughter receive her commendation for moral courage and outstanding teamwork under difficult circumstances in saving

the life of a suicidal male. Emily is the granddaughter of Silloth residents Ritson and Alice Addison and Robert and Patricia Williamson, was educated at Morton School, Carlisle, she joined the Thames Valley Police Force in July 2008 and is due to complete her probation as a Police Constable in July 2010.

commitment of students and in particular, of the staff who give up their time freely. Additional "stay til late" sessions will be offered in the first week after half term so that students can focus on completing COPE folders, English Literature and Technology coursework as well as improving the ISA in Science.

Rotary Young Chef Of The Year – District Final
Congratulations to Beth Rumney and Oliver Neilly who represented Silloth Rotary Club in the District final of this prestigious competition held at Nelson Thomlinson school, Wigton. Both students did exceptionally well, producing their three course meals that looked and tasted wonderful. In what was a very tight competition, Beth was awarded 3rd place with her menu of Smoked Mackerel Pate, Solway Casserole and Marmalade Bread and Butter Pudding; and Oliver was awarded "Highly Commended" for his Crab stuffed Mushrooms, Pork in Ginger and Chocolate Torte. It was a privilege to accompany them to this event.

Ceramics For A Day
Successful ceramicist Mike Eden worked his magic with students at Solway Community School for the day on

the 1February 2010. All Year 10 art students took part and produced their own exciting designs and ceramic pieces. Holly Harper said: "it was an eye opening experience".

JollyTots



Report by: Christine Partington

Mums, grandmas and tots from 'Jollytots' decided to create a bee for the Buzz.

It took us a long time! We painted orange one week, then black another. We cut them into pieces and then stuck them on our bee. Then we realised we needed more and had

to repeat the process. We then thought it didn't look much like a bee. Kristina Stevens, our resident art teacher, came to the rescue and with a few add-ons transformed it. We couldn't understand why Alex had bare legs on such a cold morning until we saw that his footprints had made the feet for the bee!



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

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- Computer Classes (Mondays, 6.30-9pm)

But we are very happy to consider others – just ask!

Roller Disco

Solway Community Sports Hall ran Roller Disco sessions last year and these proved to be very popular.

We would like to start the Roller Discos once more, probably on the weekends.

Hopefully these will start again soon, with Family Sessions on Sunday afternoons.

Watch This Space !!

CHECK WITH SCHOOL ABOUT DATES or ring the Sports Hall

Future Events

Dates for Your Diary Summer Camp Activities

We are hoping to run our very successful Summer Holiday Camps on the following two weeks – make a note of the dates:

WEEK 1 : 26th July 2010

WEEK 2 : 9th August 2010

PLEASE ALSO NOTE – THE SPORTS HALL IS NOW HOSTING BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS IN SILLOTH

First one - 15th March 2010. More dates for your diary – Sessions for the rest of the year: Monday 5th July (2 to 8 pm) and Monday 22nd November (2 to 8pm)

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



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There is no charge for these sessions.

Simply get the kids dressed up and come

along to the hotel as soon after 1pm as possible.

There will be two sessions of entertainment for the children each day to help keep them amused. After Peter has taken the photos you will be able to view them on one of the computer screens. All entrants will also receive a £10 voucher off a future booking for a shoot placed with Photography by Peter. Should you wish to, orders can be placed on the day for prints of your kids photographs. Prices start at just £4.

All entrants must live within the Solway Buzz distribution area.

Winners photographs

plus a few others will be published in the Buzz. For further information please telephone 016973 32180.

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The Golf Hotel is the venue for the studio and the winner will receive a wonderful Childrens Party in the Hotel for up to twenty children, this prize is worth £200.

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Stanwix Park Leisure Centre are providing four 10 day passes to the winning family. These are valid over the next twelve months providing full access to all the facilities at Stanwix Park Leisure Centre, this prize is

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Photography by Peter are providing the winner with studio photographs to the value of £70 and the second and third prize-winners will each receive studio photographs to the value of £60.

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Website is a Winner

Allerdale Borough Council website was officially rated excellent for the second year running.

SOCITM's review praised Allerdale Borough Council for its initiative and awarded it the maximum four star rating.

The Council's website is continually finding ways to improve its service.

SOCITM's judges said: "This is a very good site indeed. I really liked the clear navigation, great A to Z list and high standard of content across the site. Not only is it an excellent site

that consistently gets all the basics right, but it also demonstrated how effective a council website can be during an emergency. Allerdale was suffering the aftermath of terrible floods and was using the website to update citizens. The SOCITM survey shows that the Council's website is easy to use and has relevant and up to date information. It also shows that it is a good way to do business with the Council that is available whenever people want it and not just during office hours. We hope that more people will use the website in the future."

STAG Photo Competition

Judging for this competition was unfortunately delayed by unforeseen circumstances. It will be completed shortly and the winners will be announced in the next edition of the Solway Buzz.

Council Offices Change Opening Times

Allerdale Borough Council's Customer Service Centres at Cockermouth, Keswick, Maryport and the Wigton Local Links office will be changing their opening hours as from next month.

From 1st April 2010 the centres will be open from 9am until 5pm, Monday to Thursday,

and 9am until 4.30pm on Fridays.

The move to take 15 minutes off the start and end of the day is part of the Council's Transformation programme to reduce running costs with minimal disruption to customers.

Members of the public can also make payments through the Council's automated payments line, which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 01900 702666.

The Allerdale Borough Council website (www.allerdale.gov.uk) also makes it easy for people to do business with the Council outside of office hours, for example searching for planning applications, finding their nearest local facilities such as libraries and using online forms to report a problem like fly tipping anonymously.

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finals being held at the Journal Tyne Theatre in Newcastle on 14th March. For more information log on to www.liveandunsigned.uk.com and follow the link "live shows."

World Book Day



Report by: Sharon Weightman

On Thursday 4th March Silloth Primary School hosted book themed activities throughout the day.

Children and Staff came to school dressed as their favourite character. During the day the children rotated around the school enjoying a variety of activities ranging from creative writing to designing a front cover for a story. At regular intervals throughout the day the children took part in DEAR, Drop Everything

And Read, when children and staff enjoyed a story.

The children had a very enjoyable day dressed in some amazing costumes from Alice in Wonderland, princesses, Ben ten, animals, footballers, etc. The staff had fun too as Dennis the menace, a jockey, the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter, cats and many more.

The costume winners were:
Foundation: Casey Henderson
Key Stage 1: Matthew Hagan (Year 2)
Sophie Graham (Year 1)

Key Stage 2: Ryan Baxter (Year 6)

Chloe Smith (Year 6)
To end the day children and parents were invited back to school at 6pm for a giant bedtime read. Children came back in their pyjamas and enjoyed hot chocolate with marshmallows and biscuits. It was lovely to see so many mums, dads grandparents and older siblings join in.

Finally we would like to say a big thank you to the children, staff and parents for all their hard work in making the day a huge success.

Hair Zone 4U

Don't go Grey go Blonde

Quite often clients are reluctant to consider the Blonde option when those pesky grey hairs start to appear, which is a shame as mother nature tries to compensate us for going grey, by making our complexion change to suit the lighter colour of the grey.

This could well be the ideal time to consider the blonde option, blondes never really go out of style, we just keep re-inventing new techniques. The new blondes are no longer one dimensional they are multi-tonal and can look completely natural, plus the new generation 'Clynol' Hilift tints and bleaches leave the hair in

such great condition.

Usually the grey starts to appear in your early twenties or thirties, which is an easy time to deal with the grey as you can get away with much more at this age. But what about the more mature client in their 50's to 60's, is blonde an option for them? Absolutely, yes! You just have to look at Helen Mirren, 65 in July and Twiggy 61 (we have photos in the salon) to see how fabulous they look with blonde options, they define mature glamour.

Both these blondes are similar in technique, ie all over base with pastel lights woven either all over or just framing the face, its a technique

we use all the time in the salon. This is very flattering for the more mature complexions and wonderfully natural.

We have special deals for OAP's 52 weeks of the year and have great savings for kids cuts, so we are going to do another offer. For the first time blondes, so if you fit into the above category, ie twenty to sixty and you would like to try the blonde option, cut out and bring this article with you and we will knock 25% off your first colour. If you are not sure, come in and see if blonde would be right for you. They do say blondes have more fun.

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Council tax band B	903.39	150.80	112.13	74.48	1,240.80
Council tax band C	1,032.44	172.35	128.15	85.12	1,418.06
Council tax band D	1,161.50	193.89	144.17	95.76	1,595.32
Council tax band E	1,419.61	236.98	176.21	117.04	1,949.84
Council tax band F	1,677.72	280.06	208.25	138.32	2,304.35
Council tax band G	1,935.83	323.15	240.28	159.60	2,658.86
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Letters

Dear Buzz,

I thought I would bring to your attention that a number of businesses in Silloth appear to be reporting a downturn in business compared to the same time last year. The bookies has closed, one or two others may be struggling due to lack of customers. The locals are definitely not spending money locally and I'm afraid if the locals don't start supporting their local shops then they might end up losing them. I don't know if it is just a tightening of belts due to the recession or worry about fuel bills due to the colder than usual winter. One thing is for sure people are not venturing out.

Andrew Pearson

Pop-In

Report by: Jean Wilson

Again Trinity Methodist Church held their Soup Pop-In's and as usual they were a great success. Because of the faithful support of our regulars, for which we are very grateful, we were able to donate £125 for the Haiti fund and £50 for mission work in the UK. The remainder for our amenities fund.

Lowest Council Tax!

Our council tax is the lowest in the Cumbria

A 1.9% increase in Allerdale Borough Council's portion of council tax was agreed at the meeting of full Council on 3rd March, meaning that its portion is still the lowest district council tax in the county by far.

For a band A property in Silloth this means an increase in Allerdale Borough Council's portion of the council tax of £1.79 for the year and for a band D property an increase of £2.69.

Although district councils, such as Allerdale, collect all the council tax, the money is shared between the district council, the county council, the police authority and the parish council. The largest share of the council tax bill is set by Cumbria County Council, who takes three-quarters of the cash, that is £1,161.50 for a band D property in Silloth, the Police take around 12% or £193.89 and Silloth Town Council receives 6% or £95.76.

In 2010-11 the district council portion of the council tax for Band D properties for the district councils in Cumbria is: Allerdale Borough

Council: £144.17
Barrow Borough Council: £201.87
Carlisle City Council: £193.43
Copeland Borough Council: £180.27
Eden District Council: £165.89
South Lakeland District Council: £175.63

For details of how Allerdale's council tax compares with those in the rest of Cumbria, visit www.allerdalecompare.com

New Silloth Tearoom

The Station Tearoom is Arriving Soon

At Easter, Silloth couple Eileen and John Slack will be opening a new tearoom.

It is situated on the ground floor of 9 Station Road Silloth. The new venture will complement their existing B&B business, West View Guest House. The tearoom will provide a selection of hot and cold drinks and snacks to eat in or take away.

Barbie Bee
by
Kayleigh Pontoney
from
Holm Cultram School



Auction of Promises

Report by: Karen Evans

On Saturday 6 February we held the auction in the Golf Hotel – our thanks go to the Hotel and also to Peter Gilmour – they made the evening a huge success.

I am so pleased to be able to tell you that we raised £2,645! This is way beyond our wildest dreams and will enable us to get the information system we want in the entrance hall and laptop to run the hall projector. The remaining money will be distributed by the PTA.

Our thanks go to all members of the PTA – this was our first event – what a way to start! We would also like to thank Tony Markley who acted as auctioneer for the 65 lots and his friends who were a huge support for our event.

We are also going to start the planning of our next big activity which will be a Summer Ball so if you want to be involved in any way please come along – all are welcome.

JollyTots



Report by: Christine Partington

“Jollytots” began last May in Christ Church Hall on Solway Street.

We meet every Monday from 10am to 11.30am.

Our group is for mothers, fathers, grandparents, friends and

their babies and tots. All are welcome. The pictures show examples of the regular things we do. There are plenty of toys and activities



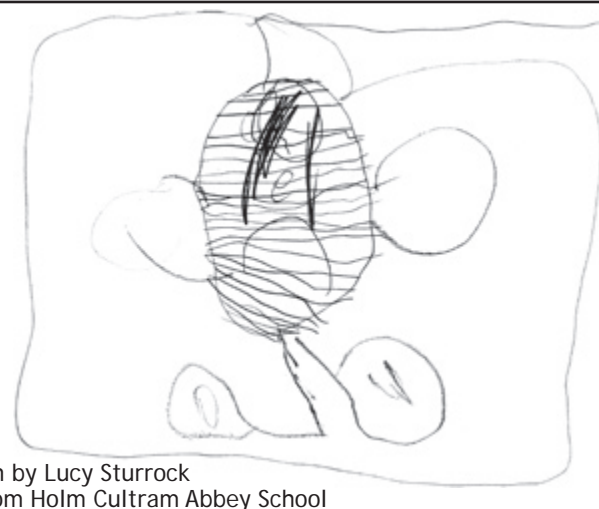
for the children to enjoy including floor and table top toys, a carpet area for babies, playdough, jigsaws and story time. Each week we have a singing time, bubbles, a parachute and a time to career round the hall on ride-ons!

There are also refreshments with a snack time for the children. We charge £1 per family. We have recently started to go out together as a group for a well earned rest from the kids! If you haven't been before or have been forgetting to come why not come and join us!? You may make some new friends or get to know others better.

Hope to see you. Chris, Morven, Joan and Margaret.



lan by Lucy Sturrock from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Culterham Hall

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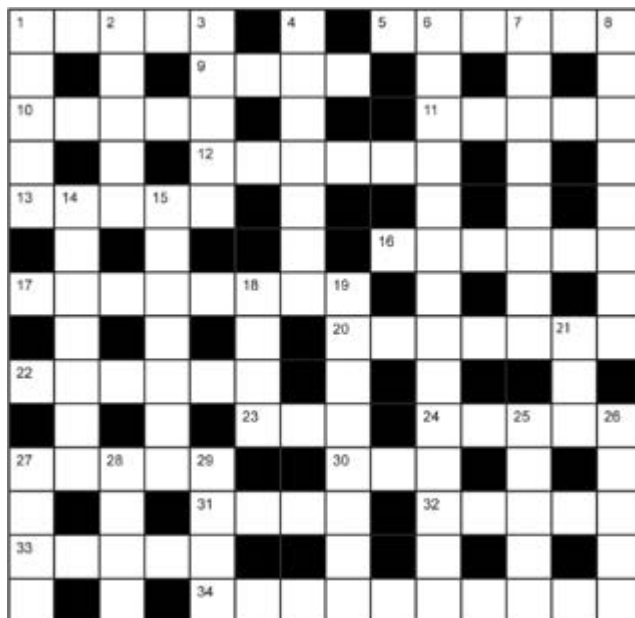


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		High Water				Low Water			
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1	TH	00 48	8.0	13 08	8.1	07 54	-1.5	20 18	-1.4
2	F	01 29	7.7	13 50	7.6	08 33	-1.2	20 55	-1.0
3	SA	02 08	7.3	14 30	7.1	09 09	-0.9	21 28	-0.5
4	SU	02 46	6.9	15 11	6.3	09 46	-0.5	22 03	-0.0
5	M	03 28	6.2	15 58	5.5	10 27	-0.0	22 46	0.5
6	TU	04 18	5.5	16 58	4.9	11 21	0.5	23 46	0.9
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Crossword

Crossword puzzle created by Mycroft



Crossword Issue 83

Across

- Hiding place for ammunition (5)
- King of the Titans who ate his children (6)
- Lively Scottish dance (4)
- Slang term for finished or over (5)
- Aneurin _____ Post war WW2 Labour Government Minister (5)
- Sprinkle with flour or similar (6)
- Professor at Hogwarts school (5)
- Building to keep horses in (6)
- _____ spoon. Three pronged fork (8)
- Light, vigorous musical composition (7)
- Mirror at Hogwarts school showing your deepest desire (6)
- Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet (3)
- Leopold _____ central character in James Joyce's Ulysees (5)
- Type of hairnet (5)
- Average (3)
- Concept (4)
- Coalition (5)
- Assumed name (5)
- Part of the human brain (10)

Down

- _____ Major. Constellation containing the star Sirius (5)
- Dried kernel of the coconut (5)
- Wear away (5)
- Wife of Ahab or shameless woman (7)
- Fourteenth century king of Scotland (6-3-5)
- Month of the year (8)
- City of west coast of California (3-5)
- Electrically neutral particle forming part of atom (8)
- Pablo _____ founder of Cubist art movement (7)
- Early British historian. The Venerable _____ (4)
- Piece of reckless behaviour (8)
- Compound housing wild animals (3)
- Projecting window of upper storey (5)
- Musical note equal to half a semibreve (5)
- The _____ of Tuonlea. Musical work by Sibelius (4)
- Norse god of war (4)
- Layer of cartilage between vertebrae (4)

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Across

- Kabul
- Kismet
- Iona
- Roast
- Volga
- Rattle
- Verve
- Pallor
- Flotilla
- Boyzone
- Apache
- Sea
- Among
- Senna
- SOS
- Mori
- Thane
- Charm
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Down

- Kirov
- Blair
- Litre
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Torres Bee by Josh Grey from Holm Cultram Abbey School



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On the Waterfront

Report by: Tommy Legs

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RAFA Donations



Report by: Kevin Anderton

Jim Brough was presented with cheques to the value of £500 to donate to local charities of his choice.

He opted for £200 to Silloth Lifeboat, £200 to the Convalescent Home

for patient amenities and £100 to Solway College towards the purchase of an electronic information board. The board will direct and inform students and visitors of locations and special events within the school.

Abbeytown WI

Audrey Harrison welcomed members.

The list of events to celebrate the 90th birthday of the CCFWI was read out and the schedule for our celebrations at Greenhill Hotel on Thursday 8th July was passed around for members interested in entering to put their names on.

Mr & Mrs Wells were introduced to talk on 'Life of Women in Northern Uganda'. They helped to set up a school and are always needing more books as the education system uses English. When Bothel School got a new Library lots of their old books went to Uganda but anything can be used over there and twice a year a container of items is sent containing books, clothes, curtains, bedding, towels, and household utensils. Women were very subservient but are now beginning to realise they are able to make a difference.

Audrey thanked Mr & Mrs Wells for a very interesting talk.

Causewayhead WI

President Olga Hetherington welcomed members and guests to the February meeting.

Our guest for the evening, Mr. David Lines, spoke about 'Flour and Breadmaking'. He told us in great detail the history of the business and explained the whole breadmaking process.

Because the January meeting had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions and lack of heating in the School Room, the Members night will now take place in October.

During the June Meeting the social half hour will be organised by Pat Froggatt who would like to hold a hat fashion show and members were asked to bring along their favourite hat for this occasion.

Join Causewayhead WI members to raise cash for the Air Ambulance 'Pride of Cumbria' with coffee, cakes and crafts on 27th March, 2pm - 4pm in St. Andrews Hall, Silloth. Entry £1 on the door.

Silloth Youth Club

Report by: George Holden

Silloth Youth Club has been up and running since May 2009 and we now have around 80 members ranging from 11 to 17 years old. We are open every Monday and Wednesday night from 6pm to 9pm.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those local businesses who very kindly gave us donations so that we could get the Club up and running - they helped us out tremendously. Thanks go to Enkev UK, Mark Orchard, D A Harrison, Carrs Coaches, Co-Op, Spar and JayBee Blake.

At the Club members can play darts, pool, table tennis, table football, board games, Wii and there's also a TV Room. During the winter months we have use of the Sports Hall where we can enjoy a number of sports such as football, basketball, badminton and tennis.

In December we held our Xmas Disco for members at the Social Club and our thanks go to Eric Stanwix for doing the Disco and to the staff at the Social Club for their hard work. In January we had a day away at AMF Bowling in Carlisle which was really well supported and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We have a Charity Night organised for adults

Report by: Lesley Douglas, Garden Centre Manager

Well March is here already and now the fun begins down here at Bankmill.

We are starting to get our plant and plug orders in and our time is filled with filling pots and pricking out bedding and basket plants, we have planted our potatoes for an early crop, and our strawberries are beginning to grow, so again this year we will be growing our own.

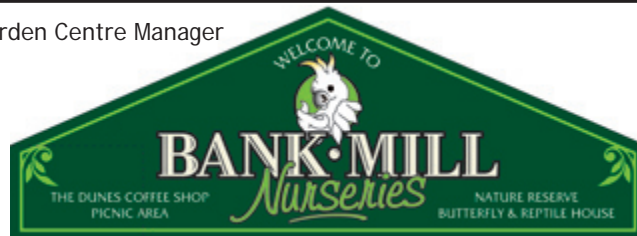
March is a changeable month weather-wise, but the tidy up continues, and it is a good time to start pruning your Buddleia, Hydrangea, Cornus and Salix stems to encourage new growth.

at Silloth Social Club on Saturday 24th April. There will be a disco and group and tickets are on sale at £4 each from the Social Club or from me. Please come along and support the Youth Club.

Anybody who is interested in getting involved with the Youth Club, feel free to come along to one of our Club nights or contact either myself on 32004 or Christine Ray on 07707 539492.



Bat by Callum Charters from Holm Cultram Abbey School



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Snowdrops can be lifted and divided into smaller clumps while still in leaf,

According to the RH's, people seem to have gone snowdrop crazy. Bidding on the online auction site Ebay has reached fever pitch this spring, with a single bulb of the rare pure white G. reginae-olgae 'Autumn Snow' snapped up for £162. Other prices reached this year include G. nivalis 'Ecusson d'Or', which went for £145.03 a bulb, and G. plicatus 'Wandlebury Ring',

which sold for £123.

Everybody loves Tulips, and this time of year they are a great source of colour in the garden, with their long stems they can add some great structure to the garden or patio and balcony.

Pots of daffodils can be put into the garden after flowering.

- Seeds to be sown, and watch out for insects as soon as it starts to warm up, they will begin to feed on our plants. So take action with shop bought insecticides or organic methods such as nematodes or companion planting, ie Grow French marigolds among tomatoes. Marigolds emit a strong odour that will repel greenfly and blackfly.

- Grow sage with carrots or plants in the cabbage family to ward off pests. Both have strong scents that drive away each other's pests.

- Garlic planted among roses will ward-off aphids.
- Plant carrots and leeks together on the allotment or vegetable patch to protect against a number of pests. Leeks repel carrot fly and carrots repel onion fly and leek moth.

Soon, April will be with us so, until next time, happy planting.

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Silloth A.F.C.

Report by: Colin Baty

We only had three games in three months due to the harsh severity of the winter.

We had the following games up to the end of February. During November we only had one game, this was against Mirehouse where we gave a creditable performance losing 0-2 in a Cup match. In December we only played once in a league game against South Workington and we lost a cliffhanger 0-1.

On Boxing night we had our Christmas bash with Rigsby playing in front of a packed Rugby Club which made us £800 towards our funds, thanks all for attending.

In January we only managed one game away to Bransty Rangers in the cup losing 6-3. Goals came from Brian Hayhurst (2) and Adam Carr. February has seen us playing every Saturday. First up was a 3-5 defeat in the Cup to Whitehaven Amateurs

Reserves with goals from Isaac Cork, Brian Hayhurst and Adam Carr. We then had a 4-4 away draw to Parton United when yours truly had to referee the game. This was in the Divisional Cup and we went through 6-5 on aggregate. Goals from Brian Hayhurst (2), Graeme Dixon and Adam Carr. Then a 3-2 home defeat to Frizington in the cup with 2 goals from Graeme Dixon.

Then to round things off a 50 mile trip to Hearts of Liddesdale and a double puncture of the Community Bus to deal with. This preparation didn't help and our worst performance of the season produced a 7-2 defeat. Goals came from Damien Horsley and Brian Hayhurst.

If we are to improve this season we need more people attending training otherwise this slump in form will continue. If not, then the players will only be letting themselves down. Let's try harder!

Lancaster Lounge



After an elaborate refurbishment the RAFA Club is now preparing to welcome visitors to the newly renamed 'Lancaster Lounge'.

Secretary and Treasurer, David and Sheona Nicoll have arranged a full programme of entertainments for members and guests. All are welcome. The Lounge is also available for hire for private parties etc.

Killer Dude
by
Greg Ramsay
from
Silloth Primary School



The Good Old Days

By popular demand the Old Time Music Hall Show was taken to Christ Church in Silloth on the 5th February and was directed and produced by Derek Shaw.

From start to finish there were two hours of first class entertainment.

People were met at the door by a couple dressed in victorian costume. The men from both Christ Church and Trinity Methodist Church took the part as stewards and were dressed in red and white striped waistcoats. The Church was decorated with Victoriana memorabilia with two life size silhouettes of elegant Victorian ladies displayed at the front of the Church. The ladies of both Churches were dressed in Victorian outfits complimented with large hats made by two friends of the Church. The ladies were seated at the front of the Church for all to see as

they entered the Church, it was like a Victorian picture postcard.

Derek Shaw gave an organ recital of music ranging from the shows and tunes of the 20's and 30's to Strauss waltzes. Derek opened the show and introduced the ladies and maids in true Music Hall jargon. The ladies paraded down the aisle looking beautiful and elegant. Derek then introduced the Master of Ceremonies Mr Tim Barker who gave an excellent performance of pure genius.

The evening was complemented perfectly with tasty refreshments being served by the Maids and members of the Church.

This truly professional show was appreciated and enjoyed by all, everyone left with smiling and happy faces.

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Tag Rugby Festival

Report by: Karen Evans

On 9th February our cluster of Primary Schools participated in Tag Rugby.

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Five Sports Leaders helped lead the festival,

Katie Twentyman, Ben Humm, Ross Johnstone, Kerry McGill and Rebecca Sim. Our Rugby coaches, Trevor Richardson and Jimmy Lettice commented on their leadership skills and abilities, their positivity and patience.

We are now more than half way through the Sports Leaders Course and the Year 10's are truly showing their talents and abilities.

Keep up the good work!

Abbeytown Bowling Club

Ireby Bowling Club were the visitors to Abbeytown Assembly Rooms.

The first half composed of 4 teams playing 5 ends each then a lovely buffet supper was served. Another 4 teams

played 5 ends and the home team came out the winners.

Abbeytown were thanked for a very enjoyable evening and arrangements will be made for more matches next season

Coffee Morning

Report by: Pat Froggatt

The first Coffee Morning of the year was held in the Silloth Pensioners Recreation Hall on Saturday 6th March and was extremely well attended thanks to the efforts of the Committee in promoting the event. Having had to cancel the coffee morning in February due to the problems caused by the cold weather, the Committee were pleased to see that the local residents had turned out in force to make this a most enjoyable morning. Sales of cards, cakes and bric-a-brac were well supported and proved to be very popular. There were a large number of

raffle prizes and tickets which went well.

The whole atmosphere in the hall was cheerful and a great feeling of cordiality spread through the room making this a successful occasion.

The winners of raffle prizes were; Jean Gibson, Pat Bell, Mary Eccles, Joan Caulfield (2), Diana Shaw, Kathleen Slack, Doreen Carruthers, Mrs. Lymme, Mary Irving.

A total of approximately £187 was raised for funds.

Diana Shaw also stated that a donation had been received from SOSCS for £400 for which the Committee would like to express their thanks.



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Solway Rescue Activity



Report by: Sue Kent

A major lifeboat exercise was held off Silloth seafront on 20th Febuary involving rescue boats from the upper reaches of the Solway Firth.

The object of the exercise was to get the lifeboats in the area working together successfully under very demanding conditions, with an emphasis on their first aid training skills.

This is a very difficult job especially if you are first on scene.

A fishing boat from Silloth (New Venture) was used as the casualty vessel. Thirteen injured casualties were provided by the Casualty Union supplemented by local volunteers.

Injuries dealt with ranged from: Heart attack, burns, asthma attack, spinal injuries, man over board, flesh wounds - all of which were very realistic.

Five boats & crews took part from: Silloth,



Workington, Maryport Inshore Rescue and Nith Inshore Rescue.

Other parties involved were: Local Police, Casualty Union, Dr Andy Butler (BASICS), Robert Beresford (A&E Nurse), Danny & Tony Baxter (New Venture).

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Mick Satterthwaite organised the exercise. It was very much appreciated by all organisations concerned.



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County Badminton Champions Emily Wise and Dawn Graham

Report by: Karen Evans Business Manager Solway Community Technology College

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This was held at the Park Leisure Centre in Barrow. Dawn teamed up with Helena Woodburn (Barrow) to take the under 14 doubles title winning against the Carlisle combination.

In the mixed doubles Emily and her partner, James Bowness from Penrith came through against Mark Ivison (Barrow) and Natalie

Gorst (Carlisle) winning the final by a close 21 points to 19. The doubles final was a similarly close match as Emily and her partner Georgina Lowe from Carlisle overcame Natalie Gorst and Emily Armstrong (both Carlisle) by 21 points to 18 and after overcoming her doubles partner Georgina in the singles semi final by 21/20 Emily won the final against Emily Armstrong by 21 points to 17 to round off an exhausting but rewarding day.

This was a great achievement for the Silloth/Abbeytown club that runs on a Friday night at the Sports Hall and a great credit to Colin Satterthwaite, Lorraine Graham, Robert Jefferson and Scott Morrison who have been helping to coach the girls.



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