



Beckham Bee
by Siobhan Walsh aged 11
Holm Cultrum Abbey School

Solway Buzz

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New Shop for Silloth



Regalo, a new gift shop for quality collectables and Italian giftware has opened in the premises vacated by the Anne o' Bells hairdressing salon.

This valuable new addition to the town has some beautiful and striking items which are bound to delight both visitors and locals alike. Christine tells me that with a large selection of items selling from only £5 each, she intends to carry merchandise which will be of very high quality at very attractive prices.

If, like me, you did not know - Regalo is Italian for gift, obvious really!

Phoenix enters Silloth Dock



Large crowds gathered around the entrance to the Docks at Silloth to watch the sailing ship Phoenix entering at 1pm on Wednesday 26th June.

The very blustery weather did not deter anyone they were full of admiration for the beautiful boat as she came in. Unfortunately, the heavy weather did not allow local ships pilot Bill Amyes to come in under sail, but nobody seemed to mind.

Silloth Kite Festival

It's back! After the disruption caused by foot and mouth the Kite Festival is back in Silloth on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th July.



What a Funtastic Year

What a season of events we are having this year. 2002 is definately the most exciting year ever for activities around this area. In addition to the town carnivals in Abbeytown and Silloth and the other events in all the local parishes, the Silloth Sea and Ships week at the end of June brought many events to the area we had never seen before. We still have the International Kite Festival and the International It's a Knockout to look forward to!

Start of the Abbeytown 5 mile road race



Dates for your Diary

July

6th Silloth & District Pensioners Association Strawberry Afternoon Tea St. Andrews Hall @ 2pm

6th Strawberry Teas & Exhibition 2pm–5pm in the Abbey, Abbeystown in aid of the Abbey Church Fund

7th Strawberry Teas & Exhibition 2pm–5pm in the Abbey, Abbeystown in aid of the Abbey Church Fund

7th Silloth Lifeboat Station Open Day 10:00am to 4:00pm

8th Silloth U3A Mr Ramshaw talks on Legend & Folklore

9th Age Concern Tea Dance Solway Community School Hall 1:45pm – 3:45pm admission £1.20 all welcome

11th Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth - Coffee Morning @ 10am

13th/14th Tennis Club Finals

13th S.A.D. Motorcycle Club Last Orders Band in RAFA Club 9pm admission £3

13th Silloth International Kite Festival

14th Silloth International Kite Festival

15th Silloth & District Business Association in the Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm Non members welcome

18th Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth Coffee Morning @ 10:00am

19th Mens Choir Concert Christ Church Hall @ 7pm Tickets £2.50 inc. refreshment

20th Summer Fayre Strawberry Tea & Gift Stalls Christ Church Hall @ 2:30pm Admission 75p

21st Songs of Praise with St. Stephens Band & Mens Choir Christ Church Hall @ 3pm

21st Autograss Racing on Silloth Airfield Solway Autograss Club

21st Touch Rugby @ 2pm Silloth Rugby Club

23rd Age Concern Tea Dance West Newton Village Hall 1:45pm – 3:45pm admission £1.20 all welcome

25th Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth Coffee Morning @ 10:00am

27th Abbeystown Carnival

August

1st Royal British Legion Coffee afternoon with stalls & raf e St. Andrews Hall @ 2:00pm

4th Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth Songs of Praise @ 6:30pm

8th Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth Coffee Morning @ 10:00am

10th It's a Knockout

11th It's a Knockout

11th Coffee Afternoon Christ Church Hall @ 2pm

11th Autograss Racing on Silloth Airfield Solway Autograss Club

15th Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth Coffee Morning @ 10:00am

19th Silloth & District Business Association in the Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm Non members welcome

22nd Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth Coffee Morning @ 10:00am

26th Silloth Carnival

29th Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth Coffee Morning @ 10:00am

September

1st Silloth Social Club Community Craft Show

5th Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth Coffee Morning @ 10:00am

5th Silloth Beer Festival

6th Silloth Beer Festival

7th Silloth Beer Festival

8th Silloth Beer Festival

7th Leek Show R.A.F.A. Club

7th Silloth & District Pensioners Association Anniversary Coffee Morning The Recreation Hall, Eden St.

Masthead Bee Winner

This month the winner is Siobhan Walsh aged eleven from Holm Cultrum Abbey School with a bee called Beckham Bee.

Well done Siobhan, a token of our appreciation will be presented at the school.

September cont'd

15th Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth - Songs of Praise @ 6:30pm

16th Silloth U3A Driftwood Demo by Mr Walker

16th Silloth & District Business Association in the Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm Non members welcome

22nd Autograss Racing on Silloth Airfield Solway Autograss Club

27th The Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning 10 – 11:30am in The Golf Hotel in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief

October

5th Silloth & District Pensioners Association Coffee Morning The Recreation Hall, Eden St.

21st Silloth U3A Mr Stainton talks on Mountain to the Sea

21st Silloth & District Business Association in the Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm Non members welcome

November

2nd Silloth & District Pensioners Association Christmas Afternoon Tea St. Andrews Hall @ 2:00pm

16th Christmas Fayre Christ Church Hall @ 2pm

18th Silloth & District Business Association in the Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm Non members welcome

30th Silloth & District Pensioners Association Christmas Party @ Stanwix Park, Tickets - Judith Jameson

December

5th Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth Coffee Morning @ 10:00am

15th Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth Christmas Carol Service, 6pm

23rd Silloth & District Business Association in the Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm Non members welcome

Copy date for the next issue

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

15th July 2002

Regular Weekly Events

Mondays

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

Domino Drive - Recreation Hall Eden Street Playing Field 7:30pm

Tuesdays

Bingo - Bowling Club, Eden Street @ 7pm

Whist Drive - Recreation Hall Eden Street Playing Field @ 2pm

Youth Group, Youth Centre, 8pm

Wednesdays

Coffee Morning -

Silloth Nursing Home @ 10am

Bingo - Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:30pm

Thursdays

Market -

Criffel Street 10am to 4pm

Whist Drive - Recreation Hall Eden Street Playing Field 7:30pm

Fridays

Bingo -

R.A.F.A. Club @ 7:30pm

Saturdays

Bingo - Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:30pm

Music & Dancing -

R.A.F.A. Club, evening

Sundays

Market -

Criffel Street 10am to 4pm

Market & Car Boot -

Silloth Airfield 10am to 4pm

RNLI - Exercise @ 10am

Bingo - Bowling Club, Eden Street @ 7pm

There must be more things happening in Silloth, Abbeystown, Mawbray, and the outlying areas than we presently have.

Please ensure you let us know what you are doing before the 15th of the month so we can include everything in the next issue.

The diary dates is a free service to all organisations in the Solway Buzz area, so why not give us your dates and we'll publicise your event for you!

Each edition of the Solway Buzz will be going out at the start of the month.

We are at present trying to compile a full list events throughout the year and even into next year, so if you are organising an event, let us know.

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August	5th & 9th
September	2nd, 16th & 30th
October	14th & 28th
November	11th & 25th
December	9th & 23rd

To join the bus telephone 016973 31257 for details.

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Editorial Content

This is down to you, we can only publish items if you send them to us.

When sending articles in, please supply a contact name and number in case something requires clarification.

We will accept letters, faxes or emails, but we do prefer emails as we do not have a typist to type your articles out.

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Monday	2pm - 7pm
Tuesday	closed
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Saturday	10am - 12 noon

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Holme Low Parish

Commemorative Tankards were given to all the children in the Parish under the age of 16, in celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

The tankards were distributed by members of the Parish Council.

Vintage Rally Winner

The winning number in the Vintage Rally lucky programme prize draw with a prize of £50 was 227.

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Dog Poo . . .

Could we have the first town in Allerdale with no dog poo?

Well could we?

If we did, we could challenge the whole of Allerdale and would probably make the national Press. From the number of complaints councillors get about this problem I think you will agree that it is most unpleasant.

Worse than that though is the danger to your children's health. All it would take is for YOU to clean up after your dog!

**Community Organic Garden**

Following the recent successful "Let's Cook" sessions with John Crouch a suggestion has been put forward that many of the simple but tasty recipes would be even better using local organic vegetables.

The suggestion is that we could have a Community Organic Garden in which we would be able to grow our own favourites. This notification is to assess the possible interest in the idea.

We would be pleased if you would let the Town Council, via the Town Clerk, know what you think of the idea. Polite responses only please, after all it's only an idea.

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by
Jack Phillips
aged 6
from
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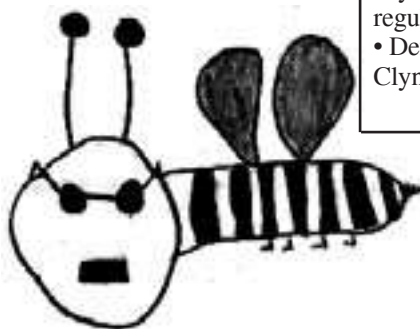
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by
Brett Wilson
aged 8
from
Silloth Primary School

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Golden Jubilee Picnic on the Green

On Monday 3rd June the Silloth Jubilee Committee's celebrations got under way with a 50's, 60's and 70's night in the Social Club.

Music was provided by Eric Stanwix Disco hosted by Andrew Johnston who

played a wonderful mixture of music enjoyed by all, karaoke provided by John Gibson and a superb performance from Elvis also known as Clive Whittle. He entertained the audience quite magnificently. Nearly everyone was on the

dance floor strutting his or her stuff for most of the evening. Bill and Winifred Allen won the fantastic fancy dress competition in their inimitable style and were presented with a bottle of wine each.

Thanks to The Social Club, Eric Stanwix, Andrew Johnston, John Gibson, Clive Whittle and everyone who attended this event who undoubtedly made this one of the most entertaining nights in Silloth for a long time.

Tuesday 4th June saw clouds building up and the promise of a day of entertainment on the Green in some doubt. But arrangements were all in place and the committee never had any thought of cancelling, so at 12pm the proceedings got under way.

By 1pm the Green was full for the children's sports. It was excellent to see so many enthusiastic children willing to put themselves through three races, flat, sack and egg and spoon. Medals were given to the winners of each race and everyone that took part including the adults racers received sweets and certificates.

To the delight of all the children on the green, free goody bags containing sweets, crisps and a carton of juice were given out, thus allowing the children to sit down and enjoy the Puppet Show.

The Over the Top Puppet Co. put on two inspired shows and was a delight to watch and had the assembled crowd crying with laughter.

Live entertainment continued with a performer from The Astral Circus. He entertained the crowd on two occasions with his juggling, fire eating and humour. Again a wonderful entertainer.

During the afternoon everyone enjoyed Fletchers Funfair, the Coconut Shy, the Roll a 2p game, the Silloth Rotary Club stall and their unrideable bike.

Throughout the day Alan Ross was in attendance to make balloon animals, flowers etc. for the children.

The Face Painting tent saw a huge line of children waiting patiently for their turn. Even though they were extremely busy they still found time to do each child's face and no one was disappointed. Of course Union Jacks proved to be the most popular.

It was good to see donkeys on the Green again and this too was an extremely popular attraction.

A fitting end to the day was a very energetically fought Tug of War battle between Shaws Meats, The Likely Lads and the eventual victors The Huntsman. Thanks lads for entering into the spirit of the day.

At this point things were brought to a close with the playing of the National Anthem. Two young ladies Lesley Maddison and Stacey Fraser, suitably attired in red white and blue, done a wonderful job in waving two huge union jacks in time to the music and the spectacle of this brought tears to many an eye.

All in all a marvellous day was had by everyone visitors and locals alike.

Mary Fraser and the Golden Jubilee Committee wish to thanks the following for their donations:

Silloth Town Council
SOS Charity Shop
Members of the 41 Club
The Silloth Social Club
John Hope
John Hope jnr
Bill Johnston

Also for their contributions to the day:

Jim Snaith, Chris Wilson, Mike from Over The Top Puppet Co., Stuart from Astral Circus, Sandra Brannan and Ladies, Fletchers Funfair, Alan Ross, Richard Story, Mr. Ballantyne, Causewayhead WI, Silloth Rotary Club.



Winners of the Tug o' War competition representing 'The Huntsman' receiving their prize.



Standard Bearers L-R: Stacey Fraser & Leslie Maddison for the National Anthem



A few of the families who joined in the Queens Golden Jubilee Picnic on Silloth Green

ZodiacFire CANCER

June 22 - July 22

**Who changes like a
changeable season?**

**Holds fast and lets go without
reason?**

**Who will stay to give
adhesion?**

To CANCER?

Oh little crab! Deep within your shell, hiding away for fear of revealing too much! Your sometimes hard, outer persona hides the kind and sensitive person you can be. Come out and live a little! – we're not going to mock you! You will, by now, have gathered that a large number of Cancerians hide their true feelings since they cannot bear to 'suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous torment' – to coin a certain Bard!

If left to their own devices and not cherished and nurtured, Cancerians can become very moody, hypersensitive and over-emotional. Keeping the sensitive Cancerian system in good order requires regular exercise, particularly water-based! So, I wonder just how many of us who live in this lovely area near the sea are Cancerians? Anyone for a dip in the Solway!?

In terms of domestic harmony, constant love and reassurance are essential if these people are to bloom and maintain a happy home life. Health-wise, there is a need to take special care of the digestive organs to try and prevent ulcers, heartburn and other gastric disorders.

Cancer represents the common people and global ideologies, sometimes reflected in opposition to an established government. It has ties with a country's agriculture and produce of the land. Cities 'ruled' by Cancer include Manchester, Amsterdam and Milan. Scotland, across the Border, is also regarded as being a 'Cancerian' country.

For a truly personal and individual report, contact me at: zodiacfire@aol.com, or tel: 016973 33116 for a very special report of who you really are.

Silloth Primary School World Cup Lunch



The girls of Silloth Primary School Kitchen have got into the spirit of the World Cup by dressing up in England T-shirts and caps and providing a special World Cup Lunch.

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Silloth Regeneration Partnership

Silloth Priorities for the next year of regeneration.

A number of projects have been identified as key priorities for both the people of Silloth and the North Allerdale Partnership.

These projects have been drawn from the Silloth Regeneration Action Plan, which was itself drawn from the needs and wants of local people.

The priority projects have been identified as:

The Police Station Project

This deals with plans for a crèche and enhanced local training facilities. There is a possibility that the town could gain the use of the old police station for a new community facility. Groups in the town have already started to look at this project in more detail.

The Sports Hall Project

The Multi-purpose hall has long been a local priority to address the needs of local sporting groups and the needs, in particular of the local schools. The partnership has identified this as a key project

The Townscape Project

The partnership is beginning to work with Allerdale Borough Council towards a scheme to revitalise the town centre, building on the recent successful face-lift scheme. A townscape project would be on a much larger scale and focus on the whole of the town centre

The Green

As we all know, one of Silloth's prime assets is its green. A priority for the partnership has been identified as making sure that it retains that status.

Access to West Beach/bridge at the dock

Potential projects such as a town trail, improved access to West Beach and others could be implemented through this project.

The Silloth Airfield Project

At present we have consultants working up a comprehensive plan for the airfield. The next phase will be to see if we can find any ways of supporting what business activity is taking place on the airfield at present and ensuring that the site is doing all it can for the prosperity of the town.

These projects have gone forward to the North Allerdale Partnership as priorities, but it is envisaged that a range of organisations will implement them.

Silloth Organisations Joint Meeting on 25th July

Silloth groups can coordinate their efforts

At the May meeting of the Silloth Regeneration Partnership it was suggested that although Silloth is making a lot of headway towards the completion of its plans for Regeneration, there still isn't enough communication between the various groups within the town.

Particularly the questions of festivals, events and bids for grants were brought up as there have been a number of recent occasions on which one Silloth bid for funding would have delivered a lot more for the town than several small bids.

The Regeneration Partnership felt that there are also problems with the number of meetings in the town. Many of the same faces are attending up to four evening meetings every month. This is taking up a lot of volunteer time and could lead on to individuals becoming fatigued with the whole process.

The Regeneration Partnership, which is made up of representatives from the town council, business association, Silloth tourism action group and others has organised a joint meeting on 25th July 2002 in The Golf Hotel. At this meeting, groups will be able to update each

other on their plans, conduct their usual business and find ways to work together for the town.

One suggestion has been that all groups within Silloth become a single organisation which deals with a festivals programme, business interests and the various other strands of regeneration. Although there were some potential problems identified with this.

One thing is certain, we all need to pull together in Silloth to make sure we are doing all we can for the town and that we're making sure that all the time we volunteer is used in the best possible way.

International It's a KnockOut on Silloth Green



10th & 11th August

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Silloth International Kite Festival

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After the disappointment of having to cancel last year's event due to the Foot & Mouth crisis, the organisers have bounced back with the help of funding from the Lottery "Awards for All" Board, as well as continued support from the County Council's Neighbourhood Forum.

"This has let us invite along some pretty spectacular displays" said Tim Barker, Chair of the Kite Festival Committee. "We are very pleased to have a team called Wigsley Wings, who will be bringing their selection of enormous kites in the form of octopuses, lobsters, starfish and even Tweety Pie."



This year, too, there will be an international element, with an invited guest from Switzerland, Iqbal Husain. He makes kites with a unique sense of humour, his William Tell kite for instance, has a long tail made up of apples pierced by arrows!

There will also be displays of highly-skilled team flying from members of Team Oblivion, and experts in a wide range of kites. As always, we expect the sweet drop (from a kite) and the chance to let your teddy bear experience the thrill of parachuting to be very popular.

The highlight of the festival, though, is likely to be on the Sunday afternoon when the sky fills with smaller kites made during the festival by local children. A kite making workshop for youngsters will run on both days, and at the end of the event there will be a mass fly-in, with prizes for the best-flying.

"You are very welcome to bring along kites you have at home" says Event Organiser Ian Gilmore, "and there will also be kite traders if you want to buy a kite."

As well as kites there will also be a range of entertainment for all the family, including a jester who has appeared on Blue Peter. There will be a special marquee for children's events.

The event will run on both Saturday and Sunday between 11am and 4.30pm.

Silloth Cubs April 1947



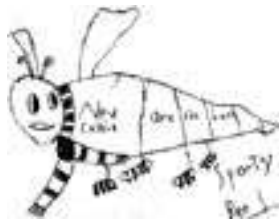
Do you remember when?

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Front L–R: Hugh Scott, Bernard Wallace, Frank Reynolds A.S.M., Rev. E. Mullins (Scoutmaster), John Darlington A.S.M., Edmind Rickerby, Bobby Walton.

Sporty Bee
by
Philip Morton
aged 10
from
Silloth Primary School



Buzzin' Letters

Dear Buzz,

On a recent visit to your town it was interesting to read your paper. I have read of short boat trips being available for passengers from Silloth in past times. It would be good if these were re-introduced. People would be interested. These trips were into the Solway and also to elsewhere.

Adrian Thwaite
Keswick

Dear Buzz,

I and others like me would like a notice board where we can advertise "goings on". I know there is a board opposite the Kandy Shop, but I've been told we can't use it - strange don't you think??

Mrs M. Mitchell
Age Concern

The "Dates for your Diary" on page 2 is the most accessible notice board in the area – Editor.

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The Wandering Post Office

The article in the June edition of the Solway Buzz prompted a number of questions. Questions such as who was the first Silloth postmaster, where was the Post Office originally located? And finally how many moves had it had since there was a Post Office in Silloth. After all Silloth only came in to being about one hundred and fifty years ago.

We know that in 1889 the Silloth Post Office was and I quote “located at Ann Sewell’s Criffel Street” and Ann Sewell was postmistress. The hours of business were and again I quote “Open from 7 am to 8 pm. Deliveries, Weekdays 7.30 am and in June, July and August at 7.35 pm to callers. Sundays 3.45 pm to 4.45 pm to callers. Letters despatched weekdays 11.15 am and 3.45 pm, Sundays 3.45 pm via Carlisle. Telegraph business 8 am to 8 pm Sundays to 10 am.

In the same year Mr J.J. Martin was in business as Printer, Bookseller, Stationer and maintained a circulating library at Eden Street.

In the year 1901 Mr J.J. Martin was appointed postmaster and the Post Office was transferred to No. 8 Eden Street where Mr Martin had his Stationery and book selling business. It is interesting to note that in 1901 the times of daily business were not stated. In this year the times of postal delivery were formalised to 7 am, 3 pm and 7 pm, while on Sundays 3.30 pm. Mail being despatched locally at 7 am. and via Carlisle 11.15 am, 4.15 pm and 7.40 pm. The times for Telegraph business remaining as before; weekdays and Sundays.

By 1929 the writer understands that the Martin’s stationery business had expanded to include premises at 6 Esk Street and the Post Office had moved to that address. The stationery business was then under the joint control of Messrs S. & H. Martin. The Solway Buzz article mentions that Mr Martin’s son took over control of the business in 1908, was

that when the move of the Post Office to Esk Street took place?, or was either the Mr S or Mr H mentioned above the son who took over the business in 1908?

It is known that the postmaster in 1977 was Mr G. Armstrong, on whose retirement Mr Greenwood took over as postmaster. Thus a number of questions have been left unanswered. When and where was the first Post Office commissioned in Silloth and who was the first postmaster? Who were the postmasters between Mr J.J. Martin and Mr G. Armstrong, were they residents of Silloth? Finally, were the moves of the Silloth Post Office as recorded above, the only moves in its history?

Silloth’s history commenced with the Act of 1854 allowing the building of the harbour and railway, and if anyone has the answers to these questions, we would have a complete example of local history that could be put in the public domain.

Whilst talking of local history I can find no reference to any authority to build the town of Silloth. Have I missed it anyway, or did the 1854 act imply permission to build or did our forbears just build the town?

Perhaps out of all these questions we may be able to put together a definitive history of Silloth that might help in the regeneration of Silloth and surrounding district and attract the visitors as in the early twentieth century.

Silloth & District Community Transport

The Silloth & District Community transport at present operate two regular services. On Monday all senior citizens are invited to the luncheon club for which the mini bus picks up around the town. There are places available and further details are available from David Pigeon on Tel. 31295.

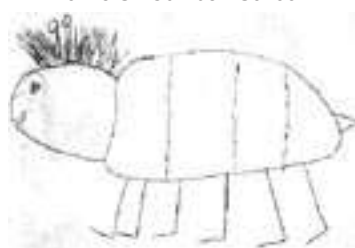
On alternative Mondays there is a Library service dates are:

July 8th & 22nd
August 5th & 19th
September 2nd, 16th & 30th
October 14th & 28th
November 11th & 25th
December 9th & 23rd

Further details are available from Lawrence Marshall on Tel. 31257 or from the Library Tel. 32195.

Some groups who would like to use the community bus but are unable to provide drivers. If anyone would be interested in helping us to provide a service to such groups we would be happy to hear from them.

Einstein
by
Holly Felix aged 8 3/4
from
Holme St. Cuthbert School



Silloth W.I.

There was an added Golden Jubilee celebration for members when Fiona Titterington was invited to entertain. She is a 17 year old accordionist from Brampton and a regular prize winner in the junior championships. On June 4th in keeping with the mood of celebration she played stirring English marches as well as music for everyone, lilting Welsh and Irish ballads together with Scottish songs to set the feet tapping.

Such outstanding talent was greatly appreciated by her audience, and Minnie Richardson, in giving the vote of thanks, emphasized how much everyone had enjoyed such a wonderful performance.

The competition for a lyric of four lines, that could be sung to “D’ye ken John Peel” produced some amusing results. The winner Mary Lymer was chosen by Fiona second was Jean Darling and third Sheila Nichol.

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There will be refreshments and a plant stall.

If coming by car please park in the car park on the sea front opposite the end of Skinburness Drive and walk across to the gardens.

Can You Remember Mary Barton?

CAN YOU REMEMBER MARY BARTON ?

Mary and her family lived in the Crofts until 1965, when they returned to Australia, I suspect the English weather may have influenced this decision!

Mary is returning to the UK on holiday in August and would love to meet school pals from Silloth Secondary and other friends and acquaintances in the Golf Hotel on Saturday 24th August from 8pm onwards.

I hope you will be able to come, as Mary is very much looking forward to seeing you all again.

Please advise Marilyn Amyes on Tel: 016973 31687.

Photographic Competition

STAG are still seeking entries for this competition to be judged on Carnival Day.

Search out those old prints. Valuable prizes are on offer.

We're looking for photos which show events and people in Silloth and surrounding areas. Entries will be displayed in the Heritage Centre if it opens in time, otherwise in premises in the town centre.

Take your pictures to the Tourist Information Office, not forgetting to include your name and address or 'phone number. All entries will be returned.

Details from any STAG member or R. Chambers 016973 35219.

Silloth Terrace, Melbourne



Margaret Bland, now living in London, sent in this intriguing photo of Silloth Terrace in Melbourne, Australia. The photo was taken during January 1991, note the beautiful cloudless sky!

Does anyone know how this terrace got its name?

Beckham Bee
by
Kurt Ruckersberg
aged 9
from
Silloth Primary School



Money Money

Silloth Tourism Action Group and many other groups have been trying to bring some summer entertainment to the Town for all of us and for our visitors.

So far we have been able to take advantage of various sources of funding which has brought about the variety of different events which now take place annually on the Green. We know how much these are enjoyed because people tell us, but here's the rub, the sources of funding are becoming more difficult to access.

The Green is, of course, the perfect venue except that because it is a public open space it is difficult to charge for the entertainment. A solution would be for everyone to dig deep and fill the collecting boxes with money on the day. Maybe we can also encourage visitors to do the same.

If you have any other solutions to our problems please let S.T.A.G. or any of its members know.

We all want to keep extending our season of summer fun days.

On the Waterfront by Tommy Legs

May turned out to be a reasonable month for trade and weather.

It began with the NESTOR with a cargo of fertilizer from Arzew in Algeria and was followed by the HANSA LYON, a Dutch ship with fertilizer from Rouen in France.

The molasses tanker HAVTANK then paid another visit with a cargo from Amsterdam.

Next was the JAN RASMUS with a cargo of wheat from Wolgast in Germany.

The British agged HOO KESTREL arrived with a cargo of fertilizer from Terneuzen on the Ghent Canal, followed by the MARC TRADER with wheat from Bonnières in France.

There were two visits by the BEN MAYE, both to load cement for Ireland giving a total of eight ships for the month.

Solway Shark Watch & Sea Mammal Survey

This is a group of enthusiastic volunteers studying the sharks, whales, dolphins, seals and turtles etc., that either visit or live in our North East Irish Sea waters.

From Loch Ryan and the Solway Firth south to the Ribble Estuary we are endeavouring to obtain information on both past and present sightings to help with the Cumbria, Dumfries & Galloway and Lancashire Biodiversity Action Plans.

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Solway Autograss

The weather was not very nice for us on our second meeting of the season at Silloth, but it was nice to see the drivers in their splendid coloured race suits and the cars in a splendid mix of colours too. By the end of the day they all looked the same, covered in mud.

Silloth drivers have doubled since the first meeting, we had Steven Jefferson making his debut and Paul Jameson returned for his second outing. We really need a junior membership from Silloth, if you are interested contact us and we will give you the advice you need

The first race of the day Class 1 had to be stopped when three cars tried to get into the same corner at the same time. SL3 SL12 and SL77. Mike Hadden SL77 was turned around and ended up in a dangerous position so the race was stopped.

In the finals in class one Arthur Cunningham held them all off at the line to take first place after some very competitive driving from SL84 and SL3 class two was dominated by the visitors from Yorkshire Dales although SL17 was sandwiched between them to take second place.

In class five our champion SL15 had a run out in the heats but did not make it into the final, this left the way for SL19 to win, he was making his debut at Silloth in the well turned out car from the same stable as SL15. Paul Jameson pushed him all the way round and in the final lap he nearly caught him up at the finish line.

In class seven SL7 was out on his own in the well turned out new car that he had just bought from John Griffiths, a lot of work had been done to the shell of the car and it was a shame it got covered in mud. Hopefully at the next meeting we will see SL3 out on the track at Silloth for the first time.

In class eight Wullie Stewart made it look easy to cruise over the line with SL1 still in the pits, it was not the best conditions for the specials and they struggled to get round the



track.

Our Chairman and our Membership Secretary had a very bad day in the stock hatch class SL611 did not make it into the final and SL600 ended up in the middle of the field in the final, again it was our visitors dominating with a good debut for second and third from YD602 and SL601.

The juniors was won by Yorkshire Dales driver Sean Riggs and it was a very competitive race Wayne Taylor took the lead after two laps then he was overtaken on the third lap and could not catch YD44 before he crossed the line.

The ladies class was won by SL12 Lin Cunningham followed by SL3 Karen Hodgson again because of the conditions it was very competitive and close racing.

The conditions were not ideal for the spectators to come and watch but I can assure you it was really worth it to see the drivers battling to control their cars and keep them on the track.

This was our second race meeting and despite the poor weather it was very well attended. New members are joining all the time but we could do with more drivers from Silloth and people to help us run the meetings.

FINAL RESULTS

class 1 - SL12 Arthur Cunningham, SL84 James Stubbs, SL3 Mark Hodgson
class 2 - YD104, SL17 David Rowley, YD74 Mark Glass
class 3 - SL48 Richard Telford
class 4 - NO FINISHERS
class 5 - SL19 Mark Cowperthwaite, SL714 Paul Jameson, SL80 Phil Talbot
class 6 - SL76 Kevin Forster
class 7 - SL7 Mike Hadden
class 8 - SL14 Wullie Stewart
class 9 - no finishers
class 10 - no finishers
stock hatch - YD606 Kevin Adlam, YD602 Craig Jenkins, SL601 David Widdup
JUNIORS - YD44 Sean Riggs, YD127 Wayne Taylor
ladies CLASS 11 final - SL12 Lin Cunningham, SL3 Karen Hodgson, SL77 Cath Hadden
ladies CLASS 12 final - no finishers
ladies CLASS 13 final - SL48 Mary Telford
ladies CLASS 14 final - SL11 Lisa Mason

Childcare in Silloth

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There are many different types of childcare, such as:-

Childminder, Creche, Full day care, Sessional care, Breakfast club, After school club, Holiday playscheme, Wraparound care.

Silloth is a large town with a lot of young families living in it, many of them are frustrated by the lack of available childcare in the town, the current childminding capacity in the town cannot provide enough places to satisfy the demand, the choice then for the parent/s is:

- 1) to access childcare several miles from their own community
- 2) to rely on the goodwill of grandparents, friends & neighbours
- 3) to be unable to work full or even part-time
- 4) to be unable to participate in training opportunities

A group of people, (not just parents) are coming together to look at how we can develop a childcare facility in Silloth, the intention is to think through the age ranges and various types of childcare needed and provide them in one centre.

It could be a building with a full day care nursery for the 0-3 year olds where parents can purchase the times/sessions that fit in with their work, it could have a room for the playgroup and toddlers, there could be a breakfast & after school club for school age children, with staff from the club escorting children to & from school, there could be a holiday playscheme for school age children, the centre could provide "wraparound care" – that is childcare around the 2.5hrs nursery education session.

If you are interested in any type of childcare please complete the questionnaire and return it to the gold boxes in the any of the following places:-

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| ☐ | Full day care | ☐ | Sessional care |
| ☐ | Breakfast club | ☐ | After school club |
| ☐ | Holiday playscheme | ☐ | Wraparound care |

I HAVE ☐ CHILD/ CHILDREN

AGE/S

Please complete the next section if you would like to

- a) be part of a group to help develop childcare options in Silloth ? ☐
- b) work in any childcare setting that could be established ? ☐
- c) be kept informed ? ☐

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Silloth Football Club



Some of the Juniors



Once again we were very pleased to host Sunderland FC's Junior Soccer School, which was open to anyone.

Seaside's supremo Pete Brough is currently sifting through the glut of applications for the managers hot seat, after the controversial decision to sack Mick Shaw. Peter was remaining tight lipped at his Eden Street H.Q., although Peter has already binned the application from lifelong

friend Angus Harrison. Peter quoted the old cliché "there are no friends in football" and anyway coming from Aspatria, Angus knows nothing about football.

Latest odds for the job at "Big Wally's" are John Slack: Evens, Eli Baty: 3-1, Paul (Dooley) Donald: 7-2, Barry Hardman: 4-1, Angus Harrison: 200-1 and dark horse is Bill Amyes: 8-1, Silloth's Sunderland connection.

Solway Tennis Club



On Saturday 1st June Mayor Bill Allison was on hand at the Skinburness courts to officially present the club with the 4 mini tennis nets that the town councils grant paid for. Committee members David Pigeon, David Wise and Gareth Lewis were on hand to thank the mayor for the council's generous contribution.

The tennis season is in full flow and it's great to see so many people out on the courts. The run of poor weather has put a damper on things though and as of going to press the under 11's and under 16's tournaments have not been able to take place. Hopefully by next month's issue these tournaments will have been played, with full results and photos in this column.

The bad weather has not been able to stop the growing popularity of the Saturday morning junior coaching sessions. Over 30 children each week are taking advantage of the free coaching provided by David Pigeon and David Wise. It is great to see the enthusiasm that the children of Silloth have for the game of tennis and it can only bode well for the future of the game in the town.

Remember, coaching sessions take place every Saturday morning from 10am to 11am at the Skinburness Road tennis courts. If it is raining then the coaching will take place in Christ Church Hall. It doesn't matter if you don't have a tennis racket as the club has enough for all those who want to join in.

The club will be running a family tennis night every Monday from 1st July. Families will have use of the Skinburness Road courts from 6pm to 8pm and the club will make available all the junior tennis equipment; mini tennis nets, junior rackets and sponge tennis balls. For more information please contact David Wise.

Tennis Results

Men's Club Championship
G. Lewis beat R. Sutcliffe 6-0, 6-0
D. Wise beat M. Pritchard 6-1, 6-1
Men's Tennis League group A
D. Wise beat R. Sutcliffe 6-0, 6-0
Men's Doubles
G. Lewis & D. Wise beat A. Pearson & P. Scott 6-3, 6-3
Under 8's 'Best in the World'
The under eight's currently enjoy a fun and varied coaching session with their favourite game being "best in the world", a continuous rallying game against the coach. Winners so far are:
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