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Report & some Photos by:
Jennifer Bailey

The Christmas Fair began in Silloth on the afternoon of 30th November. The Candy Shop stall provided a colourful array of sweets, whilst Brenda Davison and Amanda Ayres from Station Tea Room offered cakes of all descriptions. Margaret and Jennifer from Silloth Sewing Circle brought handmade articles for sale as well as items of bric-a-brac. There was a Tombola and Raffle, also mulled wine and hot mince pies. Sharon Hornby kept the children happy with her face painting skills.

Later, as the evening grew chilly, mulled wine and hot mince pies were available.

Fruit Link had their stall

set out with fruit, vegetables, eggs and plants, etc.

Children were catered for very well by Fletcher's Amusements. A Nativity scene was created when Mary and Joseph appeared, with their baby son in a manger under a canopy on the green, their trusty donkey beside them.

There was a stall from "Happy Puppy" which is an enterprise project run by people with learning difficulties.

Live music was played on the "stage" all afternoon and evening ranging through rock n' roll to festive songs and, as the evening progressed and dusk began to fall, the crowds gathered around the stage to see Santa in all his festive finery, after spending time in his "Grotto" in the Silloth Corner Cafe.

A group of children sang Christmas nursery songs and a dancing troupe "The Nixon Vixens" from The Nixon School of Dancing and Performing Arts performed.

Santa switched on the lights at 6pm and Eden Street and Station Street were bathed in colourful Christmassyness with lights strung across the streets, whilst further along Criffel Street the new look Christmas tree, gleamed silver beneath the "Merry Christmas from Silloth" sign.

A very big thank you to all who worked so



hard fundraising and to all those who've given their time to actually putting lights in place.



BMX Track Open



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Abbey Christmas Tree Celebrations

Holme Cultram Abbey was the perfect venue for this fantastic display of Christmas trees.

Held from the 5th to 9th December there was a fantastic turnout to appreciate the trees, not just from Abbeytown but from the whole area.

Entries were provided by: Abbeytown Youth Group, Brenda Sim, Holm Cultram Abbey CofE Primary School, T.W. Wilson & Sons, Abbeytown Flower Club, Judy Williamson & Friends, Holme Cultram Abbey, Mothers Union, The Graham Family, Friends of the Primary School, Pre-School & Playgroup, also Elsie Donald.



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Cumbria County Councillor Beth Furneaux, Cabinet member for the library service, said: "This is another impressive addition to what the library service can offer online. These changes improve access and will open up many magazines to people who may not be able to visit a library."



Super Bee
by Joshua Williamson from Abbeytown



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Join the Big Allerdale Switch and save cash on your energy bills.

People across Cumbria are being urged to join a new initiative which could save them money on their gas and electricity bills.

The Big Allerdale Switch is a 'collective switching' scheme, which allows people to group together to purchase their gas and electricity and save money. The initiative, which was launched on Tuesday 10th December, is being run by Allerdale Borough Council but is open to all – wherever you live.

Councillor Carni McCarron Holmes, Allerdale Borough Council's Executive Member for Housing, said: "It's frequently the case that those people who are more in need are often paying the most for their gas and electricity. Prepay meters can be expensive and some people have limited

access to the internet to shop around for the best deal or learn more about affordable warmth schemes. And because Cumbria has a high number of rural and remote properties, people are forced to purchase expensive oil and LPG to heat their homes. The Big Allerdale Switch will give people a better deal on their gas and electricity purely because of people power – by getting large numbers of residents together to purchase their energy en-masse, the energy providers will offer far better deals. And you don't need to live in the Allerdale borough to join our scheme – the more the merrier! Cutting bills is a key initiative in the Council's Reducing Poverty Strategy and we pledged to promote, champion and co-ordinate schemes to secure good value energy supplies – this is the first step to put that plan in action."

The Big Allerdale Switch

is completely free to join, really simple to do, and, at no point in the process are residents under any obligation to change energy providers if they change their minds.

The Big Allerdale Switch is part of the Big Community Switch, a scheme involving a number of local authorities throughout Great Britain. The Big Community Switch is run by i-Choosr, an independent company which has experience in collective switching schemes. iChoosr sets up a reverse auction and invites energy suppliers to offer their cheapest dual fuel and electricity only deals.

To sign up to the scheme, visit www.allerdale.gov.uk/warmhomes, call 01900 702702, or visit Allerdale House or the Discovery Centre or any of the Council's district offices. You will need a copy of an energy bill to hand as information will be required from it.

New Year Message from Mayor Tony

The year is coming to an end and what a great year, the weather has been very good and Silloth has been well populated during the summer season.

The Green has been well used by all generations utilising the new amenities or basking in the sun and listening to the wonderful assortment of music. STAG has managed extremely well this year supplying additional entertainment alongside all the other annual events that other local organisations have organised during the year.

Silloth Carnival was one of the best attended for years and was deemed a great success by everyone. The weather was fantastic and the town was packed, this event was filmed by an ITV crew who have been monitoring my weight loss regime and they were thrilled by the friendliness of the local community. The



Tony Markley addressing the crowds during Silloth Carnival

programme 'Weight Loss Ward' will be shown during January on Tuesday evenings at 8pm on the 7th, 14th and 21st. It appears the Carnival, etc, will feature on the 21st January.

As Mayor of Silloth, Denise and I were invited by the Vice Admiral of the Royal Navy Fleet to Salford Quays in Manchester on 13th November for the rededication service and affiliation that has been developed over the years to the Port of Silloth for 'HMS Biter'. It has undergone an eight month refit making it the most up to date training and operational vessel in the Royal Navy. This was a great honour for us and definitely secures Silloth firmly on the National Map.

We have attended various Civic services throughout Allerdale, also the annual Judges service and CCC Big Family Christmas Service at Carlisle Cathedral.

I am sure you will all agree with me that the new

Christmas lights in Silloth are a great success and once again my thanks go to the dedicated team of fund raisers and helpers who come together annually in all weathers to organise this annual event.

The new BMX track will be open by the time you read this and yet again Silloth is leading the way forward in Allerdale with activities for the local community and tourists to use. This was a fantastic innovative idea proposed by the younger generation and will be a great asset to the Town.

As the winter months bring this year to a successful end we can all look forward to a full and eventful program which STAG are formulating with the Town Council and other active groups within the town. I would like to offer you all the compliments of the season and a happy and prosperous New year.

Regards
Cllr Tony Markley



Stay Safe Bee

by Jemma Wilson from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Arthritis Support

Report by: Gladys Temple

Mary Peile welcomed twelve members to the December meeting but the speaker needed no introduction as Pauline Mole is also a member.

She read a very varied selection of her own poems and tales from serious to hilarious and everyone thoroughly enjoyed listening. Mary thanked her very much for stepping in to give everyone a lovely afternoon.

Anne Weightman and Joan Armstrong served the refreshments provided by Joan Gilbertson as it

was her birthday. Mary Harrison wished her a very Happy Birthday from all the members.

A list was sent around for the January Lunch to be held at Denton House on Friday 10th January 2014 and the Community Bus will leave Loveday House at 12 noon.

Members were reminded to bring a parcel for Father Christmas to hand out so that each person will receive one. Any member wishing to go or bring a friend please let Gladys know on 016973 43964.

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As the Crow Flies



Recently 'Old' Joe Crow visited Australia to see the Markley family, son-in-law Darren, daughter Karen and grand daughters Rebecca (15) and Sophie (14).

Darren and Karen suggested that Joe should do a sky dive at the famous Jurien Bay coast so on 1st October in the early afternoon all three did tandem dives leaving the girls on the beach to take photographs.

Darren had done one years earlier in England but this was the first go for Karen and Joe.

They boarded a small

Above: Joe dropping in to Australia with a Buddy
Below: Karen & Darren with Joe



plane and hooked up to their guides they took the dive at 14,000 ft parachuting the last 5,000 ft in clear blue skies.

Joe said "It was an amazing experience but not recommended for anyone over 70". Well done Joe!

Santa is Coming to Silloth



A reminder from Rotary to make sure you tell the kids to keep an eye out for Santa Claus when he visits the town once again on Sunday 22nd December.

He will be setting off from Skinburness at 3:30pm and will visit Skinburness Drive and then follow the traditional Carnival route through the town ending up in West Silloth.

Santa will be handing out gifts to the little ones and his team of helpers, resplendent in their new high-vis jackets, will be carrying large yellow buckets in which to drop any spare cash for Rotary charities.

Beerfest Belgians



Oliver, the (as he puts it) 'Famous Belgian' who each year brings a party of lads over from Belgium to our equally famous Music & Beer Festival has an idea for consideration.

He wondered whether the Festival could have a best dressed (fancy dress) competition. He sent the above picture of the lady who would have got his vote this year.

Harlequin Choir



Report by: Margaret English

On Friday 6th December the Harlequin choir came to St Andrew's Church to support the RNLI and sang a variety of Christmas, traditional and pop songs.

It was a lovely evening with the audience enjoying the enthusiasm of the choir. With donations and

proceeds from the raffle £175 was raised for the Silloth and District RNLI fund raising group.

Interval refreshments were enjoyed, thanks go to Mrs Kerr and Mrs Hansford for all their help and to Fruit Link for generously providing a Christmas tree.

Right Top:

Lazy Bee

by Sophie Moore from Silloth Primary School

Right Bottom:

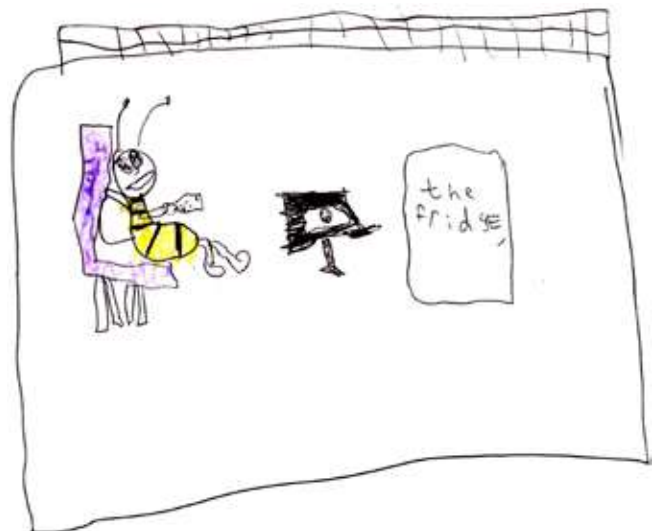
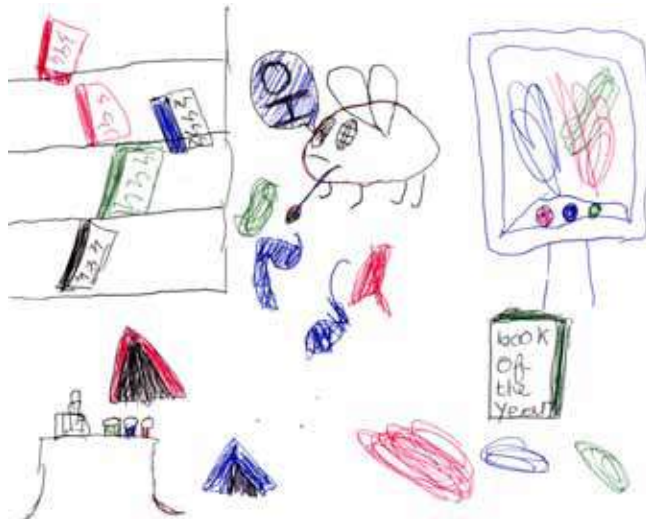
Bobby Bee

by Bobby Forbes from Holme St Cuthbert School

Left Bottom:

Messy Bee

by Jasmin Irwin from Silloth Primary School



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Pensioners Christmas Party



Report by: Pat Froggatt

Silloth Pensioners Christmas Party was held at Stanwix Holiday Centre on Saturday 30th November. The ballroom was tastefully decorated thanks to our hosts and we were pleased to see so many of you in attendance. A superb buffet was provided by Gwen who has been instrumental in arranging these buffets for us for several years, and she

didn't disappoint. The food was beautifully displayed with a variety of salads and meats and some delicious desserts. The music was by Stevie Vegas who played some wonderful oldies for us to enjoy and join in, and also to dance to. The whole event was thoroughly enjoyed by all; the highlight being the raffle with many lucky prize

winners. Thanks must go to all the staff at Stanwix, and also to the Pensioners Committee, who work tirelessly through the year to provide the coffee mornings, strawberry tea, outings and, of course, the Christmas Party. The Committee hopes you have a very Happy 2014 and look forward to seeing you at our next Coffee Morning in February.

BMX Track Opening



Youngsters in Silloth used the old Pines behind the lifeboat station as a makeshift BMX track. This track did not comply with any safety regulations. So, it was removed and fenced off to make way for the play area now in its place.

Subsequently, young people and parents in Silloth approached Silloth Town Council and attended meetings to voice their disappointment at losing the dirt track and make a case for a new facility. In November 2011, the young folks along with Cllr. Stuart Graham and other parents, completed a sponsored bicycle ride and raised £550, demonstrating the high level of commitment from youngsters, parents and adults in the Town.

Given the high levels of support, a committee for Silloth BMX Club was formed. The club were now in a position to seek further funding. Committee members include Stuart Graham, Deputy Mayor (Chairperson) David Baker (Treasurer) and Diane Graham (Secretary). Silloth Town Council suggested the proposal for the BMX track could be

included as part of the Green re-generation, and Cllr Stuart Graham, Jason Dixey, the project manager for the Green's refurbishment and Anna Malina, the Community Engagement Officer for the Green obtained funding. The track officially

opened on Saturday 14th December. A professional BMX Team, the Clan, displayed their skills. In addition, they gave advice and encouragement to the youngsters during interactive sessions. All are encouraged to bring their BMX bikes along to use the new track.



Above: A Clan stunt rider advising the youngsters
Below: The four founder members Joel Baker, Reece Blake, Lewis Graham & Matthew Oliver cut the tape



Wigton Furniture Project

Allerdale Borough Council has given its backing to a new social enterprise, which will provide low cost furniture to North and West Cumbria, and give valuable work experience to volunteers of all ages. Steve Wilson and Debbie Watson have set up Wigton Furniture Project, a Community Interest Company. They are offering free collection of unwanted furniture from Wigton and the surrounding area, which will then be 'upcycled' and sold on at a low price to local residents. All the profits will be reinvested in the business.

The project will provide opportunities for volunteers to learn how to repair furniture, as well as learn basic business and retail skills, such as stocktaking and dealing with customers. The project has already forged strong links with the Job Centre, NHS and local homelessness organisations. There are also plans to turn the company premises, on Western Bank Industrial Estate, into a community hub with space for bands to practice. Some of the unit has also been converted into a shop selling new clothes, perfumes and shoes, which is ploughing its profits into the Community Interest Company.

Councillor Alan Smith, Leader of Allerdale Borough Council, said "This is a great project and I'm really pleased the Council has been able to support it through the 'Ways Into Successful Enterprise' project. Not only will it prevent tons of usable furniture ending up in landfill because it can be upcycled

into something attractive and useful, but it also allows those who may not have a lot of money to spare to furnish their homes. The added bonus is that it will also be helping people develop new skills - whether that's for use in their future careers or simply as a hobby."

Steve and Debbie are looking for donations of furniture and would also like to hear from any volunteers who want to get involved. For more information, email wigtonfurnitureproject@gmail.com or call 07779 730730.

Bands Wanted

Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2014 are looking for local acts, bands, etc. to apply to play at this years Festival during September 4th to 7th. They will look at all ideas. Just send your proposal to info@sillothbeerfestival.co.uk. During January we will announce all the major acts booked so far. This will be a varied and hopefully the best ever lineup we have ever put together. There will be the usual selections of ales, ciders, etc.

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collections due on Friday 27th December will be taken instead on Sunday 29th December.
For week commencing Monday 30th December, collections will be picked up as normal on Monday and on Tuesday 31st December (New Year's Eve); then for the rest of the week will be one day later than normal. For example, collections due on New Year's Day will take place on Thursday 2nd January 2014.

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Rotary Bearhugs



1000 Bearhugs is a small charity based in the Philippines that revolves around helping children. It is part of an organisation known as Blackpencil which is run by Mon Corpuz , a professional photographer and graphic artist.

Following the recent typhoon, Mon wanted to expand the operation and he asked his friend Philip Smithson (son of Silloth Rotarian Colin Smithson), if he could improve the www.1000bearhugs.org website free of charge. Philip who runs Foolproof Labs Inc in Makati, Metro Manila along with Russell Morgan formerly of Silloth, immediately agreed and upgraded the website forthwith. Many townsfolk will remember Russell's mother Sharon who was Silloth Town Clerk for many years.

Colin Smithson then suggested that the Rotary Club of Silloth might like to become involved in collecting bears for them.

Play is a child's natural language and a means for them to make sense of their experiences. Trauma can be addressed through play therapy and allows a child to speak of what he or she has gone through when they cannot find the words to do so. Toys can provide children with a certain amount of security in a sometimes very scary world.

On hearing Rotarian Tim Barker speaking about the scheme on Radio Cumbria, Silloth Community Technology College quickly responded and at a recent assembly, presented the Club with almost 1000 bears. The College showed great leadership and involved Silloth Primary School, Jelly Tots, Holme Saint Cuthbert, and Allonby Schools in the project. To collect almost 1000 bears in little over a week was a remarkable achievement and good news travels fast because in addition to the local schools, Bolton Low Houses School has contributed, along with various other Rotary Clubs and schools in Cumbria. At the moment we have an astonishing 5000+ bears and other huggables!

The bears are currently waiting patiently in the departure lounge in Tony Markley's warehouse in Silloth, and Rotary members are maintaining a shift system to feed and water them, as well making sure they visit The Pines twice a day. They will be transported in the new year when the current international humanitarian effort to provide food and water has abated slightly.

For further news of the 1000 bearhugs campaign and other news of what's happening in Silloth Rotary please visit the club's Facebook page.

Silloth Town Council Response to the Siting Process for a Geological Disposal Facility

Consultation – Review of the Siting Process for a Geological Disposal Facility

The Town Council have submitted their response to DECC in relation to the above consultation, a copy of which is reproduced here and also on the Council's website at www.silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk.

The Town Council will not be holding a public meeting.

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council response:

Silloth Town Council are alarmed that the Government can reopen the search for a nuclear repository in our area, in the same year as it declared the MRWS process officially dead. The Cumbria County Council Cabinet ruled out the suitability of our area by a unanimous vote in January this year. We were told to respect the process and we did despite neither us, nor our elected representatives in Allerdale, having a say in the decision. How can Government renege on its own process and then remove the only barrier (Cumbria County Council) to having another go, with another set of rules, whilst expecting us to believe it is actually looking at the whole of the country. We already know we are again to have no say in the decision and call into question the integrity of the Government and the honesty of its approach. Is this the true meaning of localism in a landscape which enjoys the highest level of protection in law and is already suffering from a plague of onshore and offshore giant turbines, with many more in the pipeline, whilst its people will be forced to live in the shadowy prospect of a nuclear repository, during many years of worry, anxiety and confusion. Rule us out now and make the national search for safety a genuine one. We also urge the leaders of Allerdale Borough Council not to renege on

their promise to abide by the democratic process which they asked us to accept.

Question 1: Do you agree that the test of public support should be taken before the representative authority loses the Right of Withdrawal? If so, what do you think would be the most appropriate means of testing public support and when should it take place? If you do not agree with the need for such a test please explain why.

In the true form of localism, each local parish/ town council to decide for its own area. The test of public support must be taken at a very early stage by each local parish/ town council if there is a possibility that their area is under consideration. The form of the test whether public meeting, referendum or other, is best left to the individual council.

Question 2: Do you agree with the proposed amendments to decision making within the MRWS siting process. If not how would you modify the proposed phased approach, or, alternatively, what different approach would you propose? Please explain your reasoning.

No, we do not agree. Two levels of local government cannot be removed from the process, leaving the third to be represented by an unrepresentative oligarchy. We are extremely concerned at the reduced role of the County Council and the virtual elimination from the democratic process of the local tier.

Question 3: Do you agree with this approach to revising roles in the siting process set out in the White Paper? If not, what alternative approach would you propose and why?

Yes, as long as the process follows the localism agenda and as long as there is a genuine national approach. We agree with a genuine national approach led by

geological safety as the paramount concern.

Question 4: Do you agree with this proposed approach to assessing geological suitability as part of the MRWS siting process? If not what alternative approach would you propose and why?

The Town Council propose the sensible solution would be a subsurface retrievable storage facility in the area where the bulk of it is at present located, but that is for the local people in that area to determine.

Question 5: Do you agree with this proposed approach to planning for the geological disposal facility? If not, what alternative approach would you propose and why?

The Town Council do not agree that a geological disposal facility is safe for Cumbria.

Question 6: Do you agree with this clarification of the inventory for geological disposal - and how this will be communicated with the volunteer host community? If not, what alternative approach would you propose and why?

We do not agree with a geological disposal facility but propose a safe retrievable subsurface storage facility, as one day the waste could be reprocessed or made less dangerous through advances in science.

Local people will always need to know precisely what is to be stored, volumes, origins etc

Question 7: Do you endorse the proposed approach to community benefits associated with a GDF? If not, what alternative approach would you propose and why?

Discussion on community benefits is premature and should not be considered until a host community is identified and agreed in principle. Any detailed list of benefits should be mirrored by a list of disadvantages and risks.

Question 8: Do you agree with the proposed approach to addressing potential socio-economic and environmental effects that might come from hosting a GDF? If not, what alternative approach would you propose and why?

The report needs to be available to the wider public and give a balanced view, setting out the potential gains and possible drawbacks. We do not agree that the case for a safe geological disposal facility has been made.

Question 9: Do you have any other comments?

Our preface document is an integral part of our response and must remain attached to it. It gives the overarching view and rationale behind Silloth Town Council's views expressed above.



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by Scott Wilson from Abbeystown

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Lab in a Lorry at School

Lab in a Lorry, a mobile science lab for young people, visited Silloth last month to connect young people in the region to science. Local school groups took part in organised visits to the Lab which was based at Solway Community Technology College.

Designed to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers, Lab in a Lorry offers 11-14 year olds the opportunity to explore science through specially created interactive experiments.

The lorry was fitted with three distinct lab areas where groups of up to six young people took part in each of the fun and informative experiments. The programme is delivered by volunteers – all scientists and engineers – and with at least one volunteer mentor to every six students, everyone gets to try their hand at experimental science and think about the surprises and questions that arise.

The aim of Lab in a Lorry is to encourage positive attitudes towards science and to make science and engineering more attractive

to 11-14 year olds.

Institute of Physics spokesperson James Bamford said: "Lab in a Lorry is a fantastic experience for young people. It generates excitement and curiosity in science by letting them explore experimental science for themselves with the help of expert mentors."



Demise of Community Bus

At a recent meeting of the S A D C T, it was decided unanimously to cease as a Limited Company at the end of February 2014 and therefore we will no longer be able to operate the bus.

Bookings are well down and consequently the financial situation is not good. The cost of fuel, servicing, licence and insurance are much higher than the returns from the bus hire.

There are other costs ie. tyres and body repairs as required. Over the years it has been difficult to recruit volunteer drivers and this has meant having to turn down some bookings. We are grateful to our current volunteer drivers and all those who have driven the bus in previous years.

The committee could not have continued until now had it not been for generous donations from organisations and people in and around Silloth. Consequently the Community Bus will be offered for sale.

People interested should contact Lawrence Marshall on 016973 31257 or Dave Nicoll on 016973 31785.



Young Chef Competition



Report by: Geoff Betsworth

Tom Osowski in his capacity as Club President this year, had to face the onerous task (along with one or two other Rotarians) of judging the first heat of the Rotary Young Chef Competition at the Solway Community Technology College. The judges agreed unanimously on the very high standard of meals presented by the young contestants. The mouthwatering main courses this year included

Cod Provencale, Peppered Fillet Steak, and Pork Fillet in Mustard Sauce. The puddings were equally impressive and included Grasmere Gingerbread, Berry & Almond Tart and Raspberry & Passionfruit Meringue.

The winners on the day were Lewis Buckley with a Chicken Breast Wrapped in Bacon, followed by an exceptionally light Sticky Toffee Pudding and in second place was Eve Scott with a wonderful Duck

Breast in Plum Sauce followed by Chocolate Fudge Squares.

An indication of the standard of the cuisine was that the Rotarian gannets left very little on any of the plates!

Lewis and Eve will now go on to the next round of the competition and we wish them lots of luck with their culinary endeavours. I am sure the other judges will join with me in applauding all the contestants for their superb efforts.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

It will be all eyes to the skies on Saturday, 25th and Sunday, 26th January 2014, as the nation takes part in the RSPB's annual Big Garden Birdwatch.

The activity is the biggest garden wildlife survey in the world and last year almost 600,000 people counted the birds in their garden.

Big Garden Birdwatch, which has been running for 35 years, provides the RSPB with masses of information about changes in numbers of garden birds in winter, and helps to alert conservationists to significant declines in UK garden species such as house sparrows and starlings..

And this year, for the first time, we need you to log some of the other wildlife

you see in your garden too.

We want to know whether you ever see deer, squirrels, badgers, hedgehogs, frogs and toads in your gardens, to help build an overall picture of how important our gardens are for giving all types of wildlife a home.

Doing the Big Garden Birdwatch is fun and easy, and you don't even need to leave the comfort of your own home. To take part, spend just one hour at any time over the Big Garden Birdwatch weekend noting the highest number of each



species seen in your garden or local outside space at any one time. You then simply submit your results to the RSPB, either online at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch or in the post.

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Solway Community Technology College

Solway Community Technology College held their Awards Evening on Wednesday 6th November.

Mrs Baird was delighted to welcome a hall full of guests, prize winners and their families to the Annual Prize Giving, which this year incorporated the Sports awards too.

She welcomed Matt Hilton, a local author whose children had attended Solway School, to present the prizes along with Lisa Jackson from the University of Cumbria who presented a Year 11 award for progress which the University kindly funded. Also on the platform were Amy Armstrong and Joel Baker, head girl and boy, at their first major event.

Mrs Baird began by saying "This time last year we had leaks in this ceiling but thankfully the LA has invested heavily in our future paying £150,000 for a new roof / ceiling in the hall and Room 17, as well as internal plaster work, lighting and decoration. We have remodelled the entrance hall, the 'ladies', replaced internal doors and invested in a new security system. Our IT infrastructure and hardware is upgraded on a rolling programme.

We continue to raise money for charities: With Silloth Primary, Nursery, Jelly Tots and Abbeystown School we raised £1,280 for Samaritan's Purse – Walk for Water, by walking to Grune Point and back.

In total £3,000 has been raised for good causes since last Prize Giving; First Responders, Children in Need, Epilepsy, RNLI and we have recently had a massive Pink Day cake sale raising £400 for Breast Cancer Research.

Our involvement with Silloth Town council, speed dating with Year 9s and Allerdale Youth Council membership continues. We supported the town in the successful bid for a Green Flag Award for Silloth Green.

We are involved in the Shakespeare Festival for Schools initiative, as one of only four schools in the county we performed Macbeth at the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick on 14th November. This production, directed by our Deputy Head, Mrs Schafer, was a spectacular success.

We have taken pupils to: Clip n Climb – Maryport, also Dunolly for a water sports weekend, Skiing to Bormio. Visits to Universities of Cumbria and Lancashire and Edinburgh. Visits to the Theatre; An Inspector Calls – Keswick. All's well that ends well – Newcastle. Carlisle Music College have performed for the school; 18 performers from their



Author Matt Hilton giving an inspirational talk to the pupils



Level 2 and 3 courses and seven technicians with their staff, contributed to our busy schedule. We have just had a Lab in a lorry here for two days of fun packed Science experiments – some of which our primary pupils enjoyed.

We have continued to work closely with our local

Primaries – inviting them to: G&T Maths day, Peace Day Activity, Christmas cake Club, Sporting Events. Technology, Maths, Science – Forensic Science days.

We welcomed new staff: Mrs Schafer, Deputy Head. Mr Hansel, Boy's PE. Mr Murray, Humanities.

Miss Johnston married

and is now Mrs Potts

Mr & Mrs Hailwood have a bouncing boy; baby Matthew, born in September.

We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Scholey who retired after 35 years teaching, hot on the heels of Mr Campbell and Mrs Brown.

I was delighted with

the results achieved by last year's Year 11; they did themselves proud, producing a similar level for all A*-C grades as the previous year (68%) but beating the A*-C including English & Maths at 52%. Some seriously good individual results too – several achieving 14 good grades with A & A* too.

May I take a moment to remind our current Yr11s – you get what you deserve!

Those pupils who attended revision sessions and after school 3-6 sessions achieved better grades. You have a hard act to follow – you need to match or beat that result from last year."

Mrs Baird then

Prize Giving Evening Report



Head Lois Baird watching Head Girl and Head Boy thanking Matt Hilton



introduced Matt Hilton who is a local author whose children attended the school. In fact one of the awards was presented in memory of his daughter Megan. Matt then spoke about his upbringing in Raffles, Carlisle. How he

was read to by his father who inspired him to write. At school he was motivated to write after finding his favourite author, whose books he regularly borrowed from the library, had died. He set about writing what he

would have enjoyed reading. His classmates listened enthralled; he knew he had a talent. However, he finished school at 16 and went into a variety of jobs, including the security sector and was a Policeman in Silloth when

the news of his five book deal came through. He hasn't looked back since. He tours the world and his new Joe Hunter book is due out in January. Head girl and Head boy, Amy and Joel then thanked

all the local businesses and organisations as well as individuals who had sponsored this event, many of whom were present. "School is so grateful to them as without their generous sponsorship we

wouldn't be able to reward our pupils." They then presented Matt with gifts as a token of appreciation before prize winners and guests were invited to enjoy seasonal refreshments.

Children’s Centre

Opening Hours:
Monday 9:30am to 12:30pm
fortnightly for the
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Open at other times when the
rooms have been booked, if you
wish to use the Centre please
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are more than happy to show
people around, chat on a one
to one basis or in small groups.

Contact Numbers:
Silloth CC - 016973 31230
Aspatria CC - 016973 22777
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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

Silloth Tots/Toddlers

Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in
the Children’s Centre, Silloth
and is open to all children aged
from 0 to 4 accompanied by a
parent/carer.
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Wednesdays:
10pm to 11:30am
term time only
Entry is £1 per family and this
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Abbeytown Library

Abbeytown mobile library
will stop outside the
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hour every Monday

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Secretary: Stephen Hart 32706

Karate Club

From Monday 9th January
Silloth Karate Club will be
moving to Solway Community
School Hall.
under 12’s 6:30 to 7:30pm
12’s and over 7:30 to 9pm
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
For further details contact
Stephen on 07811 761033

Whist Group

Age no barrier. Anyone
interested please come along
on a Tuesday at 1:30pm until
3:30pm, entry is £2 - if you
require any more information
please ring Susan Kenny on
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Kickboxing Club

The Kickboxing Club is held
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from 7 till 9pm, at the Golf Club
to play Duplicate. Information
from mike.md@btinternet.com.

Breastfeeding Group

Mondays 10am to 11:30am
Wigton Bowling Club, West
Road, Wigton
Have a cup of tea and meet
other breast-feeding mums.
Support and advice is available
from trained Breast-feeding
Peer Supporters and from
Health Visitors or Midwives. For
more information call Wigton
Health Visitors: 016973 66608

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February/March issue is:
1st January 2013

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

Dates for the Diary

December

22nd St Pauls Afternoon
Carol Service in the church at
3pm

22nd Santa Claus with the
help of Silloth Rotary starts at
3:30pm from Skinburness

24th Christ Church
Christmas service at 6pm

24th Christ Church
Midnight Service at midnight

28th Football Seniors Xmas
Bash in Silloth Rugby Club at
7pm til late, tickets £5

January 2014

4th New Year Trek the
Solway Wetlands 11:30am start
A chance to get a blast of fresh
Solway air and burn off the
Christmas calories! Explore the
Eden Estuary with Wetlands
Officer Dave Tallentire on
this walk of 7.5 miles / 12 km
starting at Burgh by Sands.
Bring your Christmas leftovers
for a warming picnic! Meet:
Outside the Greyhound Inn at
Burgh by Sands, CA5 6AN
Booking not required.

4th Silloth Tigers past
and present players & officials
Reunion at the Rugby Club after
match

7th Criffel Tea Dance
in Solway Community School
from 1:45 to 3:45pm, Tel: Marie
Robinson 016973 31553

8th Parkinson’s Group
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel from
11:45am to 2:30pm. Our Grand
Tour 2013, all welcome

Wednesday Bunch

Silloth Evangelical Free Church,
Eden Street Wednesday Bunch.
at 5pm every Wednesday,
(except in school holidays)
Fun, bible stories, quizzes,
craft, games for 5-11s

Abbeytown Lunches

Holm Cultram Abbey C
of E School are providing
Community Lunches every 2nd
and 4th Friday of the month.
Two courses and a drink for
only £3.50!
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Silloth Open Door

Free Lunch 12noon - 1pm
Every Tuesday in
St Andrew’s Hall (Opposite Co-
op). Donations Welcome

Ladies Fellowship

Silloth Evangelical Free
Church, Eden Street Ladies
Fellowship starts Thursday,
26th September at 1:45pm.
Thereafter alternate weeks.
Warm fellowship, refreshments,
and good speakers.
All welcome

RNLI Shop

The Silloth Lifeboat Station
shop has now closed for the
season.
Thank you to all our customers
for your support during 2013
and we look forward to seeing
you again in 2014.
The shop will reopen in Spring.

Please let us know
of any changes
within this section

January cont’d

8th Causewayhead WI
meeting in Trinity Methodist
Church Schoolroom at 7:15pm
for Members Night

14th GIVE BLOOD
Greenhill Hotel, Wigton 3pm
to 7pm. Please call 0300 123 23 23
to book an appointment.
Appointments are available
up until midnight before the
session.

15th Wigton Medical
Practice closed for training
from 1pm

18th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

20th GIVE BLOOD
Solway Community Technology
College, Silloth 3pm to 7pm.
Please call 0300 123 23 23
to book an appointment.
Appointments are available
up until midnight before the
session.

31st Quiz night in aid of
the RNLI in the Golf Hotel @
7:30pm

February

5th Parkinson’s Group
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel
from 11:45am to 2:30pm. O.T.
link with Wigton Hospital, all
welcome

6th Coffee Morning in the
Recreation Hall with Silloth &
District Pensioners

11th Holme Low Parish
Council meeting in the
Community Hall, Silloth at
7:30pm

15th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

28th Whitehaven Male
Voice Choir are performing in
Waverton Village Hall at 7pm

March

1st Coffee Morning in the
Recreation Hall with Silloth &
District Pensioners

4th Neighbourhood Forum
Meeting, tel 01900 706009

5th Parkinson’s Group
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel
from 11:45am to 2:30pm. A day
in the month, all welcome

Send Your Bees to the
Solway Buzz
There is a Bee
Shortage and we
Need Yours!

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

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

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March cont’d

15th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

20th Wigton Medical
Practice closed for training
from 1pm

April

2nd Parkinson’s Group
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel from
11:45am to 2:30pm. Anyone
can paint a Horse! all welcome

3rd Silloth Green market
starts for the season

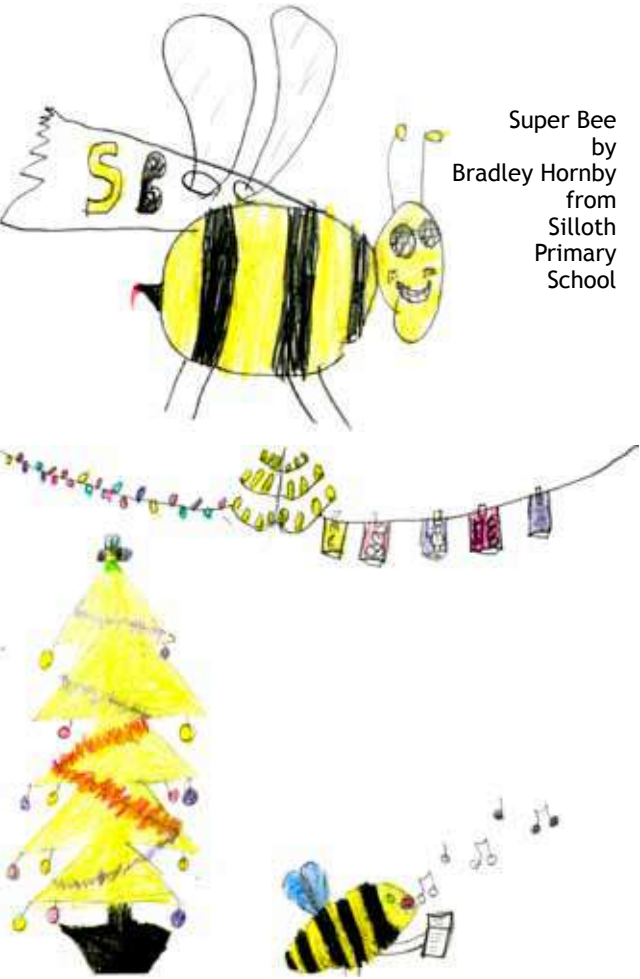
April cont’d

5th Coffee Morning in the
Recreation Hall with Silloth &
District Pensioners

May

7th Parkinson’s Group
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel from
11:45am to 2:30pm. Pill’s &
Parkinson’s, all welcome

13th Holme Low Parish
Council meeting in the
Community Hall, Silloth at
7:30pm



Christmassy Bee
by Elysha Cockbain
from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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weapon in the battle. Please log on
and do your bit.

We need to fight this now

Maggie & John Dunn, Skinburness

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Your Letters

Dear Buzz,

Just a quick note to let Buzz readers that there is a new website designed to spell out the issues around the new MRWS consultation. People can also download guidance to help them formulate a response to the consultation and respond to issues with local democracy. The website is not yet complete but it should be fully functional very shortly. I have to say though it only portrays one side of the argument. (opposing the GDF) The address is: www.cumbria-mrws.co.uk

Thanks,
John Dunn

Dear Buzz,

Cumbria County Council are presently mid consultation on proposals to reduce their spending for next year. One of those proposals is to remove all subsidised bus services in the County (5% of the Bus infrastructure in Cumbria). Rural areas will be badly affected but also inter town routes and some town services. There may be a case for economies and parishes banding together to organise community directed transport but that and community minibuses will only be able to replace a fraction of the annual 927,659 passenger journeys made on subsidised transport.

Many passengers, some vulnerable and isolated, will find themselves without access to essential services. Cuts in the transport provision at this level will isolate many people and undermine any attempts to encourage people to travel more sustainably. Routes in the Silloth area that will be affected are nos 71, 101, 97 & 94. You can find details of all routes under threat at <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/budgetconsultation/budgetconsultation2.asp> then scroll down to 24 to view details and the pdf of services. Please respond to the consultation and make your views known to your Councillors. Also, please join West Cumbria Bus Users Group. Contact 07561 360615.

Dianne Standen

Dear Buzz,

My father Ian who passed away last year had a wish which was to have his ashes scattered in his beloved Lake District. Dad had enjoyed the Fells all his life and had completed all the Alfred Wainwright pictorial walks in the Lakes of which there are 214. One of Dad's favourites was the walk up the fell Bakestall from Dash Falls, and this is where he wished to rest. The Wallace family would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill

Amyes, Pete Long, Bill Oddie and Joe Hoodless who accompanied my daughter Lucy and I to the summit of Bakestall, for their help and support.

David Wallace

Dear Buzz,

Silloth First Responders would like to thank everybody who has donated and supported us over the past year. On average this year alone we have attended over 150 shouts to members of the local community and surrounding areas. None of this would be possible without your kind donations and support in helping us maintaining our equipment. We would also like to thank Silloth fire station for allowing us to train at their station through out the year. We wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. If you would like more information about the Silloth First Responders please contact Peter Gilmour on 016973 32622.

Chantelle Satterthwaite
Silloth First Responders
Secretary

Waver Wine Circle

Report by: Jan Jones

Members thoroughly enjoyed the October outing organised by Chris Russell to Tullie House. If you have not yet visited the museum there is a real gem awaiting. Unfortunately, the format for the November meeting had to be altered due to unforeseen circumstances, however Chris Russell prepared a quiz based on skiing. This was to be the subject of the planned film show. Prizes were enjoyed by the winners.

Chairman Bill Henderson had brought a number of Hornby railway engines which encouraged everyone to 'turn the clock back' and tell stories of their childhood.

Stella Graham supplied the cheese and biscuits, washed down by wine. For further information please contact Stella Graham 016973 61393 or Stuart Jones 016973 61006



Poem

My Grand Children
by Tony Loughrey

For the love so pure and straight from the heart
Without questions age colour or plead
Reading me like a book, right from the start
That look, a smile make me feel so needed
I miss them so, when they are not around
For not always being there, they lay no blame
Their love keeps my heart so young & sound
No matter to change or what ever happens my love it remains the same
Bonds made so long ago, stay strong and will always be found
From birth or joining the family so!
Makes no difference to the love I have and hold
My Grandchildren.
For this I say thank you

Remember – you can join the library, search the library catalogue, renew and request books online at cumbria.gov.uk/libraries

Winter Reads

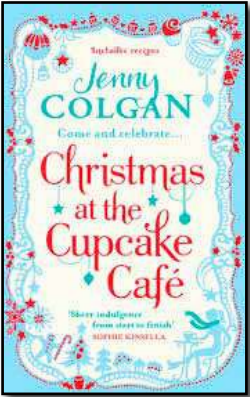
Why not curl up with a good book?

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Christmas at the Cupcake Café
by Jenny Colgan

Issy Randall, proud owner of the Cupcake Café, is in love and couldn't be happier. Her new business is now thriving and she is surrounded by close friends, even if her cupcake colleagues Pearl and Caroline aren't quite as upbeat about the forthcoming season of snow and merriment. However, when her boyfriend, Austin is scouted for a possible move to New York, Issy is forced to face up to the prospect of a long-distance romance.

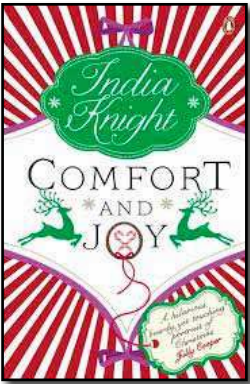
When the Christmas rush at the café begins to take its toll Issy has to decide what she holds most dear....



Comfort and Joy
by India Knight

It's December 23rd, and Clara is running around Oxford Street buying presents. She wants to make Christmas perfect: it's a lifelong ambition and a challenging one, at best, even without taking her loved ones and their varying degrees of social disfunction into account. Meanwhile, something weird has happened to her marriage.

High in laughs and glamour



Children's Christmas Titles

Robyn the Christmas Party Fairy
One Special Christmas
Snowflakes
Where's Father Christmas?
Charlie Crow in the Snow

Daisy Meadows
M Christina Butler
Cerie Burnell
Danielle James
Paula Metcalf



Silloth Local Links

Many thanks to all our customers who supported our recent Children in Need Coffee Morning. We raised £197.50.

Cumbria in the First World War

Cumbria libraries are trying to build a picture of how local communities and families were affected by the First World War.

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solwayplain.co.uk/silloth1.htm
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Any other suggestions of sites useful for our visitors, please send them to the Buzz at: office@solwaybuzz.co.uk

Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie 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 hoodie 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 10.

This month the winner is Darci Slack from Silloth Primary School with a bee called "Cake Bee".

Well done!



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On the Water Front

Report by: Captain Slog
(Assisted by David at John Stronach Shipping Agency)

November 2013
1st. Zapadnyy from Montoir with molasses, then in ballast to Liverpool.
3rd. Flinterbright from Arkew with fertilizer, then in ballast to Limerick.
4th. Ben Maye from Liverpool with wheat, then in ballast to Liverpool.
10th. Verity from Shoreham with wheat, then in ballast to Sea for Orders.
12th. River King from Rouen with wheat, then in ballast to Kirkudbright.
30th. Zapadnyy from Amsterdam with molasses, then in ballast to Klaipeda.



HMS Crichton

During the years that I was Harbour Master at Silloth, I had tried on several occasions to persuade the Royal Navy to arrange a goodwill 'showing the flag' type of visit to the town, of a warship, hopefully something of a size comparable to the merchant ships that routinely call here on business. That size limitation could include the impressive mine countermeasures ships of the Hunt and Sandown Classes, or patrol vessels of the River Class and the somewhat smaller Archer Class. For the Royal Navy it would surely be a good public relations and recruiting opportunity in this region. And for the general public, a great chance to see a warship at close quarters, to offer a bit of Cumbrian hospitality and to meet the ship's company on board.

It was not until 2005 that my efforts eventually came to fruition. Following intermittent on-going discussions with the Royal Navy's North West Regional Office in Liverpool, they decided that they could send a patrol vessel for a trial visit. And so on 19th March 2005, we were delighted to welcome HMS "Biter" P270 to the Port of Silloth for a weekend call. Advance notice through the media meant that the vessel was met at the docks by a large crowd of people, including the then Mayor of Silloth, Graham Wilkinson, all keen to see and possibly go aboard a ship, albeit a small one, from the Royal Navy. HMS "Biter" P270 is an Archer Class fast patrol vessel, measuring just 20m x 6m x 1m and tendered to the Manchester & Salford

University Royal Navy Unit (URNU) since 1992. In addition to her primary role of training under-graduate Midshipmen (and women) of the URNU, she is tasked with minor roles in maritime exercises and festivals and representing the Royal Navy at smaller ports. Following her first visit, she was formally affiliated to the town of Silloth and has made several annual visits to the town in recent years. Members of her crew have also been travelling here annually by road, to attend the November 'Service of Remembrance' at Christ Church and pay their respects to war graves at

Silloth cemetery. During the ship visits, return hospitality is offered to the public, to step aboard and explore the vessel, whilst the Mayor of Silloth is usually invited to attend their special Trafalgar Night Dinner at the University campus. In 2011, we also welcomed HMS "Charger," for a weekend visit. She is a sister vessel to



HMS Biter

HMS "Biter" and is tendered to the Liverpool URNU and affiliated to Workington. Both vessels came in company to briefly enjoy Silloth's hospitality. When HMS "Biter" first arrived in 2005, I mistakenly believed and stated, that this was the first time that a Royal Naval vessel had ventured into the Solway as far up as Silloth, possibly since WWII. Port logbooks had been examined and no record could be found of any earlier visit. But then a couple of members of the public were swiftly on the phone, to advise me that a minesweeper had in fact visited Silloth, as recently as 1976! Further research beyond the port records unveiled the fact that the Royal Naval Reserve manned 'Ton' Class vessel,

HMS 'Chrichton,' had made a brief overnight visit to Silloth Docks on 21st August 1976. It was commanded at that time by a Lt Cdr Richard Williams RNR, who was born in Aspatria and was obviously keen, during a break in naval exercises in the Irish Sea, to have another look at the home area of his parents and his childhood.

The very short visit, mainly through the hours of darkness, unfortunately meant that the ship was not able to be safely opened to the public. Over one hundred of those 'Ton' Class

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Anne Blair receiving a cheque from Joan & Silloth Rainbows

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Meeting the Rainbows rounded off an exceptional year for the Nursing Home, having maintained their "Gold Standard Award in Palliative Care", followed by an excellent inspection report by the Care Quality Commission."

Rugby

Report by: Mark Orchard

Silloths' promotion push has been gathering good momentum so far this season with an amazing ten wins so far.

November started with a solid 19-15 away win at Cockermouth. This was followed by a huge win over city rivals Carlisle 67-5, this great team effort was rewarded with 11 tries and 8 different scorers. Silloth had a free week the following week but the squad opted to train as the following week they travelled to unbeaten league leaders Egremont. Silloth produced their best performance so far this season and came away from Egremont with an excellent 27-5 bonus point.

The following week Silloth welcomed Furness who were the new league leaders courtesy of Silloths win over Egremont, Silloth dug deep and produced an outstanding 19-13 win.

Silloth travelled to Moresby bearing the scars from the previous two games and with a depleted squad, they battled hard but finally went down 19-5 and finally lost their 100% league record.

The last game of 2013 was on Saturday 14th of December at home to



Dean Scholey scored an impressive 100 points in 10 games

Kendal. This game marked the halfway point of the league season. The game was played in treacherous conditions as the wind and rain battered both teams for an unrelenting 80 minutes but Silloth ended the year on a high with a great 32-7 bonus point win.

This was excellent first half to the season having won 10 from our 11 league games. Hopefully, 2014 will be our year as we look to push hard for promotion and finish the season top of the league.

Do You Want Pure Water?

Report by Dianne Standen Cumbrian Against Fluoridation

For 40 years people in West Cumbria have been drinking water dosed with hexafluorosilic acid-fluoride.

We have been told that using this industrial grade chemical, not approved for human consumption, reduces dental decay.

This claim is not supported by dental data for Cumbria and there is no international quality scientific evidence that has proved its use in water to be safe or effective. The recent launch of a six-year, £1.5 million research project using West Cumbrian children, to discover how well water fluoridation works and how cost effective it is in the current climate of falling decay, confirms that lack of evidence.

Water fluoridation exposes babies and young children to more than the recommended levels of fluoride and put their long term health at risk.

The impact of fluoride on public health has been well documented.

Amongst the many concerns are the following:

- * Fluoride displaces iodine, which is essential for thyroid health
- * Iodine deficiency in pregnant women is linked to increased pregnancy loss and infant mortality
- * Fluoride's impact

on the thyroid can lead to depression, fatigue, muscle/joint pains and weight gain.

* Fluoride displaces iodine which assists in cancer prevention.

* Thirty-six research reports from other parts of the World have established that fluoride reduces a child's intelligence and first indications of that are in the womb.

There is a strong possibility that both obesity and mental health issues are a consequence of the presence of fluoride in the water. These are public health issues and Cumbria County Council is now responsible for public health issues.

Local people and the council should be concerned that health authorities have failed to undertake the monitoring of fluoride upon our bodies legally required by the 2003 Water Act.

Dosing a population through the water supply to affect the teeth does not respect the individual's reaction to fluoride or their medical rights.

We urge local people to defend those rights and oppose water fluoridation.

Fluoridated communities include Silloth, Skinburness and Abbeytown and Wigton

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SOSCS Donations

Report by Pat Froggatt on behalf of the Committee

At their November meeting the Committee of SOSCS made the following donations to worthy causes.

Silloth Primary School - Friends of the School	£500
Silloth Football Club	£500
(Promised to put our Logo on shirts)	
Silloth Parent Teachers Assoc. Technical College	£500
Silloth Art Club - Primary School	£500
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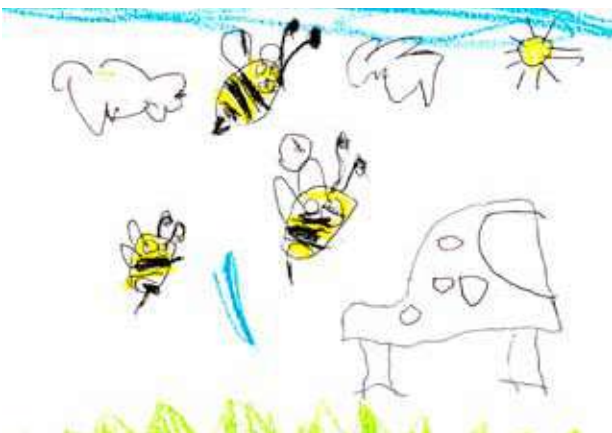
This makes a total of £5,600 to these local good causes.

We should like to thank Eddie Studholme for his letter acknowledging receipt of the £500 grant towards Silloth Lifeboat - below is an extract from this letter,

'May I, on behalf of the Committee and Crew of Silloth lifeboat station, thank you and all involved at SOSCS, for the generous grant funding recently received.'

Letters of thanks are always welcomed by the Committee.

Thank you to our customers for their generous gifts of items to sell in our shop and also those of you who purchase goods from the shop.



Daisy the Bee going to the Honey Bee House with Friends by Tayla Markley from Silloth Primary School



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Football Club

Congratulations to the senior side at Silloth AFC on reaching county Senior Cup quarter finals with a home tie in the next round against Aspatria on 1st March.

Plans are now well underway for our juniors to enter into organised soccer. A new strip and training gear are winging their way to Eden Street. Training continues in the sports hall on Wednesdays from 4-5pm for under 7s, 5-6pm for over 7s. The seniors Xmas bash is on Saturday 28th December in the Rugby Club from 7pm-late. Enjoy the Eric Stanwix disco and special guests are providing the musical extravaganza. Tickets are £5 from the club or any member. Our Xmas

raffle will be drawn on the night with 1st prize a 42 inch TV and many other top prizes courtesy of chairman Eric Telford.

Looking into the new year the soccer, rugby and tennis clubs are looking into ideas and funding to regenerate the sports area. In the early stages of planning is a proposed pop concert on August bank holiday Sunday with twelve acts playing. Also a festival of sport for the youngsters.

Finally, congratulations to the Rugby Club on the unveiling of their new floodlights, we all hope this is the start of better things to come for all.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Football Bee
by
Cody Allen
from
Holme St Cuthbert School

Bowling Club 150th Anniversary

2013 saw Silloth Bowling Club celebrate it's 150th Anniversary

As well as giving the club a bit of a makeover with a shiny new locker room and a new car park, several events were held to mark the occasion.

In June the club hosted a sportsman's dinner where guests enjoyed a roast beef dinner and were thoroughly entertained by MC Howard Nicholson and guest speakers Paul Sculthorpe and Sean Long, two greats from the world of Rugby League.

On August Bank Holiday Saturday, members enjoyed a free night of entertainment by Coco and Donna C. A great night was had by all.

On August Bank Holiday Sunday an open tournament was held with teams of bowlers and non bowlers competing for £800 of prize money. A Grand Buffet was enjoyed by all afterwards. This event could not have taken place without the generosity of local businesses and huge thanks go to them for their cash donations and many vouchers and goods donated for our grand prize draw. We hope the novice bowlers had a great day and we'd love to see you back again.

Finally, it was a great year on the greens with much to celebrate in this special year.

The ladies won their League and the County Top Ten Cup, both for the first time ever in the Club's history. A fine achievement.

The Men's A Team won the County Cup, another fine



achievement, which has only been done twice in the last 50 years.

The Men's Over 55's team also won their league.

There was also county success where the ladies who qualify go on to play in the national finals at Leamington Spa and the men likewise at Worthing.

Qualifiers were, Angie Whiting, Joyce Edwards, Glynis Halliwell and Sandra Parker - Ladies Rinks. Sandra Parker and Oriole Hocking - Ladies Pairs. Sandra Parker Ladies Over 55's Singles

Paul Wallace - Men's Two Wood Singles (Paul also went on to win the Northern Counties Two Wood's Singles)

Paul Wallace, Ryan Orchard and Adam Hocking were part of the Cumbria team who qualified for the national county finals at Worthing.

In other county competitions Maisie Allan was restricted Singles Winner and Joyce Edwards, Maisie Allan, Oriole



Hocking and Sandra Gray were Benevolent Triples Runners Up.

2013 has been a great year for Silloth Bowling Club and we should not forget all of the members who have worked so hard to make it successful. From the bar staff who are all volunteers to the numerous members who gave up their time to work

on the new locker room and all the other various jobs that are required to keep the club running. Well done, without you we would not have such a successful club.

In 2014 the club will embark on a programme to develop a Junior Section of the club and more details about this will follow next year.

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VACANCIES

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council VACANCY for a Full-Time Parks Supervisor

Suitably qualified person required to work with the grounds maintenance team.

Application form & job description can be obtained from the Town Clerk at:

5 Burnswark Terrace, Solway Street, Silloth, CA7 4EF. Tel: 07775 686857.

Email: townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk

Closing date for applications

31 December 2013.

Interviews to be held in the new year.

Job Vacancy - Janitor (15 Hours) at Silloth Primary School

Required from 24th February 2014, or as soon as possible, a hard-working, skilled Janitor to effectively deliver the security and operation of the school building and site.

Further details and an application form are available from the school office.

This is a permanent position and will require some working in school closure periods. The position is subject to DBS clearance. Application forms are available from school or can be downloaded from the Cumbria County Council website.

Closing date: Noon Wed 8th January 2014

Interviews will be held on Thu 16th January 2014

Silloth Tennis Club



Report & Photos by:
Tenniswise

Above: Ben Stoddart & Joe Gilroy
Below: Emily Wise & Judy Murray

Monumental Time for Silloth Tennis Players

The half term holidays proved to be something of a special week for some of Silloth's young players with help from a couple of famous faces.

First up were Alia and Zaynab Brooks who were fortunate enough to take part in a training session with none other than Judy Murray (Andy's Mam) when she was at Chatsworth Tennis Club in Carlisle. The same evening Emily Wise had the chance to meet and chat with her as she appeared at a question and answer session at the Rheged centre in Penrith.

Emily was also lucky enough to take part in a doubles masterclass for county players taken by former Wimbledon third round player (he beat Goran Ivanisevic in 1991) Nick Brown.

The week was topped off by Emily, Eve and Anna Fisher all being nominated at the county tennis awards, which were also held in Penrith.

Ben is Under 16 Club Champion

Ben Stoddart is celebrating after becoming the under 16 club champion after a nail biting tense



final win over Joe Gilroy. In a pulsating battle that swung both ways it was Ben who came through to take the title 5-4, 5-3.

Cardio & Indoor Mini Tennis for Young People

The club are currently offering free Cardio and Mini Tennis for anyone aged between 11 and 25. The sessions are held in the Sports Hall every Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 8:30pm.

Cardio Tennis is a fun and exciting way to play tennis and is best described as circuits with a tennis racket to music! The sessions are an ideal way to get fit, have fun playing tennis and you don't have to be any good at tennis! All equipment is supplied so all you need to do is turn up!

For further information please call David on 07742 547767.

BEM for Postie Jimmy

Jimmy Lettice has been awarded a BEM for his services to Silloth RFC. Jimmy has been a valued volunteer at Silloth Rugby club and in the community for nearly 40 years. He has coached, volunteered and raised funds for Silloth RFC. Jimmy has twice been awarded the valued volunteer award for his unpaid volunteering services to rugby in the area.

The ceremony was conducted on Thursday 7th November by Lord-Lieutenant Claire Hensman at Dovenby Hall.

Silloth RFC has received almost £25,000 in funding from Cumbria Community Foundation over ten years through Jimmy's efforts. Grants have been put towards projects including the refurbishment of changing rooms, improving energy efficiency and new equipment for the Club.

Jimmy said: "My first game of rugby was ironically against Silloth as a fifteen year old school boy for an Easter touring team Old Leodiensians from west Yorkshire. As usual with new boys, I was stuck on the wing and played against a rather scary large and fast Silloth player by the name of John (Gazzer) Graham, to my astonishment after he



knocked my flying a couple of times things got much better after shouts from the touch line to tackle his legs, I did and the inner confidence grew, I was hooked and never looked back. My wife Diane has all ways been very supportive of me and the work I do at the rugby club for some 25 years. I was often away for hours and hours at games or at meetings. Likewise my two sons who I couldn't tell as they are both busy in their respective academic

years at school and college. Daniel my eldest son is year 3 of 4 at Lancaster university doing a masters degree in Mechanical Engineering and is doing remarkably well, as is Grant my youngest at Nelson Thomlinson 6th form. As parents we are equally proud of both boys - god knows where they get their brains from! Has is all been worth it? I think so, yes. Would I do it all again? With a few tweaks, yes."

I am sure all of Silloth will say "well done Jimmy".

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