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Festive Greetings to all our readers

Wigton Will Make Money!



L-R: Bernard Imbach MD Innovia Security, Mayor Joe Cowell & David Beeby Innovia Group CEO

The new bridge over the Black Beck provided the perfect backdrop for the formal opening of Innovia Security's new United Kingdom production plant. The new facility,

dubbed "The future home of Guardian", will produce the polymer substrate which will be used for the next generation of £5 and £10 banknotes, featuring Sir Winston Churchill and Jane Austen respectively.

The new UK plant will be completed in 2016 and create 80 new jobs. It's being constructed as part of the company's agreement to supply the Bank of England with Guardian® substrate for the new polymer banknotes to be launched starting with the £5 in 2016 and the £10 in 2017.

"We are looking forward to the completion of this our new plant, which will enable the production of secure, durable, and clean currency that people across the British Isles will enjoy using. With the smaller-sized notes being planned, the £5 and £10 Guardian® notes will be easier to manage and use," says Bernhard Imbach, Innovia Security's new Managing Director.

Guardian® polymer substrate is issued on 78 denominations in 24 countries, and has existing plants in Australia and México.

Don't Miss Santas Sleigh



Report by: Geoff Betsworth

At this time of the year, the Rotary Club of Silloth decides which local and national charities and other worthy causes should receive a donation from the club. I would like to reiterate, that it is largely due to the generosity of the people of Silloth and the surrounding areas when they drop their spare cash into the tins or buckets, that we are able to continue making these donations. The recipients this year included:

Abbeystown Pre School, Calvert Trust, Chrysalis, Cumbria Deaf Association, Eden Valley Hospice, Macmillan Cancer Support, Silloth RNLI, Sightsavers, James Rennie, Holme St. Cuthbert, Holme Cultram, Silloth Community & Silloth Primary Schools, WaterAid, British Heart Foundation,

Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Riding for the Disabled, Jigsaw, Carlisle Special Baby Unit, Silloth Nursing Home, Silloth Junior Football Club, Silloth Youth Club, Prostate Cancer Research and Hospice at Home.

Finally, as they say, a reminder to make sure you tell the kids to keep an eye out for Santa Claus when he visits the town once again on Sunday 21st 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. He will be handing out gifts to the little ones and his team of helpers, in their high-vis jackets, will be carrying large yellow buckets in which to drop any spare cash for Rotary charities (see above).

2015 Events

**24th May
Silloth Green Day**

**13th + 14th June
Silloth Vintage Rally**

**10th to 13th Sept
Music & Beer Festival**

**31st August
Silloth Carnival**

Sewing Circle



Report by: Jennifer Bailey

On 27th November the Silloth Sewing Circle held a "Make It Day" at the Community Centre, Pennine View, to promote the activities of the group by giving people the opportunity to have a go at various crafts, mostly making Christmas decorations, toys, felted brooches etc.

The room was already in festive mood with lights, tablecloths and decorations arranged for a forthcoming party for the residents of the complex and the examples of the group's work was displayed on tables and hung on walls to show what can be achieved.

Everything was provided for people to try their hand at a new craft, or polish up a craft once learned but long forgotten.

Refreshments were served and the Christmas party atmosphere was enhanced by a spontaneous rendition of "Twas The Night Before Christmas" beautifully and expressively given by Mrs Penny Stimson (aka Lady Penelope!)

A very special thank you must go to Mrs Margaret Spence (Treasurer) for all her hard work in organizing the day on behalf of the group and also to everyone who took part in making items to exhibit.



Carers Meets

West Cumbria Carers – Supporting People Who Care

Well another year has passed, and once again we're filling up our activity planner with events and courses for Carers. We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to what the New Year brings.

At West Cumbria Carers, 2014 was a year of change. Changes to our funding has meant that we've had to make changes to some of our work, in particular to our regular activities for Carers. We launched our new regular Carers Meets and our Benefits Clinics and we're really pleased with how successful they've been.

We are really excited about what 2015 has to offer. We're continuing our programme of Carers



Meets – for Carers to come together in an informal setting and attend workshops and listen to guest speakers on a range of health conditions. The dates for our Benefits Clinics have been set until March, with our Benefits Worker Gillian on hand to provide help and support to access Benefits.

Also in 2015 we are looking forward to opening up our First Aid and Back Care courses, and we've secured a cinema screening in February at the Workington Plaza that will be free to Carers. Our free regular relaxation sessions will be continuing in a GP practice near you. To find out more details of activities near you, keep checking our website – www.westcumbriacarers.co.uk or call us on 01900 821 976 to register as a Carer and receive our regular newsletter with all the latest events.

West Cumbria Carers are a registered charity who support people who provide unpaid care for loved ones with illness, disability, addiction, or frailty who could not manage on their own. We have a range of services including emotional support, assistance with benefits applications, training, and volunteer services.

Mothers Union

Report by: Gladys Temple

Branch Leader Brenda Sim welcomed everyone to the November Meeting of Holme Cultram Abbey Mothers Union in the Cottage Coffee Shop, especially visitors Aikton and Bowness on Solway and Margaret Mason (hopefully a new member).

Apologies were received from Lynne Tembey and Freda Garner led the prayers with Maureen Gibson reading the prayers for Overseas members.

Jonathon and Shelia Falkner were welcomed to entertain us with songs from a 'Sowing the Future Together' booklet. They began singing a new version of 'The Lord's my shepherd' and welcoming others joining in. Shelia then sang a Solo 'Can it be true' which is a favourite of hers. They spoke of their Ministry in the Wasdale area and sang 'I lift my eyes to the quiet hills'. As we are being encouraged to be more ecumenical now they spoke of the different places they do their singing and various Churches where they are Leaders and felt the next song was appropriate

'Let us build a house where love can dwell'. We were then encouraged to sing in a round 'All around me, Lord I see your goodness' then the mood changed and they sang some folk songs before finishing with 'Brother, sister, let me serve you'

Gladys Temple thanked them for a lovely evening with so many different types of songs but worshipping God through music.

A lovely buffet supper was served and the draw took place with the winners being Eileen Todhunter, Brenda Sim, Margaret Hocking, Margaret Mason and Elaine Atkinson. Unfortunately none of our visitors won a prize but Shelia Benson on behalf of all the visitors thanked Abbeytown members for an enjoyable evening with great entertainment and a lovely supper.

The business meeting followed with Elaine reading the minutes of the October meeting. The next meeting will begin with a Service in Church followed by a shared supper and members contributions of poems, songs etc. The meeting ended with the Grace.

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Silloth Carnival is Saved

It gives me great pleasure to announce that there will be a Carnival in 2015.

A new committee has been formed the committee includes the following people myself (Mandy Kerr) as Chairman, Jackie McCormick as Vice Chairman, Amanda Carter & Sian Horsley as Secretary, Kelly Hillier & Anneka Ramsay as Treasurer, Owen Martin as Health & Safety/ Press & Social Media Officer. Other committee members include Christine Ray, Michelle Hodgson, Adam Marcinkowski, Debbie Gibson, Caitlin Gibson, Carrie Henderson, Stu Henderson, Andrew Reynolds and Thomas (Fletchers Fair).

First and foremost we need to have a Queen. We are holding a Disco on Friday 13th February at Silloth Rugby Club, where anyone who would like to be Queen can come along (with their parents) to put themselves forward. We will also be choosing her entourage.

Our priority is to keep the parade going and make it bigger and better every year. Therefore, this year it has been decided that the theme for Carnival will be Disney. There is so much you can do for this. If you don't have time to do a float, dress up as one of your favourite characters and walk with



the parade. We really want to show visitors that as a community we pull together.

It will be 101 years since the first record of a Carnival in Silloth, so we are wanting everyone to dig out all their old photo's and send them by email to sillothcarnival@hotmail.com. On the day we will be displaying these in a marquee so everyone can come and reminisce.

We want The Carnival to benefit everyone in Silloth, businesses and families alike. In the New Year I will be visiting every business on the Carnival route to see what we can do to benefit them. Stalls on the green will be offered to local traders first, we will be keeping food vans to a minimum and they will all be different. We will announce how to apply for a space soon.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all Committee Members to thank John Hope, Diane Graham & Lawrence Marshall for all their hard work in previous years, we have big shoes to fill.

Masterchef Comes to Silloth!



Photos & Report by: Geoff Betsworth

At this time of the year, I would normally have just returned from a visit to the Solway Community Technology College where, on behalf of the Rotary Club and along with a few select club members, I customarily enjoy judging the initial round of the Rotary Young Chef competition. Unfortunately, due to a prior commitment, this time I had to leave prior to the tasting!

The judges, which on this occasion included Silloth Inner Wheel's Christine Previtali and President Marjorie Osowski, agreed unanimously on the overall high standard of meals

presented by this year's contestants.

In previous years, the students chose their own menus, however, following the suggestion of Silloth's former hotelier and Rotarian Fausto Previtali, on this occasion contestants prepared and presented a set menu of:

Medallions of Pork Loin in a Cream and Grain Mustard Sauce

accompanied by Pomme Sablé, Steamed Asparagus and Carrot Purée

Apple Crumble with Homemade Custard

An indication of the high standard of cuisine, was that there were few points between the first and second places and the rest of the field. The winners were Ben

Harrison (1st) and Emily Smith (2nd) who will now go on to the next round of the competition and we wish them lots of luck with their culinary endeavours.



Winner Ben Harrison

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Harlequin Sing for RNLI



Report by: Margaret English

On Friday 5th December the Harlequin choir came to Christ Church hall to support the RNLI and sang a variety of Christmas, traditional and pop songs. Claire Mattinson their talented musical director sang a couple of solos. Enjoying the enthusiasm

of the choir the audience had a very fun filled evening. After costs £320 was raised from entrance fees, lucky square draw, the raffle and the auction of a print from a painting presented by local artist Kay Ritchie. Knoxwood provided a festive hamper, J Bennett the fishmonger and Kirkup &

Son butchers both provided a voucher. Kay Ritchie's print was bought by the musical director's father as a present for Claire. Our thanks go to everyone who was there and all proceeds go to the Silloth and District RNLI fund raising group.

Xmas Bazaar with Santa Raises £300

Report by: Penny Stimson

On Saturday 29th November St Andrew's Church had their Christmas Bazaar with Santa in his Grotto. This was a success with £300 being raised for the church funds. Santa will be in his grotto on the next three Saturdays to Christmas from 12 to 4pm, the cost is £1.50 to see him and have a present. There will also be a small table top sale. Our Christmas Eve carol service is at 7pm on Christmas Eve at St Andrew's Church.



RNLI Quiz Night

Once again the RNLI is holding a Quiz Night. It is on Friday 30th January starting at 7:30pm at a new venue in Mrs Wilson's, Criffel Street, Silloth. Teams of up to 4 at £4 per person to include a sandwich supper. Numbers are limited so to avoid disappointment please pre book at £2 per head at Mrs Wilson's the telephone number is 016973 31155.

Our Door's Open

St Andrews United Reformed Church, Solway Street, Silloth is delighted to announce that "OUR DOOR'S OPEN" will start on Tuesday March 3rd in the church hall from 11:30am to 1:30pm. We will be serving a simple soup and roll lunch, followed by tea/coffee and cake. There is no formal charge for the lunch but donations towards the cost of the ingredients and for the church funds are welcomed. The elders, members and friends of St Andrew's wish to express their thanks to the "Open Door" Committee who until recently operated a similar soup lunch in the church hall for many years.

Woodcarvers Dinner

Report by: Jennifer Bailey

The Woodcarvers held their Christmas Dinner on 21st November at the Dunes Restaurant at Bankmill Nurseries, Mawbray. Approximately twenty members plus 'significant others!' attended and a great time was had by all. The choices of dishes prepared by Shirley was, as always, superb with Melon Balls in Pink Champagne being one of the starters and, apart from Christmas Pud, a mouthwatering selection of puddings making choosing just one very nearly impossible.

The group's Chairman Clive Firth and his wife Carol-Anne were greatly missed, having been unable to attend. The meal was concluded with hot mice pies and coffee with minty chocs. The staff at The Dunes are to be congratulated for their efficiency and speed in serving the food with festive good cheer and very much patience when folk (such as I) changed their minds from what had previously been ordered to something completely different, especially in the pud department. Well done.

Arthritis Support

Report by: Gladys Temple

Mary Piele welcomed ten members of the Arthritis Support Group to the December meeting at Loveday House. Apologies were received from Glynis Mackie and Marilyn Bright was welcomed as a new member. Pauline Mole began the afternoon with three of her own poems. The first was 'Mission Impossible' then 'Arabian Knights' followed by 'Christmas' Pauline writes her own poems but the first was about how difficult it can be to get started. Mary Piele then read two poems 'Christmas List' and 'Tractors'. Margaret Armstrong told a story about her genealogy searches while Edna Marper told of her searches about the sculptor Mr Ray who used to live in one of the houses near where she lives now. Gladys showed some of the bead necklaces she enjoys making and spoke about the

history of the house she lives in. Derek Ford came from Sussex to live in Wigton and told of some of the tales from his background which could fill gaps in his memory when all added together as his father left when he was small. June Fearon told a poem which her mother used to tell her when she was small called 'Cuddle Dun' then a tale of the village where she was brought up. Edna Marper then told the tale of her Auntie Jessie who was a nurse in 1912 and was awarded the Military Medal for her work in the Great War. Refreshments were served and a lively conversation carried on so a pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Margaret Armstrong won the raffle. The next meeting will be our New Year Lunch at Denton House on Friday 23rd January when the Community Bus will pick up at the Junior School at 11:45am.

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Your views matter!



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Dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐

Have your say!

Silloth-On-Solway
Town Council Questionnaire 2015

Your views matter!

10. Litter and refuse cont'd:
10.2 How satisfied are you with the management of household refuse?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

10.3 How satisfied are you with the provision of recycling facilities in the town?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

11. Town Centre Appearance:
11.1 How satisfied are you with the upkeep and maintenance of the town centre?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

11.2 What additional improvements could be made to the appearance of the town?

12. Silloth Promenade:
How satisfied are you with the upkeep and maintenance of the Silloth Promenade area?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

13. Road and Pavement Maintenance:
13.1 How satisfied are you with pavement condition in the town?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

13.2 How satisfied are you with the maintenance of side roads?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

13.3 How satisfied are you with the maintenance of main roads?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT
14. Winter Gritting:
14.1 How satisfied are you with the provision of winter gritting?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

14.2 Do you think the Council should set future budget aside to provide emergency gritting supplies?

Yes	☐	No	☐	Don't know	☐
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15. Public Transport:
15.1 Do you use public transport in and around Silloth?

Yes	☐	No	☐
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15.2 How satisfied are you with the provision of public transport in Silloth?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

16. Car Parking:
16.1 How satisfied are you with the provision of car parking in Silloth?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

16.2 Would you wish to see stronger action against parking on restricted parking areas (yellow lines and dropped kerbs)?

Yes	☐	No	☐	Don't know	☐
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16.3 Would you be in favour of charges being made for parking in the town?

Yes	☐	No	☐	Don't know	☐
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17. Public Toilets:
17.1 How satisfied are you with the current quality, cleanliness and opening hours of the town's public toilets?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

17.2 Do you think it's important to have public toilets in the town which are open and clean even if this means there could be a charge for using the facilities?

Yes	☐	No	☐	Don't know	☐
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18. Housing:
18.1 How satisfied are you with the provision of affordable local housing in Silloth?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

18.2 How satisfied are you with the provision of rentable housing in Silloth?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

18.3 How satisfied are you with the provision of social housing in Silloth?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

19. Town Markets:
19.1 Which market do you regularly use?

Thursday market on Criffel Street	☐
Sunday market on the Airfield	☐

19.2 How satisfied are you with the standard, range and provision at the current Thursday and Sunday markets?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

19.3 How satisfied are you with the idea of holding additional markets?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

FREE ENTRY PRIZE DRAW

Complete the questionnaire, fill in your contact details to enter the draw and return it to the Town Clerk to be entered into the Free Entry Prize Draw. There are three prizes:- First Prize of £50 and two runner up prizes of £25 each.

To be entered into the Free Entry Prize Draw, the questionnaires must be returned by Saturday 10th January 2015.

The prize draw will take place at the Town Council meeting on Monday 12th January 2015.

Your views are important and will make a difference.

20. Public Safety & Local Policing:
20.1 How satisfied are you with the level of public safety in Silloth?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

20.2 How satisfied are you with the level of policing in Silloth?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

21. Recreation & Leisure:
Recreation and leisure is recognised to be important for health and general well being. There is a wide range of sport and leisure activities in Silloth. (See Section 23 for issues affecting Young People).
21.1 Do Silloth's sport and recreation facilities meet the needs of the adults in your household?

Yes	☐	No	☐	No opinion	☐
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21.2 Is there a sufficient range and availability of sport and recreation activities for children under the age of 11 in the town?

Yes	☐	No	☐	No opinion	☐
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21.3 What additional, or improved sport and recreation facilities would you like to see in Silloth to encourage greater participation in sport and recreation activities by adults and children?

21.4 What additional sport and recreational activities would you like to see in Silloth?

21.5 How satisfied are you with the current level of cafe and restaurant provision in Silloth?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

21.6 How satisfied are you with the current level of public houses and bar provision in Silloth?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

21.7 How satisfied are you with day time leisure provision in Silloth?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

21.8 How satisfied are you with the night time leisure provision in Silloth?

Very satisfied	☐	Satisfied	☐
Dissatisfied	☐	Very dissatisfied	☐
No comment	☐		

22. Play Areas/Facilities
Silloth has a number of children's play areas/facilities at Eden Street and on Silloth Green.

22.1 Do your children use one or more of the play areas/facilities in Silloth?

Yes	☐	No	☐	Not Applicable	☐
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22.2 Which play area(s)/facilities do they use? (Please tick all that apply)

Eden Street Play Area	☐
Woodland Play Area	☐
Water Splash Play Area	☐
BMX Track	☐

22.3 How would you rate the play facilities in Silloth?

Good	☐	Satisfactory	☐	Poor	☐
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22.4 What would improve the play areas?

23. Young People (Age 11-18)
Here is an opportunity for young people in your household to give their views on the facilities available for young people in their leisure time. There is space for three young people to respond and it would be helpful if you could say how old you are in the first question.

23.1 Please enter the gender (M or F) for each young person in your household in the appropriate age categories

Age Person	1	2	3
11-13	☐	☐	☐
14-16	☐	☐	☐
17-18	☐	☐	☐

23.2 What do you like or dislike about living in Silloth?

1st Person	
2nd Person	
3rd Person	

23.3 Do you take part in any activities, or belong to any organised groups in Silloth?

	Yes	No
1st Person	☐	☐
2nd Person	☐	☐
3rd Person	☐	☐

23.4 What activities do you take part in?

1st Person	
2nd Person	
3rd Person	

23.5 What additional facilities or activities would you like to see provided for young people in Silloth?

1st Person	
2nd Person	
3rd Person	

23.6 Where would you like the activities to take place?

1st Person	
2nd Person	
3rd Person	

23.7 Do you take part in any activities or belong to any organised groups outside the town?

	Yes	No
1st Person	☐	☐
2nd Person	☐	☐
3rd Person	☐	☐

23.8 What are these activities and where do you go to take part in them?

1st Person	
2nd Person	
3rd Person	

23.9 If transport was available to activities or facilities outside Silloth would you use it?

	Yes	No
1st Person	☐	☐
2nd Person	☐	☐
3rd Person	☐	☐

23.10 If "Yes" where to?

1st Person	
2nd Person	
3rd Person	

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE:	

Return this Questionnaire to:
Town Clerk, 5 Burnswark Terrace, Solway Street, Silloth or drop into the special boxes at the Post Office, Co-op and Spar by Sat 10th January 2015.

Golden Company



Glen & Debbie collecting the Gold Community Award

Solway Private Hire are delighted to have won the Gold Community Award at the QSI Professional Driver awards evening.

It was a huge shock to Debbie and Glen as they didn't think they stood a chance as the award was competed for by companies throughout the whole of England. They were delighted to be on the short-list, so to even be in with a chance was amazing but to win the top award was just an unreal experience for Glen and Debbie.

They would like to thank

all their staff for their hard work as they play a huge part in making Solway Private Hire what it is today. Also, thanks goes to all their customers all over Cumbria that use Solway Private Hire, without them they would not have a business.

They are going from strength to strength and this award shows they can achieve things they did not think possible.

Everyone at Solway Private Hire wish all their customers a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Years 5&6 Understand WWI



Report by: Joanne Brooks

Earlier this term, children in Years 5 and 6 at Silloth Primary School learned about World War I.

They researched key facts and learned of the conditions in which the brave soldiers fought. Using this information, the children created dramatic freeze frames in role as

soldiers setting off to war, designed their very own animal bravery top trumps cards and wrote letters home as troops serving overseas.

Both classes had the opportunity to participate in out-of-school learning with visits to the Silloth Toy Soldier Museum and Cumbria's Museum of

Military Life at Carlisle Castle. They loved the hands-on aspect of these trips, especially being able to handle artefacts and replicas such as grenades (fortunately disarmed)!

Many children brought items in to school relating to their family's involvement in the war. Bayonets, medals and pictures of relatives

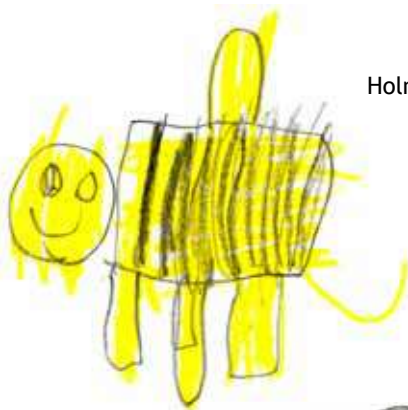
were eagerly discussed and, for some, sparked a desire to research more into their relatives' involvement.

When asked, the children agreed that it had been very interesting studying World War I and that they all had a great appreciation for the sacrifices made by the men and women of that time.

Old Time Music Hall

Tickets for the Old Time Music Hall being held on 31st January in St Andrew's Church will be available from members of the congregation and from the Silloth on Solway Charity Shop after Christmas.

They are £5 each



Queen Bee
by
Emily Jane Gallagher
from
Crosby on Eden

Mr Bee
by
Reece Carr
from
Holm Cultram Abbey



Causewayhead WI

Report by: Pat Froggatt

The November meeting of Causewayhead WI took place on 12th November at Christ Church hall and President, Margaret Durham welcomed members and visitors from other WIs, also members of the community.

She welcomed our guest for the evening Judith Butterfield from Rainbow Flowers, Wigton who gave a demonstration on flower arranging for Christmas.

Judith began by explaining her experience of flower arranging to opening her shop. She then began her demonstration and her reason for choosing her selection. She was fond of using greenery to start her arrangements and then adding the flowers to

compliment each display. In her first arrangement she used orchids as her main flower and then other flowers of a similar colour to enhance the display. On other arrangements she used a variety of different coloured flowers such as carnations and roses. One of the items she used was heather to give an impression of movement. The foliage she used was very varied and gave a firm base to each display. The whole evening was a delight.

A vote of thanks was given by Jean Graham who stated that due to recent hospitalization she had received many gifts of flowers but it took her longer to arrange them than Judith did. She thanked Judith and stated that everyone

had thoroughly enjoyed their evening. Members of the other WIs thanked Causewayhead for inviting them.

The competition was a Christmas bauble. Winners for the visitors were: Gladys Temple, Leslie Evans, Lilian Stewart. For Causewayhead: 1st Pat Froggatt, 2nd Ann Harrison. The flower competition was won by Jean Vorley.

The Raffle winners were: Susan Kenny, Val Lodge, Dorothy Ross, Linda McCormack, Molly Lomas, Beryl Killen, Jean Ting, Pat Bell, Marjorie Dockery, Judith Butterfield, Rosemary Brookes, Maureen Irving, Mary Johnstone, Theresa Hutchinson, Rebecca Kenny, and one of the visitors.

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Solway Community Technology College



Guest Speaker Katie Hunter



Headmistress Lois Baird

Mrs Baird was delighted to welcome Katie Hunter, Border TV and ex Channel 4 journalist, as Guest of Honour for the annual Prize Giving Evening.

After welcoming guests, Mrs Baird spoke of the most recent and ongoing building repair work, as they would have noticed the scaffolding surrounding the building, which will finally fix the roof at a cost to the local authority of £400,000. Amounting to nearly a million pounds of work to heating and the roof over the past three years. It will be a relief for it to finish at Christmas, the buckets will not be missed.

The pupils from last year's Year 11 were welcomed back from their post 16 studies or apprenticeships. It is always a pleasure to see them again and to catch up with what they are doing. The results from last summer made us proud of their achievements. Many pupils achieved 13 A* to C grades, we reached national levels of progress in both English and Maths and all pupils achieved at least 4 GCSEs. In future it will be fabulous to be able to offer AS levels here in Sillioth.

The opportunities we offer all our pupils are varied:

The pupils performed a fabulous production of Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew – at Theatre by the Lake. Our pupils' talents shone out making us so proud of them.

Our Yr10 & 11 PE trampolinists took part in a competition held in Dalston. They have only been trampolining for only a few weeks yet in the U19 Girls beginners we took 1st place, in the U19 Boys beginners we took 1st and 3rd place and in the Novice class, a big group, the biggest in the competition, including county and regional

bouncers we took 15th place. A fabulous achievement from a school with less than 200 pupils!

I must thank parents for supporting all the Charity events we run. More recently Breast Cancer Awareness and the Walk for Water which now involves all our Primaries and the Nursery.

We collected Shoe Boxes for the Christmas Appeal to give to less fortunate children across the world a gift at Christmas. I am so glad we are such a caring community.

We have already had various events in school this term;

Maasai Warriors.

Carlisle College Music performance.

Molly Thomas came back to share her experiences from her trip of a life time – 28 days in Africa, kayaking across the Zambezi and climbing down to the base of the Victoria Falls. Her photos were stunning!

Gen 2 have spoken to Yr11s about possible future careers.

Green Screen training for budding TV presenters and recording technicians.

Pupils have gone to Energus to an Inspiring Enterprise workshop.

Lord Mar & Kellie came to

explain to the upper school how the House of Lords work.

Dr Ian Johnson came to talk about nano science.

The Rev Rothwell has regularly given assemblies on our various weekly themes.

University of Northumbria has run workshops for various year groups.

My head boy and head girl took part in Children's Commissioner Take over Day.

Yr 7 visited Borrowdale for their residential.

Yr9 pupils were involved in Action Stations rewarding pupils with good motivations and attendance.

The future promises further changes from the exam



Photographs can be purchased from the Solway Buzz, there are more on the website

Prize Giving Evening 2014



exam boards, which are due be put in place in response to the Governments' requirements. Pupils in Year 9 will be taking reformed GCSEs and will have grades from 9 (better than A*) to 1. New specifications for the first group of

GCSEs should be out in May which won't leave much time to plan and prepare. The next group of GCSEs will then follow in future years. A/AS levels too are changing – as you are aware we will be offering a post 16 option here from September, very

exciting.

The school have had an Ofsted inspection recently. It has been 5 years since our last one and the framework has changed each year since – goal posts changing each time. Grading and judgements

changing too. The report is not yet published but I can share that we are proud of our children, they performed very well, showing how polite, considerate and helpful they are and the Inspectors saw many good and outstanding lessons.

Mrs Baird explained to the guests many pupils were nominated for prizes for the previous academic year and although only one could win for each subject they should be proud of the efforts all their children put in.

Photographs of all pupils who attended can be viewed at: www.SolwayBuzz.co.uk

Children's Centre

Opening Hours:
Monday 9:30am to 12:30pm
fortnightly for the
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Tuesday 1pm to 3 pm term time
Wednesday 9:30am to 12:30
for Tots n Toddlers

Open at other times when the
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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
Wigton CC - 016973 49555

Arthritis Support

Wigton Area Arthritis Support
Group meet on
1st Friday each month at
Loveday House, South End,
Wigton @ 1:30pm, details from
Glady's 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
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Sessions are on:
Wednesdays:
10pm to 11:30am
term time only
Entry is £1 per family and this
includes refreshments
All Welcome
Call in for a friendly chat

Abbeytown Library

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

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For Christ Church baptisms and
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Rev Bryan Rothwell
The Vicarage, Wigton Road
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Silloth Football Club

Sports Hall
under 7 years
Wednesdays 4-5pm

over 7s years
Wednesdays 5-6pm

Men's Team
Wednesday 7pm to 8:30pm

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

Secretary: Stephen Hart 32706

Martial Arts

Silloth Dragons
Mixed Martial Arts Club
train in Christ Church Hall
on Thursdays
under 12's 6:45pm to 7:30pm
12's & over 7:30pm to 8:30pm
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
For further details contact
Stephen on 07811 761033

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

Kickboxing Club

The Kickboxing Club is held
in Christ Church Hall every
Thursday night from 6:30pm to
7:30pm. All welcome.
www.solwaykickboxing.
webeden.co.uk

Ladies Fellowship

Silloth Evangelical Free Church,
Eden Street Ladies Fellowship
is on alternate Thursdays at
1:45pm. Warm fellowship,
refreshments, and good
speakers.
All welcome

Breast-feeding 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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Two courses and a drink for only
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to book tel: 016973 61261

Bridge Group

Meet on Wednesday evenings
from 7 till 9pm, at the Golf Club
to play Duplicate. Information
from mike.md@btinternet.com.

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February/March issue is:
3rd January 2015

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

Dates for the Diary

Get your Dates for the Diary in NOW!

December

20th Christmas Bazaar in
St Andrews Church Hall 12 to
4pm, crafts, cakes, etc.
Santa in his Grotto
Admission FREE

21st Greenrow Pentecostal
Church carol service @ 10:45am

21st Christ Church service
with carols at 11am

21st St Andrews Church
morning worship at 11am

21st St Paul's carol service
at 3pm

21st Silloth AFC Kids
Christmas Party in Silloth Rugby
Club 5pm, entrance £1 inc
buffet and Santa with presents

21st Silloth Evangelical
Free Church family carol
service at 6:30pm

21st **Santas Sleigh Ride
from Skinburness to the Crofts
starting at 3:30pm**

21st Greenrow Pentecostal
Church carol service at 6pm

24th Christmas Eve Carol
Service at 7pm in St Andrew's
Church

24th St Andrews Church
carol service at 7pm

24th Our Lady of the
Assumption vigil mass at 7pm

25th St Paul's holy
communion at 9am

25th Christ Church crib
service at 6pm

27th Silloth Football Club
adults Christmas Party at 7pm
in the Rugby Club with Disco
and entertainment

28th Christ Church holy
communion at 10am

31st Silloth Evangelical
Free Church fellowship meal at
7:30pm and watch night service
at 11:30pm



RNLI Shop

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December
Sunday only 11am - 3:30pm
The shop will close on Sunday
14th December and will reopen
at Easter

Thank you to all our customers
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throughout the year and we
look forward to seeing you in
2015.

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Silloth Community First
Responders train on the first
and third Tuesday of every
month in Silloth Fire Station
at 7pm.

Tourist Information & Library

Silloth Local Link Opening Times

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Tuesday CLOSED
Wed 10-1pm 2-5pm
Thursday CLOSED
Friday 10-1pm 2-5pm
Saturday 10-1pm

Tel: 016973 31944

January 2015

12th Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

13th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

14th Causewayhead WI
Members Night, Competition:
Smallest Book

17th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

27th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

30th RNLI Quiz Night in
Mrs Wilson's, Criffel Street at
7:30pm. Teams of 4 at £4 per
person inc sandwich supper,
Tel: 016973 31155 to book

31st Old Time Music Hall
in St Andrews Church Hall with
a professional magician from
7pm to 9pm. Tickets £5 from
SOSCS after Christmas

February

3rd Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

7th Coffee Morning in the
Recreation Hall with Silloth &
District Pensioners

10th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

10th Holme Low Parish
Council Meeting at 7:30pm in
Community Hall, Silloth

13th Carnival Disco in
Silloth Rugby Club from 6pm
to 8pm, free entry, children
must be accompanied, Carnival
Queen will be selected

14th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

24th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

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Dates for the Diary
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attending an event

Crafting Group

Interested in crafting?
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Group on Wednesdays from
1:30 to 3:30pm at the
Methodist Church Hall.
We are a well established
group, friendly people
with a variety of crafting
talents-willing to share their
knowledge. Enjoy the chat and
learn from the other crafters ,
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March

2nd Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

7th Coffee Morning in the
Recreation Hall with Silloth &
District Pensioners

10th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973
51603

14th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

April

13th Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

May

11th Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

12th Holme Low Parish
Council Meeting at 7:30pm in
Community Hall, Silloth

16th Silloth-A Craft Trail,
call 016973 31816

24th **Silloth Green Day**

June

1st Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

13th **Silloth Vintage Rally**

14th **Silloth Vintage Rally**

December

7th Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

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July

6th Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

August

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

31st Silloth Carnival

September

7th Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

10th **Silloth Music & Beer
Festival**

11th **Silloth Music & Beer
Festival**

12th **Silloth Music & Beer
Festival with The Jam**

13th **Silloth Music & Beer
Festival**

October

5th Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

10th Cumbrian Dialect
Competition in the Golf Hotel

November

2nd Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

10th Holme Low Parish
Council Meeting at 7:30pm in
Community Hall, Silloth

December

7th Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

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



WWI Bee
by Stephanie Fleetham
from Silloth Primary School



Robert Rainbow Bee
by Bobby & Jonathan from Holme St Cuthbert School

Letters

Dear Buzz,

Winter is upon us now, we can all look back and remember the wonderful sunny summer we have all enjoyed. Silloth has yet again portrayed itself as the "Jewel of The Solway Coast" by continually hosting an enjoyable and varied series of entertaining events throughout the year on our marvellous Silloth Green. This year the town has continued to be awarded the national prestigious "Green Flag Award" a major credit for the Town. In addition the on-going regeneration on Silloth Green continues with the new Community Garden been established which encompasses a fantastic Story Telling Chair ably built and installed by the Silloth Wood Carver's, it is a fantastic new focal point for the Town. This new Garden facility was key to the Town been entered for the first time in the prestigious annual "Cumbria in Bloom Awards" resulting in Silloth winning the Best Coastal Town Award in Cumbria plus runner up for other community categories, well done to all concerned for their dedicated commitment to this project. My thanks go to the retiring Carnival and Vintage Rally committees who have tirelessly endured the tremendous workload over the years, making sure these extremely popular annual events have taken place. Their dedication must be congratulated by us all. I am pleased that new willing volunteers have come forward to continue working on these committees, I would hope that anyone who feels that they could assist in any way with the running of these events would contact the new event organisers with their details. These committees will now enable Silloth to continue hosting these most popular annual events alongside the other

established committees that operate throughout the town. My thanks must go to all the dedicated event organisers with their enthusiastic helpers who ensure these events continue to take place throughout the year. I look forward to Silloth and the Solway Coast maintaining its position as a great place to live, work and visit. Thank you.

Silloth-on-Solway Mayor
Cllr Tony Markley

Dear Buzz,

Myself and my friend recently visited Silloth, which was my late wife's (Barbara Heath, nee Wilcock) childhood home. I would just like to thank all the residents of Silloth that we met. We were made so welcome during our stay, that it really overwhelmed us. Never, in any part of the UK have we met such a group of wonderful, caring and welcoming people. Thank you all so much, the memories will be treasured forever. Yours Sincerely,

Alan Heath

Dear Reader,

As Editor of your community paper I would like to thank everyone for their articles over the years. Don't forget it costs nothing to have an article published in our paper, but I do need to be able to contact you to clarify the information and give feedback when required. No article will be published without this information. Please ensure you supply name, address and telephone number. Many thanks,

Peter McRobert

Dear Buzz,

In Loving Memory of
Rev Bill Asbury

Cherry would like to thank all our friends for their kind help and good wishes after the death of her husband Bill. I am very grateful to all the doctors, nurses and clerical staff at Silloth Group Medical Practice. We had the best care possible. We also praise the care given at Cumberland Infirmary, specially the Oncology Department for all their expertise and kindness. Special Thanks from

Cherry Asbury and family



Forest Bee
by Kieran from
Holme St Cuthbert School

Dear Buzz,

I would like to thank family and friends for the lovely cards, flowers, etc., and the help I received after my recent hip operation. It has been really appreciated.

Jean Graham



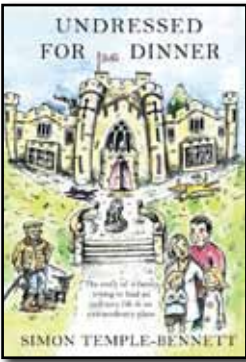
Elsa Bee
by
Holly Robertson
from
Holme St Cuthbert
School

Cumbrian Reads

Relax with a good book this Winter

Undressed For Dinner
by Simon Temple-Bennett

This book details how in 1997 Simon and his wife Wendy moved from London and bought a near derelict castle at the foot of the Cumbrian fells. Today it is an internationally renowned hotel but that was never really the plan. Simon's autobiographical account of family life at Augill Castle has won the prestigious Hunter Davies Lakeland Book of the Year award 2014 and the



Zeffirellis prize for People and Business.

Hunting Scraps - The Hunting Diary of CJ Cropper
by Sir James Cropper

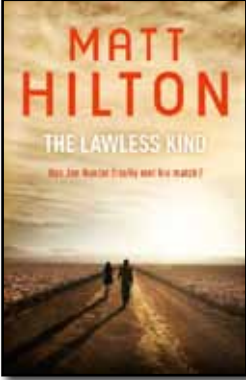
Charles James Cropper was a natural draughtsman who had a voracious love of drawing. He was a fine illustrator and his remarkable talent is for all to see in the 200-plus pages of this weighty tome. Hunting Scraps is a vivid record in pen, ink and watercolours, of all aspects of the hunt, captioned with witty and pithy prose to create a visual diary of country pursuits and the people who took part. Between 1877-1924, industrialist Charles - whose father James founded the Cropper papermaking business - captured his exploits on the



hunting field, which have been carefully and cleverly collated by record keeper, par excellence, Sir James Cropper and his son Mark, creating both art book and fascinating piece of social history.

The Lawless Kind
by Matt Hilton

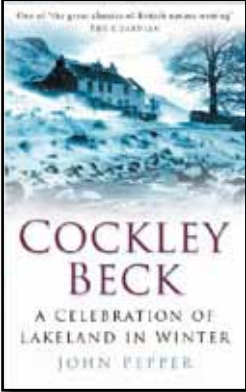
Ex-counterterrorist soldier Joe Hunter has been called to Mexico to bring an end to a cartel that preys on the people they smuggle across the US border. Once the mission's ended, however, Joe's mission leader and mentor, CIA Black Ops director Walter Hayes Conrad, confesses that the bloody mission is not the real reason Joe has been summoned south of the border. For years, Walter has kept the details of his private life - especially his family - secret from everyone, even his closest friends. But disaster has struck: his great-grandson Benjamin has been abducted, kidnapped by Walter's sworn enemy, the



leader of one of Mexico's largest drug cartels. Walter will do whatever it takes to get the boy back. And he knows Hunter is the man for the job. But there's one complication -- the drug boss just happens to be Benjamin's father.

Cockley Beck: A Celebration of Lakeland in Winter
by John Pepper

"Cockley Beck" is a hymn to the beauty of nature and the joys of solitude and silence. In 2005 it was listed in the Guardian, alongside the works of the Wordsworths, Coleridge, Norman Nicholson and others, as one of the great British classics of nature writing - being described as a 'lovely, elegant, intense piece of work' Cockley Beck is a mountain farm at the head of the Lakeland valley of Dunnerdale, to which John Pepper retreated for nine winters in order to find something other than wage slavery and a mortgage. The book describes the 'glorious wilderness' he encountered, as well as the local inhabitants -



who told of their lives in these remote valleys of rock, forest and water. This offbeat, highly personal and atmospheric book captures the spirit of place and people, and fully deserves its reputation as a classic.

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 page 10 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. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to us, our address on page 10.

This month the winner is Lexi Hagan from Silloth Primary School with a bee drawing called "Fatty B".

Well done!



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On the Water Front

Report by: Captain Slog

November 2014
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14th. Baltica Hav from Rostock with wheat, then in ballast to Colraine.



Christmas at Sea

A ship in port, like an airliner or any other mode of commercial transport standing at a terminal for that matter, is not earning the owner or charterer any money. Hence, during the Christmas and New Year holidays, or at any other time when cargo loading or discharging activities are going to be limited or curtailed for a few days, you are unlikely to see ships lying idle alongside in port. So if the ship owner or charterer has got his shipping schedules right, his vessels will be busy, ploughing a furrow through the seaways between one port and the next during public holidays. That means no rest for the seafarer if it can be helped!



So what happens on a ship at sea at Christmas? Well, despite the owner or charterer's requirements, the innovative crew can usually still make the best of their environment on those special days, without any reduction in safety or efficiency. Navigation and engine-room duty watches must still be maintained and ship husbandry has to be kept going. Preparations will have begun a few weeks before, taking advantage of time in a port somewhere, to purchase a few decorations for the crew's accommodation and to stock up on some festive food, perhaps using a bit of money saved from the cook's food allowance to buy some extra tasty treats. Nearer Christmas, if the opportunity occurs, a Christmas tree will have been purchased, to be lashed to the top of one of the ship's masts. The Christian seafarer's associations, such as The

Mission to Seafarers, ("Flying Angel"), or the Apostleship of the Sea, (Stella Maris"), will have been busy, calling on ship's in port during the run-up to Christmas, to hand over small gifts that they have collected during the year, for the crew to open on Christmas Day. Many ships these days, especially the smaller coasting vessels, are 'dry', meaning no alcohol is allowed to be brought on board by the crew. However, the ship's Master may have a bottle of something locked away to issue a small 'tot' to the crew members when they are off watch, just to celebrate a special occasion. A 'Secret Santa' or 'Lucky Dip' may well be organised amongst all those on board, where each buys a small present, to be wrapped and placed in a sack and then given to whoever's name is drawn out of a hat. Small presents and cards will hopefully have been arriving from home through the post and via the ship's agent, with special Christmas messages for the absent crewmembers.

Non-Christian crew members of course, would not be excluded and would join in the party. Those crew members will probably have similar events for their own religious festivals when they occur. I have personally sailed on several ships with Chinese crews, joining in with their happy celebrations for Chinese New Year, whilst somewhere far out to sea... and the hospitality was great and the food was delicious!

So please spare a thought for these thousands of men and women, who will be a long way from home at this time of year, whilst the rest of us gather to meet and celebrate with our families and friends. As an island nation, we rely heavily on the non-stop work of these seafarers from many nations, for the vast majority of our country's imports and exports.

Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to you all, from Captain Slog.



Recent News

During the first week of November 2014, the local shipping agency John



Edzard Cirksema waiting for high water to enter Dock on 7th November by John Forrester

Tide Table

JANUARY 2015										SILLOTH
DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE										
High Water										Low Water
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Times shown in UTC. Add 1 hour for British Summer Time.

Can You See Your House?



This fantastic aerial photograph of Silloth was taken by James Smith using his remote controlled DJI Phantom Vision FC200 helicopter on 1st October. The Buzz is very grateful to James for supplying this picture which certainly shows Silloth town centre in a new perspective. Hopefully, we will be able to show other parts of the town in future issues.

Funding for Groups

Local groups and organisations with great ideas to make their communities an even better place to live are now invited to apply for funding to turn their ideas into reality.

People's Health Trust has just launched Active Communities in North West and North East England – a funding programme for local people wanting to create fairer places to grow, live, work and age.

Using money raised by HealthAble through The Health Lottery, People's Health Trust is looking to invest in projects that support people living in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods of Cumbria and Northumberland.

Active Communities is a funding programme for not-for-profit groups with an income of less than £350,000 a year, seeking investment of between £5,000 and £50,000 for projects lasting up to two years. The projects should take place within a small area for a small group of people, such as 20 or 30 streets or a couple of villages.

John Hume, Chief

Money raised by
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Executive, People's Health Trust, says: "We're looking to support ideas designed and run by local people which help create even stronger links and ties within communities. Whether it's a tenants and residents' mediation group or a computer skills group for older people, we're interested to hear about it."

"Applying couldn't be easier - it's about local people telling us what would make their local community an even better place grow, live, work and age. It's an online process with a step by step guide from start to finish."

The closing date for applications is 1pm on 21st January 2015.

To apply for funding, visit www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk.

SOSCS Donate £3,700 Locally

The Committee of SOSCS met recently to discuss applications received for donations to their local good causes. It was decided that the following should receive funding.

Silloth Life Boats	£500.00
Silloth Primary Art Club	£400.00
Silloth Football Club	£250.00
Silloth Netball	£300.00
1st Silloth Brownies	£250.00
Silloth Rugby Club	£250.00
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Silloth Comp School Fund	£250.00
Total Funding	£3,700.00

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Waver Wine Circle

Report by: Stuart Jones

Due to adverse weather conditions at the Waver Wine Circle meeting on 8th October Chris Russell's original plan of a 'Sky at Night' evening was replaced with lunch at The Mill Inn, Mungrisdale. Owing to illness and holidays only six members attended.

The meal was enjoyed by all, although additional clothing was necessary – yes autumn had arrived! Chairman Bill and Greta were unable to attend due to Greta having had an accident at home on the previous day and is presently still in hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

At the meeting on 12th November arrangements for this year's Christmas Dinner were finalised. We are holding it again this year at the Wheyrigg Hotel on 12th December at 7pm.

Chris and Sue Russell gave us a most interesting talk and film show on the history of skiing, describing various types of skiing and the different equipment and body movements used. They have skied at various resorts and gave us an insight into the popularity of the sport.

A short history of the Wine Circle

In the early 1990's five people in Blencogo decided to form a wine club. Initially they met in each other's homes on a monthly basis to talk about the making of homemade wine. This was soon extended to one or two wine makers from Mealsgate. As numbers grew it was arranged to meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Blencogo Village Hall under the guidance of Mr Stan Muir, who was a wine tasting judge.

In 1993 it was agreed to call the club the Waver Wine

Circle and a committee was formed with Mr S Muir as Chairman, Mr J Bray Secretary/Treasurer, plus three others. Programmes for the year were arranged, members bringing their own wine along for assessment and tasting, also visits to breweries, etc. Two trophies were purchased and presented to the member who produced the best red and white wine in Spring and Autumn.

Over the years we have lost members who made their own wine, but we still enjoy evenings of tasting wines and beers, visits to different places and meals together.

In 2003 the Circle gave a trophy to the Cumberland Show to be presented for best homemade wine in show. This year our Chairman W Henderson won the trophy – it was good to see it come home.

Our meetings are still held at the Blencogo Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 7:30pm, with the exception of August. New members are always welcome, please contact Stuart Jones: 016973 61006.

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Skinburness Marsh Litter

Jimmy Thomson moved to Silloth last year after spending fifty years in the south of England as a P.G.A. golf professional. He joined Silloth Golf Club on arrival and has, for the past year been Junior Organiser at the Club.

Jimmy likes to keep fit and, in addition to golf, he cycles around Silloth. One of his routes takes him along the marsh road beyond the old Skinburness Hotel and the Wigton road. Jimmy does enjoy the environment around that road but what caught his eye whilst on one of the runs was the amount of rubbish strewn along the side of the road. It is unsightly and unnecessary.

So, Jimmy purchased a litter picker and bin bags and spent four hours over the past weekend clearing the debris. This amounted to six bags - at times he felt like



Father Christmas with his big sacks! However it was a very satisfying feeling to have done this work and to see the results of his labours.

So, please, not only on the

marsh road but everywhere - PLEASE do not throw rubbish out of a car window; take it home and bin it. Silloth is a lovely town - let's make it even lovelier!

Jaymie-Lea Raises £2,686



Report by: Jaymie-Lea Greig

I announced on March 19th that I would be shaving my hair off later in the year for Cancer Research UK.

This all came about after the #barefacedselfie campaign was launched to raise awareness and money for Cancer Research UK. I'd been nominated for the #barefacedselfie by my friends and once I'd took my photo I thought there could be more done for this amazing charity, who's work has and still continues to save the lives of many people who are affected by cancer.

My dad being one of these people, I'd hate to have to bear the thought of my dad not being here, but for some people it's a daily struggle to cope without a loved one and I hope the money I have raised from shaving my hair will help prevent this from happening

to many other people.

On 29th November, three weeks after my eighteenth birthday I shaved my hair off at Silloth Rugby Club. It was a wonderful night and absolutely amazing to see how many people turned up to support my event and Cancer Research UK.

Family from Yorkshire and Glasgow travelled miles to be there and support me. Even my nine year old cousin Lauren Connelly, who lives in Storth got into the fundraising spirit and managed to raise £100 by herself from selling loom bands and telling people what I was going to do.

Other members of Silloth also helped by coming to Workington ASDA to bag pack and raise money. Local shops and businesses donated amazing raffle prizes, there were 42 prizes

in total.

My family and friends all chipped in and helped me as much as possible, even my two nieces have helped raise money Hannah (10) organised a cake sale at her school and my two year old niece Jessica has been out with her collection bucket.

Because of everybody's kindness, help and support I am truly amazed to announce I managed to raise a total of £2,686.25, so far. There are still a couple of sponsor forms to add to this and I would like to thank each and every person for their generosity kindness, and support.

If you would like to donate you still can by texting JLGS96 followed by the amount you wish to sponsor to 70070, or by visiting my just giving page: www.justgiving.co.uk/jaymiegreig.

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Holm Cultram Abbey had a wonderful turnout for their Christmas crafts weekend.

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Memorable Pensioners Christmas Party

Report by: Pat Froggatt

On Saturday 6th December Silloth Pensioners held their Annual Xmas Party at Stanwix Leisure Centre.

Chair of the Pensioners Committee, Maureen Irving, welcomed everyone and thanked the staff at Stanwix Park for all the help and assistance they had given, and also Gwen for providing the wonderful tea.

She also stated that this event and the annual trip out would not be possible if it wasn't for the support

so many of you gave by attending the monthly coffee mornings and strawberry tea, as this helped raise the funds to enable the committee to subsidise these two events. She hoped everyone would have a good evening and that they would enjoy the tea, and disco provided by Stanwix staff and also the entertainment by Steve.

Steve sang songs that most of us knew and could sing along to and also dance to.

It was indeed a memorable evening.

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Silloth Tigers Keep on Winning



Saturdays man of the match, Captain Danny Barker

Silloth travelled to the lakes for a tough test at high flying Windermere on 22nd Nov. Silloth dug deep and came away with a well deserved 24-0 bonus point win. Only three days later Silloth were in action again when they welcomed Netherhall to Silloth for our first competitive game under Silloths new floodlights. Silloth did not disappoint the huge crowd that came to cheer the Tigers on. The game started at a ferocious

pace, Silloth eventually got on top and secured a solid 39-0 bonus point win. On 6th December Silloth travelled to Kendal, with numerous regulars unavailable coach Mark Orchard had to test his squads resources and reshuffled. Silloth went into the game as favourites and were shocked to find themselves losing 14-0 in the opening 25 minutes, however Silloth again dug deep and got back level 17-



Scrum Half Ellis Nixon running with the ball

17. It was only the width of the post that prevented Luke Johnson's touch line kick from winning the game. Up next on 13th Dec. was Carlisle. Silloth's game plan was to attack from the start. Silloth left Carlisle shell shocked as they demolished their rivals 75-0. Standoff Luke Johnson kicked 10 conversions from 11 and

scored a Try taking his total for the day 25. The Man of the Match award went to captain Danny Barker who led by example with a solid defensive display and scoring 2 tries as well as providing 3 try assists. The man of the match award was sponsored by Robert Shaw (RMW Boilers) and the Dirty Dozen golf society who also sponsored this years Silloth rugby players Christmas party. All the players received a very appreciated present from Santa, also a free night of food and drink. Thank you Robert and the lads for a great night.

Indoor Bowls

Report by: Gladys Temple

Blencogo Indoor Bowling Club were the visitors to Abbeytown Village Hall during November and were welcomed by Michael Faulkner.

The usual format of 4 matches of 5 ends was played before supper and the same after the raffle was drawn.

The winners of the raffle were Sadie Haley, Donald Thompson and Mary Douglas from Blencogo and Audrey Harrison, Joyce Wilson and Brian Richards from Abbeytown. As there was a shortage of players from Abbeytown Harry Douglas played for them and helped them win by 38 to 24.

Mary thanked everyone for an enjoyable supper and

friendly match and look forward to when Abbeytown visit Blencogo in the New Year.

Bolton Low Houses were the visitors for the next match when Michael again welcomed everyone. The same format of 4 matches and 5 ends was played before supper when The Grand National game was played, the winners were Steven Abbot, Jimmy Wilson, Sarah Ashburner, Brenda Marshall and Margaret Johnstone all from Bolton.

Another 4 matches of 5 ends followed with the score ending Abbeytown 51 Bolton 21.

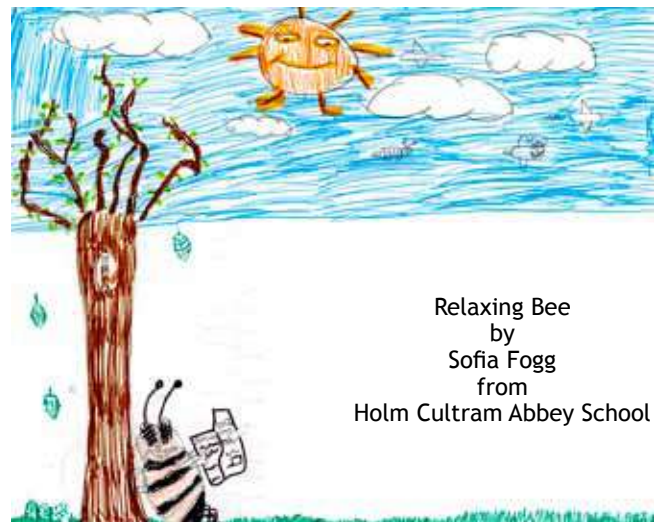
John Chester thanked Abbeytown for a warm welcome, lovely supper and friendly night.



Bee by Leon Metcalf from Silloth Primary School



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