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24th May	Cancelled	Silloth Green Day
13th + 14th June	Cancelled	Silloth Vintage Rally
26th to 28th June		Ragnarock Rally VII
27th June	Cancelled	Silloth Pride 20
27th to 30th August		Solfest
31st August		Silloth Carnival
10th to 13th Sept		Music & Beer Festival
27th to 28th Nov		Fimbulvetr IV

COVID-19

Because of
Coronavirus many
events have been
cancelled.
Please check before
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Silloth Youth Club

Report by: Owen Martin

After being closed for over 18 months, on the 29th January 2020 Silloth Youth Club was reopened.

Thanks go to the work of a group of dedicated volunteers, who have now completely transformed the club to an unrecognised level. A plea was put out for much needed equipment and support and Silloth yet again failed to disappoint. With an overwhelming response by people, businesses and charities from far and wide.

A special mention must go to Silloth Rotary Club for over £700 of equipment, Silloth Town Council for continued support and paying for the utilities and the weekly bingo group for their generous donation too.

The children were welcomed back to the new look club, complete with new TVs, furniture, games consoles, board games and much more. Around twenty children came to the opening and



really enjoyed the night. The Youth Club will be open on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6-9pm for ages 11-18.

Christine Ray youth club chairperson "I am overwhelmed by all the support we have received from everyone, we can't thank everyone enough for what they

have helped us achieve. I can't believe we have managed to reopen, we have a great team of volunteers to help run the club and are looking forward to many happy years at the club."

For more information find the club on Facebook or email sillothyouthclub@outlook.com.

Make a Will Month

During the month of April 2020, Beaty & Co. solicitors in Wigton will be taking part in a Will writing scheme to raise funds for a local charity. You can receive a professionally written Will in return for a donation to



Eden Valley Hospice and Jigsaw. The suggested donation for a single Will is £130 and for a couple £200. There is no obligation to include a charitable legacy in your Will, although the Hospice would be delighted if you chose to. Gifts to the Hospice in Wills accounted for approximately 20% of their income last year.

It is vital to make a Will if you care about what happens to your assets after your death. Without one, your estate would be distributed according to the statutory rules of intestacy, which means that your relatives, friends or favourite charities may not benefit as you had intended.

Eden Valley Hospice and Jigsaw Children's Hospice in Carlisle provide care for local people with life-limiting illnesses

and also provide respite care and Day Hospice services. Jigsaw is the only children's hospice in Cumbria and provides support to children and young adults with life-limiting conditions throughout the county, as well as offering support to their families.

Beaty & Co. solicitors are a well-established local firm, having practiced in Wigton for over 250 years. They have supported local charities including the valuable work of Eden Valley Hospice and Jigsaw for many years. Further details of the firm and their services can be found on their website www.beaty.co.uk.

For more information about the charity Will scheme or to make an appointment please contact Beaty & Co. on 016973 42121.

Silloth & District Pensioners

Report by: Pat Bell

We were delighted to welcome a good turnout to our first coffee morning for 2020 on the 1st February in St Andrew's Church Hall. Plenty of chat going on, as people caught up again after the Christmas and New Year Break.

We were pleased to welcome poet Penny Stimson of Buzz fame with copies of "That's Life" which she very kindly signed. Proceeds of which go to St Andrew's Church.

Maureen asked the coffee group if they would like the committee to try to get a speaker to come to the March or April coffee morning to talk about Scams; telephone, bank, computer, doorstep and postal scams to name a few and to warn us how to avoid being scammed. This was greeted very favourably by all present.

Emma Loveridge has an excellent presentation which, we hope, will be sound advice to us all when dealing with potential scammers.

The Pensioners' Committee

would like to take this opportunity to thank Stanwix Holiday Park management and staff for allowing us to once again hold the Annual Christmas Party there. The staff do so much to help us set up beforehand, entertain our guests, and do the washing up. We are eternally grateful to them. The next Christmas Party is already booked there for Saturday 28th November 2020.

Raffle prize winners were 1. Marjorie Dockeray, 2. Annabelle Strong, 3. Isabel Gilmour, 4. Pat Froggatt, 5. Kathleen Hodgson, 6. Margaret Mattinson, 7. Pat Bell, 8. Maureen Gilfillan, 9. Gerry Thorogood.

UPDATE

We had to cancel the March Coffee Morning because St Andrew's Hall boiler had broken down, so no heating.

We have booked Emma Loveridge and her presentation about avoiding scams to come to the Coffee Morning on 2nd May. She is not available in April unfortunately.

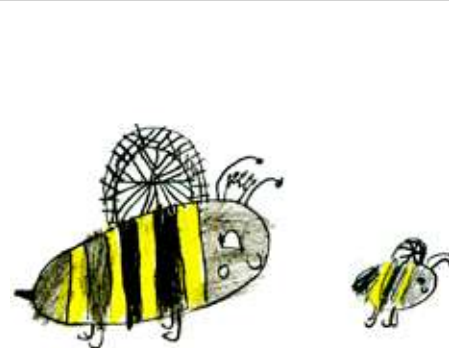
All are welcome.

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TJ Furness
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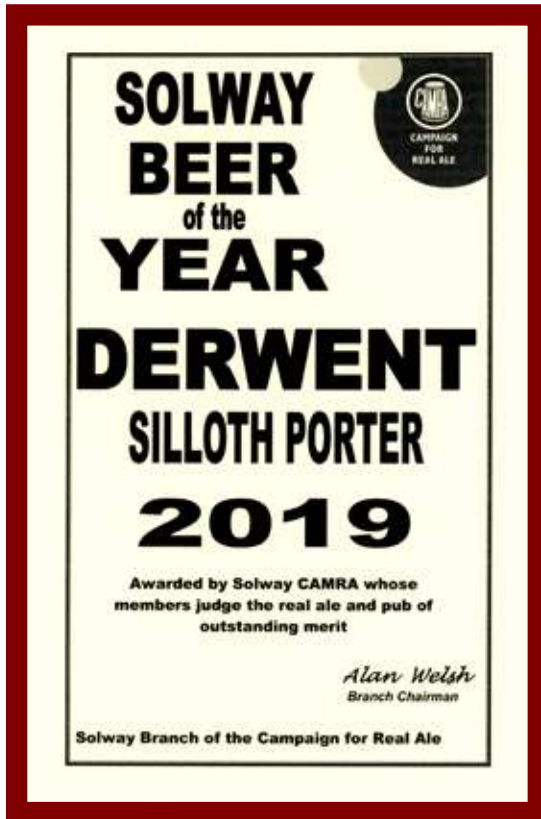
Derwent Win Again! RNLI Quiz Night Raises £375



Derwent Brewery were proud to receive Solway CAMRA Beer of the Year for the second year running.

The annual award, voted for by the members of the Solway branch of CAMRA was given for Silloth Porter 4.5%.

Last year the Silloth Based brewery's Grune Point 4.6% took the accolade.



Report by: Margaret English

Once again, the RNLI Quiz was held at Mrs Wilson's in Silloth on Friday 7th February 2020.

Thirteen quiz teams gathered to compete in the quiz. Geoff and Sarah Betsworth were in charge as usual setting the wide variety of questions, some hard and some easy. Our grateful thanks to them both for their hard work, which is very much appreciated as it isn't easy to get the balance.

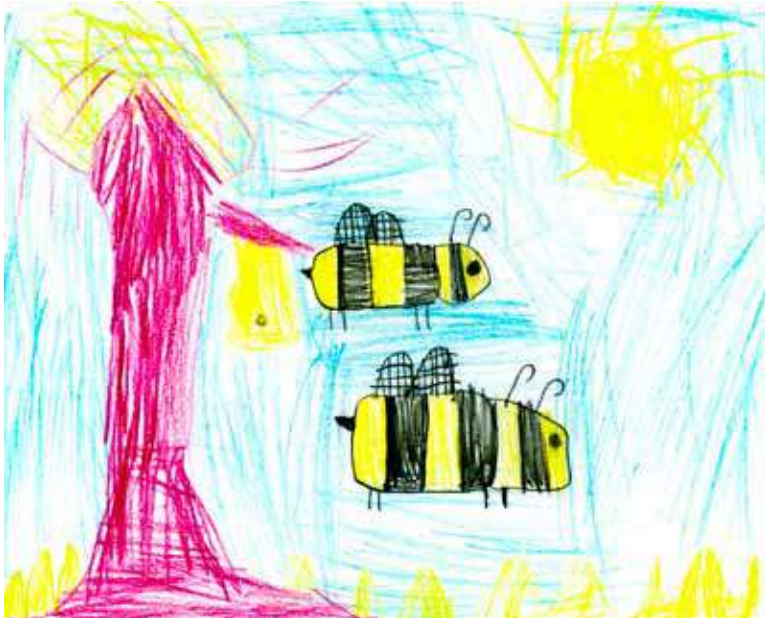
The event was very oversubscribed, being full up for

some time and once again we give our apologies to those teams that could not get a place.

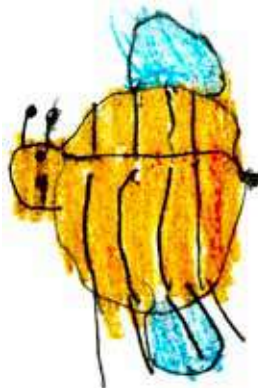
A huge thank you to David and Carol at Mrs Wilson's who welcomed everybody warmly and kept everyone well-watered throughout the evening. At half time they put on a lovely hot supper of Chilli or Macaroni Cheese, which went down very well. The Silloth and District RNLI Fundraising group thank everyone at Mrs Wilson's for making the evening a great success.

The winning team came from Hayton once again calling themselves the 'Hayton Villagers' with 70 points, narrowly beating 'Who Cares' with 67 points and 'The Misinformed' came 3rd with 60 points. The final place was taken by 'The Wilkinsons' who were some of the Lifeboat crew.

£375 was raised which is £22 more than last year. Finally, a very special thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun testing their memories. See you all next year and book early!



Busy Bee
by
William Beverley
from
Holm Cultram Abbey School



Buzzy Bee
by
Liam Hornsby
from
Holm Cultram
Abbey School

Bingo to Benefit the Whole Community

There are a group of three ladies that provide a bingo session in Silloth Cafe once every fortnight for anyone to attend.

The proceeds of each night go to various charities in the town; including the Lifeboat, Silloth Nursing Home, Silloth Primary School, Rainbows and Brownies to name but a few. The ladies do this for the community to provide a service and also to help fund the local community.

If you would like to attend it is



on every fortnight, if you would like a meal before you play you need to arrive between 6pm and 6:15pm where there will be a meal option which is different every week. Bingo starts at 7pm and all monies go back in to pay for books, raffle tickets etc, prizes and money to local groups in the area.

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Christ Church - A Year⁺ of Celebration

Report by: Margaret Pickering

150 years ago, on 8th September 1869, the foundation stone for Christ Church was laid by Bishop Anderson (not the Bishop of Carlisle). There followed a year of building works to produce most of the building we see today (the spire was added in 1878) and the church opened on 8th September 1870 followed by its consecration in November 1871.

Our striking building takes pride of place opposite the green on Criffel Street and is much loved and admired by residents and visitors alike.

To commemorate this wonderful milestone, we are planning a year of celebrations. These will begin with a service led by the Bishop of Carlisle, the Right Reverend James Newcombe on 6th September 2020. Further details will be published later but please mark this date in your diary now and join us for the start of another 150 years of Christ Church.

A small group are meeting to take forward celebratory ideas to fill the following fourteen months until we complete our celebrations in November 2021. Ideas so far include holding a 'Renewal of Wedding Vows' service for anyone

who was married in Christ Church, a Christmas Tree Festival, planting 150 trees, and producing a time line of important dates and events within the church and within Silloth. As these, and many other ideas take substance they will be advertised and everyone is invited to join us for any or all of our celebrations.

This is not just a celebration for those who worship or are involved in Christ Church but for the community of Silloth, the surrounding area and further afield; for the people who bring their children for baptism; for those who marry in this special place; for those who have said goodbye to loved ones; for the hundreds of visitors who spend time in its silence.

Christ Church is visible for miles across the



Solway Plain, indeed it was used as a beacon for aircrew training at Silloth airfield (the spire had a red light on top to aid pilots and navigators). So please come and join us, not just for our

celebrations but any time.

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Dunes Variety Night!

Friday 3rd April

New for 2020, the first of 3 non stop variety shows presented and hosted by Mr Liam Moorhouse. From 9.30pm pop classics from Liam followed by drag superstar Stella the Fella leading to a fantastic tribute to the Rocket man himself, Elton John.

We Love The 90's

Friday 10th April

The first of 5 mini theatre shows from the award winning Explosive Productions in Carlisle. This time it's a 90s spectacular.

Chris Waites' Soul Revue

Saturday 18th April

New for 2020, fully live soulful show from the North East.

Jameson

Saturday 2nd May

New for 2020. From West Cumbria, a new power pop live 5 piece band.

TNT 90's Show

Saturday 23rd May

Tyler's Nineties Tribute. Fantastic pop and dance classics from this great decade in music.

What's On...

April

Friday 3rd - Dunes Variety Show!
Saturday 4th - Back to Back
Friday 10th - We The Love 90's
Saturday 11th - Union Jack
Sunday 12th - Stevie D
Friday 17th - Palm Springs
Saturday 18th - Chris Waites' Soul Revue

May

Friday 1st - King & I
Saturday 2nd - Jameson NEW
Thursday 7th - Joey Matthews
Friday 8th - Swede Dreamz Abba Tribute Show
Saturday 9th - Mustangz
Friday 15th - Sister Rendition
Saturday 16th - Betcha By Golly Wow
Friday 22nd - Ritz
Saturday 23rd - TNT 90's Show
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Borderlands Welcome News of Better Digital Connectivity for All

The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal includes ambitious plans to improve digital and mobile infrastructure across the Borderlands region.

The Borderlands partners have been making the case for the need to improve our 4G connectivity and therefore welcome the news regarding the Shared Rural Network (SRN). The SRN agreement between the Government and the four mobile network providers includes a commitment to provide 4G coverage to 95% of the UK landmass (90% from all four mobile network operators) by the end of 2025.

The Digital Borderlands programme is seeking to improve digital and mobile connectivity across the whole region. In dispersed rural areas, digital and mobile connectivity is recognised as a significant barrier to growth. This programme will seek to directly address this challenge through investing in the infrastructure required

to enable businesses and communities to remotely access services and markets. The SRN announcement means there will be improved mobile coverage and the Borderlands funding can therefore be targeted at the more remote rural locations that the SRN programme will not be able to reach.

In addition, in the Chancellor's budget announcement, he committed £5bn of funding to provide gigabit capable infrastructure for the hardest to reach 20% of premises in the UK by 2025. This is of course very welcome, and in the meantime, Borderlands funding will be used to top-up the existing Rural Gigabit Connectivity voucher scheme to allow communities in Cumbria and Northumberland to move ahead with gigabit capable infrastructure even sooner.

More than one million people live in the Borderlands region, however the rural nature of the area presents particular challenges and opportunities that the growth

deal will seek to address, to ensure the region can achieve its vision for inclusive growth, building on its strengths as a place to live, work, visit and invest.

A spokesperson for the Borderlands Partnership said: "The recent announcement on the signing of the Shared Rural Network (SRN) agreement is most welcome. 4G is critically important to the Borderlands to support our industries such as agriculture and tourism, to provide mobile coverage along our transport routes, as well as ensuring that no one is left behind. Because of the rural nature of the Borderlands we expect that the coverage delivered by the SRN will be less in our region than that across the UK as a whole. As such, we will continue to work with the government on specific location plans in the Borderlands so that we can ensure that the Digital Borderlands 4G infill project complements the SRN and eliminates the remaining 4G 'not spots' in our region."

Waver Wine Circle

Report by: Stuart Jones

Our February meeting was our Annual Wine, Cheese and Games evening. Thirteen members attended with three apologies.

Janet Stukins opened the evening with her version of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire", which was won by Nick and Linda Wood, who received their one million prize - of grains of salt each! This was followed by Graham, who set the first two lines of three limericks, with teams of two having to complete the remaining three lines. Each team then read their versions out, which caused much laughter. Graham then read out his versions, showing how it should be done.

Many thanks to Janet and Graham for providing us with thought provoking, hilarious entertainment.

We then enjoyed a wide variety of cheeses washed down with wines of a personal choice.

Thanks to all those who made the evening most enjoyable, especially Stella for the cheeses and the draw. There were numerous prizes, in fact everyone received a prize!

Thirteen members, with three apologies, attended our March meeting entitled 'Call My Bluff'. Six pairs entered their wine, suitably concealed by jazzy socks.

After each wine was sampled three differing descriptions were read out as to the wine's origin and the other teams had to decide which description was correct. The runaway winners were Stephen and Judith Wood - some training sessions detected here Steve!

Our outings team, Graham and Janet proposed that we put



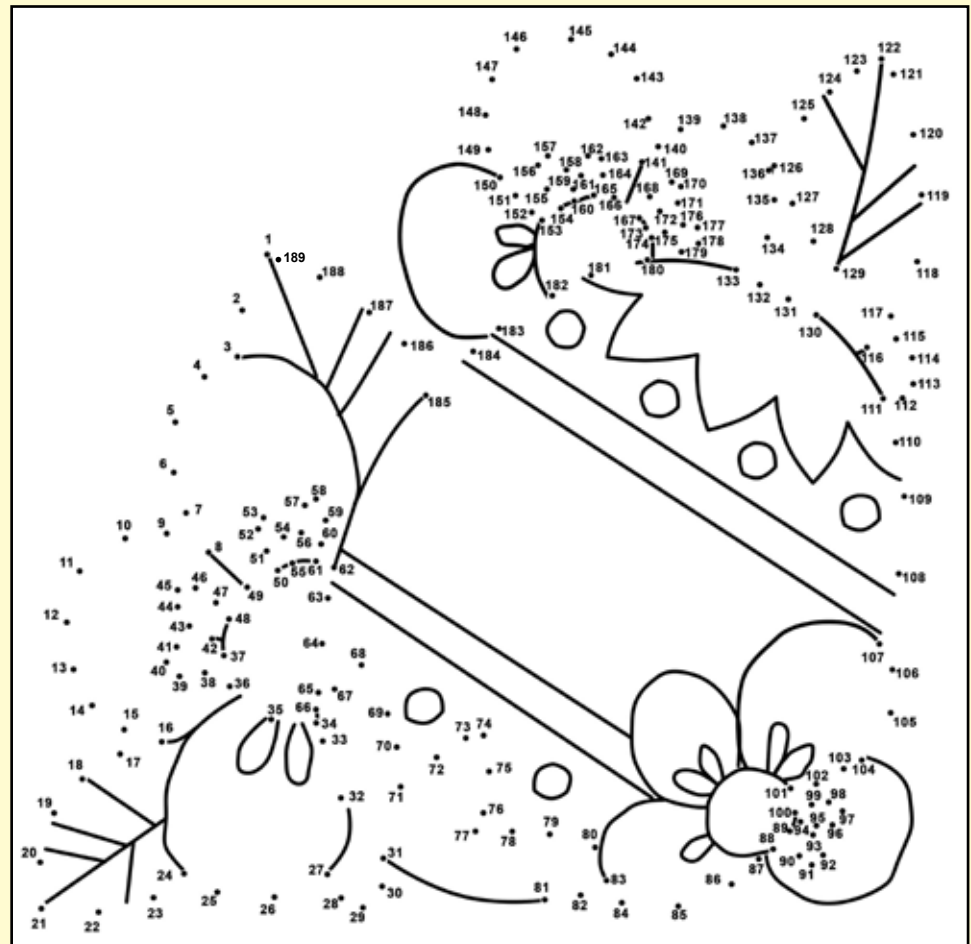
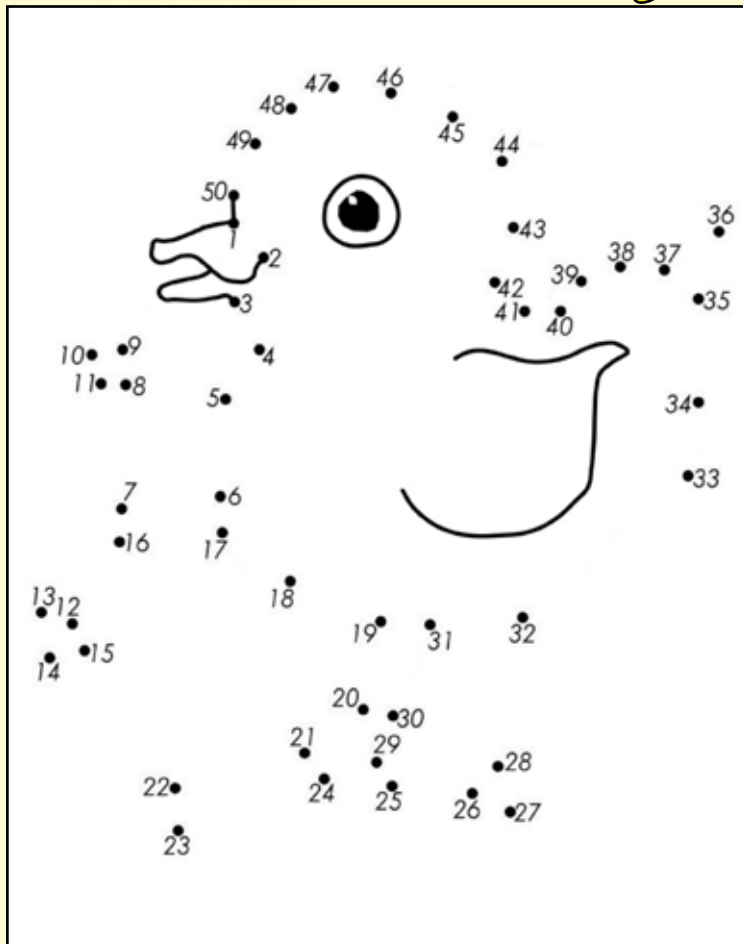
a hold on our May, June and July away days until the Coronavirus is history. This was agreed by all. It was also agreed that our Treasurer should arrange for a £25 donation be given to the Village Hall Produce Show. This to be reviewed annually. Anne kindly offered to print any items required for this event.

Thanks to Stella for attending to the nibbles and the draw, this month won by Anne. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th April when we will be holding our AGM.



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Watch Out, there are Cops About



On 18th February Silloth PCSO 5299 Pete Nichol was on foot patrol with Inspector 1915 Rachel Gale in Silloth. Rachel Gale is the Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector for Allerdale and came out on foot patrol in Silloth and got a chance to meet some of

the lovely people of Silloth even though the weather was still very wet after storm Dennis.

After a thorough interrogation as to why the Buzz photographer was lurking outside Jaybees, he was eventually allowed to go about his business

Police Urge Rural Residents to Join the Country Watch facebook Page

PCSO Kerry Harris visited farms in the Arkleby, Parsonby, Torpenhow and Wigton area to give crime prevention advice to farmers.

She was also advising people in our rural communities to follow the Country Watch West Facebook page for up to date information.



Security Marking Kits for Farmers

Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall, has funded 150 security marking kits to be given free of charge to farmers following the rise in quad bike thefts across the county. The kits will be handed out at auction marts across the county with farmers being offered the opportunity for a Police Community Safety Officers (PCSOs) to visit their property and provide security advice.

The first visit took place at Mitchell's Auction Mart in Cockermouth on Wednesday 19 February with more visits to take place across the county.

The PCC funded a similar marking event in Kirkby Stephen in November 2019 through his property fund, an initiative that sees money that has been seized from criminals distributed across community projects with the aim of making local communities safer. The money was given to Country Watch Eden who offered CESAR security and installation to the public at a discounted rate of £50 down from £150.

Speaking about the events, Peter McCall said: "Cumbria is a mostly rural county with numerous rural businesses that are being targeted by criminals.

Quad bikes and agricultural machinery are very expensive and to have it stolen can have a profound effect on farmers livelihoods which is why I was happy to provide funding for marking kits that make it more likely for farmers to get their property back.

Taking these security steps is essential to the reduction of crime however we do need the public to work with the police and report anything suspicious and out of the ordinary.

Locals know their area better than anyone and can spot anything unusual better than most – so



please contact the police if you notice anything strange on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

I know that rural communities often feel that they don't want to get involved when reporting crime due to being part of a close-knit community.



This is why we work with the charity Crimestoppers that offer 100% anonymous reporting to the public. Crimestoppers gives members of the public the opportunity to report any crimes without having to give personal

details such as name and contact information.

Let's work together to make Cumbria an even safer place to

live."

Superintendent Carl Patrick, Cumbria Constabulary said: "These events we are attending provide a great opportunity for those living in rural areas to find out more information on how they can protect their livelihoods from potential thieves.

Rural crime is a key priority for Cumbria Police and we look to work with farmers to prevent crimes occurring.

Thieves are often opportunistic and will target expensive machinery or vehicles that have limited or no security. Taking advantage of the free security marking kits is an ideal step to take in protecting your possessions.

Our officers will continue to work with partner agencies and rural communities in order to prevent further quad bike thefts from happening and bring those responsible to justice."

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Coronavirus Scams

CUMBRIANS have been told to be on their guard against cold callers, as increasing numbers of people find themselves largely housebound over the coming weeks.

Cumbria Trading Standards has advised residents to be extra vigilant of the threat posed by telephone scammers who may be more likely to target the increasing numbers of people at home as a result of the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

In a social media post, the consumer body said: "Scams could

include bogus health products, offers to check for coronavirus in your home and false claims about a new government tax refund programme." The County's Trading Standards Authority urged people to speak to the elderly and most vulnerable over the course of the coming weeks as a means to inform potential targets of the risks they could face. *In addition I would strongly suggest that you should never hand over your Bank Card/ Credit Card and or PIN number to anyone who is offering to do shopping*

Causeway-head WI

Report by: Jenny Stride

Our February meeting was a Member's afternoon and we had a visitor, Shirley Henderson, who showed us her memory books. These

were made from scratch, using dog food boxes covered and in some cases padded. Each had a different theme such as gypsies, the 60's. Shirley dyes paper with tea to make it look older. Each book had pockets in with photos, swatches of cloth, cuttings etc.

In addition some of our members had brought along some of their craft work to show us.

Molly had some beautiful gold work, showing us pictures she had made using gold thread.

Pauline Parr showed us framed cross stitch.

Dawn Eyre had knitted toys and bead work. The bead work was with tiny beads and thin wire. Dawn said the hardest part was threading the tiny needle.

Mona had some Christmas decorations and a stained glass window made in 3D patchwork.

Pat Froggatt a material bag with tassel.

Pauline Mole read us some of her poetry.

I think it is amazing there is so much talent amongst our members.

Raffle winners: Pauline Mole and Marjorie Dockeray.

Flower Competition:

1. Pauline La Plante, 2. Mona Kent
1. Pauline Parr, 2. Pat Froggatt



Do You Fancy Becoming a Detectorist?



Solway Metal Detecting Club

We would like to introduce our club to the readers of Solway Buzz. We are a friendly mixed bunch of folk, with an interest in metal detecting and local history. Each of us is registered with the National Council for Metal Detectorists (NCMD) which means that we abide by a set of rules governing the hobby and that we have insurance cover.

We are looking for local detectorists to join our group, to join us at club digs, monthly meetings and social events when free. We are also looking for permissions from landowners curious to know what may lay beneath their soil - to detect on their land. When we get permission, and a dig is organised each person attending pays the landowner £10.

We pick up any scrap metal we find in fields and dispose of it responsibly. You may wonder what the attraction of the hobby is, speaking for myself I can say that I find it hugely therapeutic. I have a diagnosis of PTSD from a series of incidents in both my personal and professional life. PTSD can effect people in many different ways and one aspect for me is that I find

it incredibly difficult to properly relax. When metal detecting the slow swing of the machine, and the focus on keeping it level to the ground has an almost meditative effect. Being outdoors, enjoying nature in this way brings me a sense of calmness and I thoroughly enjoy it.

Adding to that enjoyment is the chance of finding artefacts, contributing to our knowledge and understanding of local history. It's worth mentioning that if something valuable is found, then protocol involving the Coroners Office and the Portable Antiquities Scheme is followed. Any financial award is split 50/50 between the land owner and the detectorist.

One of our members and a farmer in Whitehaven are currently going through this process after a 4,000 year old gold torc was recovered. If you would like to join us, or if you are considering taking up metal detecting as a hobby, you would be welcome to join our group. If you are a landowner and would be happy for the club to detect on your land, please contact Dianejohnston1715@gmail.com.

Find us on Facebook under Solway MDC.

CRAFT & CHAT

Would you like to learn a new craft?

Do you have a craft skill you could share with others?

Would you like to meet with like minded people and chat while you craft? A new craft club is starting up in Blencogo, meeting in the village hall.

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Deputy Mayor Graham Wilkinson with Arran DeMello, Chair of the School Council

Report by: Wendy Jameson

On Monday 9th March 2020, Silloth-on-Solway took part in the Commonwealth Day celebration, with the raising of the Commonwealth Flag in the Community Garden on Silloth Green. The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 54 independent and equal countries, working towards shared goals of development, democracy and peace. The ceremony was well attended, with representatives from Solway Community School and other groups and organisations in the town. It was a pleasant Spring morning, with a slight breeze.....perfect for a flag raising ceremony.

At 9:45am, Cllr. Graham Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor of Silloth welcomed everyone to the Flag Raising Ceremony.

Tom Hailwood, Deputy Head of Solway Community School & Arran DeMello, Chair of the School Council read out the Commonwealth Affirmation. This common act of witness renews the commitment of people in Commonwealth countries to work together inclusively and in a spirit

of goodwill towards democracy and development in which all can share.

This year's event is centred around the theme 'Delivering a Common Future', highlighting how the 54 member countries in the Commonwealth family are 'innovating, connecting and transforming' to help achieve some of its biggest goals like protecting natural resources and boosting trade.

Cllr. Wilkinson read out the Commonwealth Day message from Her Majesty The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth. In her message, she touches on the theme of connectivity, mentioning how "advances in technology and modern media have now enabled many more people to witness and enjoy – with remarkable immediacy – the experience of Commonwealth connection, in areas such as education, medicine and conservation"

She ended by saying: "On this Commonwealth Day I hope that the people and countries of the Commonwealth will be inspired by all that we share, and move forward with fresh resolve to

enhance the Commonwealth's influence for good in our world."

At 10am, Cllr. Wilkinson, raised the Commonwealth Flag, this being the sixth year that Silloth has taken part.

Cllr. Wilkinson thanked everyone for attending the ceremony.

In a message from The Right Honourable Patricia Scotland QC, the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, "Our conviction is that with common purpose and by learning from one another, all can give and all can gain.

This approach leads to innovation that transforms lives and livelihoods so that there is inclusive progress and greater prosperity in which all can share.

It inspires us to encourage ourselves and others to more profound depths of co-operation and greater heights of achievement. So taking our cue from the theme, we can each commit this Commonwealth Day to join with others and bring change by doing something new."

Garden Waste

Allerdale Borough Council is to suspend the collection of garden waste immediately.

The decision has been made reluctantly but is necessary to protect other collections, such as domestic waste, during the Coronavirus outbreak. Not collecting green waste will free up crews and vehicles to meet core service priorities. Glass, cans and plastic, paper and cardboard, trade waste and household waste collections are all unaffected by the decision.

The suspension is in place until further notice but the council aims to resume collections as soon as possible. The situation will be reviewed in June. The move brings Allerdale in line with Copeland Borough Council and Carlisle City Council, which have both already halted their green waste collections.

We encourage home composting as an alternative option while this suspension is in place. One option is to use a compost bin which can be purchased from <https://getcomposting.com/composters/> at a reduced cost.

A council spokesman said: "We apologise to everyone

affected by this and hopefully this is only a temporary measure and you understand that the Council is doing what it can to limit the impact of this serious situation on the public. As it is becoming more widespread, and we know more people will need to self-isolate and/or will contract the virus we are determined to deliver the best service we can. We have taken this decision to safeguard our residents, staff, the community and other collections."

The council's deputy leader Mike Johnson said: "We all have a part to play in slowing the spread on COVID-19. Government has been quite clear on the measures that we should take as a local authority, as an employer, and as an embedded community resource. For Allerdale Borough Council that means freeing up resources to both allow for staff isolation, and to help with the wider community

response over the coming weeks. We are asking residents to play their part in reducing the burden on our staff."

In addition to the suspension, a decision has also been taken to delay the introduction of charging for replacement bins. That was due to begin next week.



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Boundary Change



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The boundaries of Silloth Town Council and Holme Low Parish Council have been redrawn.

A Community Governance Review (CGR) was held by Allerdale Borough Council to rectify an anomaly identified in May last year, whereby the Lido Village was effectively cut in half by the electoral boundary.

To carry out the CGR a working group, made up of borough councillors, looked at the potential options and put two out to public consultation, carried out by way of letters and an online survey. During this process a third option was presented by some residents in Lido Village and a further consultation held. Both Silloth Town Council and Holme Low Parish Council were consulted.

A total of 87 responses were received and of these, 66 indicated that they preferred option three

which would see the boundary redrawn so that all Lido Village properties were within the Holme Low Parish Council area.

This recommendation was presented to Allerdale Borough Council's Full Council on Wednesday and it was approved.

As a result there will be council tax changes for residents living in both parish council areas. While the electoral arrangements do not take effect until May 2023, any by-election for either Silloth Town Council or Holme Low Parish Council would be held on the revised boundary arrangements.

Marion Fitzgerald, Executive member for policy, governance and people resources, said: "We'd like to thank everyone who took part in this review and those members of the public who had their say in the consultation. The views of residents are extremely important in making changes like this so we're

pleased people took the time to engage with the work the group was doing."

Spring into Spring With The Friends Of The Green!



Report by: Graeme Aiken

With Spring just around the corner, (honestly), we have been delighted to welcome new Volunteers to The Friends of The Green over the last month. New planting and essential maintenance continues a-pace – but more help is always gratefully received to help with our exciting plans as we move towards the Summer.

Volunteer sessions continue every Wednesday morning, we meet at 10am at the Community Garden – with free Refreshments provided afterwards at the Fairydust Emporium, so come along enjoy the fresh air, make new friends – and make a great difference to our beautiful Green.

We are also delighted to announce that we received grants from the 'Hellrigg Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund' and the 'Celebrate National Lottery 25 Grant' which have been used to purchase much needed new equipment and seeds – so now

we've plenty of spades and trowels to go round!

In addition to the weekly volunteering sessions, Friends of The Green are now taking over the management of the Silloth Fairy Trail and Wishing Tree. The Trail will now be concentrated through the Pine Walks, Pirate Ship, Water Park and Pagoda area. Over the next few weeks the trail will be taken down, renewed, replaced and relaunched with a full colour map. The new Map will be available to purchase through local businesses for just £1 with all proceeds to The Friends of The Green. We are sure that these changes will make the Trail an even more attractive visitor attraction for the Summer!

More plans for the Summer Season include re-opening The Gnome in One Putting Green and The Cabin which are also now run and managed by Friends of The Green with ALL proceeds going to Silloth Green. If you would like to Volunteer to help in the making

of teas and coffees and the selling of cakes and scones in the cabin or hand out putters for the putting green please get in touch.

So, if you would like to volunteer and help with the fairy trail, the wishing tree, the cabin or the putting green follow Our Facebook page "Friends of Silloth Green", where you can also keep up to date with more of our plans – including re-commissioning the Public Water Fountain on the Green..... but more of that next time! Please do come along to our next meeting at the Community Hall on Thursday 25th March at 7pm or just turn up on a Wednesday morning – with your gardening gloves of course!

STOP PRESS: The Friends of the Green are holding a litter picking session on the Green on Saturday 28th March from 10am to 12 noon as part of Keep Britain Tidy's "National Spring Clean" event.

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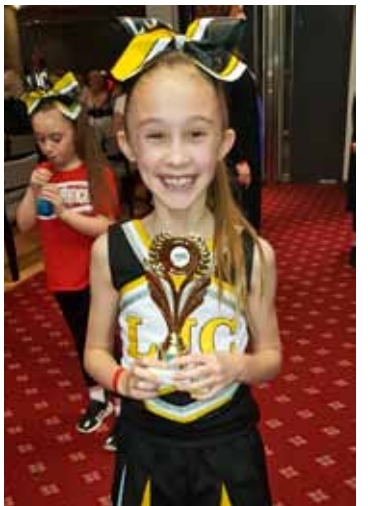


family, please get in touch with Laura on 07538 223636

or via our facebook page - LJ Cheer.



TJ Furness



Nicole Bell

made them more determined and the trophies just kept coming.

Each and every one of the dancers danced their hearts out in solos and pairs and had an amazing day. With an outstanding end result of 86 trophies in total taken home by 51 dancers. This is an all time best for LJ Cheer. They managed to get 8 first place, 13 second place, 11 third place, 19 fourth place, 13 fifth place, 13 sixth place, 5 seventh place and 3 eighth and 1 extra special trophy for most effort.

Laura their coach said, "I am so, so proud of all my dancers at LJ Cheer, they all work so hard in classes and leading up to competitions and events and it just shows that the hard work does pay off. We are a family at LJ Cheer and I couldn't imagine my life without them. The support from parents and families is incredible and I couldn't thank them enough for helping me get to where

we are today. I can't wait to see what the future holds and to continue to build on our family."

After such a successful first competition, everyone is looking forward to the upcoming competitions in April, May and June and to also taking part in local events such as Silloth Green Day and Silloth Pride.

LJ Cheer has been running since March 2017 and

is run by coach Laura Sutcliffe at Silloth Sports Hall. Starting off small, classes used to range from 4 years to 16 years on Wednesday nights but after a huge amount of interest classes have grown massively and now run over two days, Monday's and Wednesday's for two years up to Adults.

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 - People who have had bone marrow or stem cell transplants in the last 6 months, or who are still taking immunosuppression drugs
3. People with severe respiratory conditions including all cystic fibrosis, severe asthma and severe COPD
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Your Buzzing Letters

Dear Buzz,

I previously wrote a letter about the unkempt state of the trees in many parts of Silloth, although I am not affected by them myself apart from falling leaves and general untidy appearance.

I am told my letter was passed to the County Council as they are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance.

Since then my letter has been totally ignored.

Consequently nothing has been done. It is now past the time they should have been lopped and pruned. I urge everyone who is affected by light restriction and leaves to complain.

There are solutions to problems. Residents should not have to take matters into their own hands to sort out what are Council problems.

Have you any ideas how to smarten your street up? Doing nothing never solves anything!

OOPS!! First new years resolution broken.

Yours Truly
C Briggs (the whinge)

Dear Buzz,

I refer to the closure of Abbeytown hall as reported in the last Buzz. In the 1950's I cycled and later motorcycled to the hall from Causewayhead to the badminton club nights. Also in the hall country dances were held. Other venues for the dances were Causewayhead Mission hall (now two semi houses), Westnewton and Holme St. Cuthberts. At these dances the young and not so young ladies sat at one side of the hall and the young men at the other side.

These events were important for our entertainment as that was before technology including TV had got going. Enjoyable days.

Lawrence Marshall



Dear Buzz,

I would like to take advantage of our wonderful 'Solway Buzz' to express my thanks and gratitude to my son and daughter-in-law, dear friends and neighbours, and everyone who contributed to making my 90th birthday a very happy and joyous occasion.

I feel truly blessed that I was able to celebrate this special day in my home in Silloth, surrounded by loving, caring people.

Here's to a few more years among you all.

Margaret Peach



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



Bobby Bee
by
Baillie Sharp
from
Jellytots
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Poems

A Nice Cup of Tea
by Penny Stimson

Would you like a cup of tea
it's cold and damp tonight
a cup of tea would warm you
it hits the spot just right.

I'd offer you some soup and bread
if I had some to spare.
But don't feel a stranger
sit down, pull up a chair.

It's starting to snow now
the wind is howling too,
not a night to be out in
it's miserable, cold and blue.

But a nice cup of tea
will make the world feel right.
It warms you up and helps you
feel in the world all is right.

It's so nice to see you
calling in on me.
I won't be a minute
and I'll make that cup of tea.

Then it's time to snuggle down
get ready to go to bed,
be nice and warm and cosy
no worries and no dread.

So thanks for coming to see me
this terrible cold, wet night,
and have a cup of tea
That will put the world to right.

Next time you pass me on a street
drop in and say hello.
A cup of tea will warm us,
if I only had a home to go.

The Solwayve
by: Margaret Hobson

Out there - a warning
Menacing swelling, advancing.
A powering force, looming.
Lengthening, strengthening.
Heaving, rolling over,
White foam curling.
Towering mountains rushing &
roaring.
Cresting
Shaking
Breaking, crashing.
Booming thundering lashing.
Drenching, wrenching
Tumbling boulders, rolling
Rocks knocking & rocking, rum-
bling
Gushing & soaking
Choking & crushing.
Destroying.
Reshaping.

Winddriven current
Twisting & swirling
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Rattling, splashing
Clicking, flipping & tipping

Backflow turning,
White trails of lace
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---- UNTIL ----

Masthead Bee Winner

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If you are here on holiday we would love to have your bee drawing. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to us, our address is on page 14.

This month the winner is Maisie Emmerson from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee drawing called "Birthday Bees".

Well done!



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by
Isobell Allison
from
Silloth
Primary
School



Space Bee
by Lody from Silloth Primary School

Silloth's Greatest Loser

Being the best at losing wouldn't normally help you to scoop and award – yet one woman from Silloth has done just that, after being named the town's Greatest Loser 2020.

Shirley Hall, who is a member of the Silloth Slimming World group has lost a life changing 4 stone 5 lbs to take the title, which is awarded to the member who has lost the most weight and feels great as a result!

Shirley says, "It came as a bit of a shock to be the "Greatest Loser", and I still find it a shock when I look in the mirror now, from when I started over a year ago."

People who are severely overweight, with a BMI above 30, are more likely to suffer health problems like coronary heart disease, arthritis, diabetes and cancer, and obesity is linked to a reduction in life expectancy of between seven and nine years.

"Since losing the weight, it's a lot easier on my joints, I sleep better and I also have more energy".

Shirley joined her local Slimming World group at the Rugby Club in Silloth. She says "I knew when joined it worked as my best friends were members in Suffolk, and they'd both lost weight (a lot of weight), but it took me a

long time to get my head in the right place and then go to group. I'm so glad I did as everyone is so supportive".

Shirley followed Slimming World's Food Optimising eating plan. Before she started, she says "my biggest problem was nibbles", she soon realised she can still nibble, she has easily swapped her choices to things like lots of fruit and "safe" nibbles. She says "I still have chocolate and crisps – which is all within plan".

Today Shirley has lost a total of 4 stone 5 lbs and has gone from a dress size 22 to a 14. She's also more active nowadays, she used to do Pilates, but is now able to do two classes a week and she also now does Tai Chi, Adult Ballet and is a member of a walking group!

Loretta who runs the Silloth Slimming World group says "I feel so privileged to have played a part in Shirley's transformation. Watching her success weekly has been great and I hope her success



will inspire other people in Silloth who'd like to lose weight and become happier and healthier to take action. Our plan is so easy, with no hunger or deprivation, using everyday foods that the whole family can eat."

"Sadly, we do not have a "before" photo to share with you, as Shirley would always be the photographer, but we can share how amazing she looks today and I think that beaming smile shows us how happy Shirley now is!"

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1st Friends of Silloth
Green, please volunteer, 10am
to noon, then to Fairy dust **Cancelled**

6th Silloth Town Council
meeting in Silloth Community
Hall at 7pm

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Green, please volunteer, 10am
to noon, then to Fairy dust **Cancelled**

8th Causewayhead WI at
2pm in Silloth Community Hall **Cancelled**

9th Holy Communion at
10am in Christ Church **Cancelled**

9th Bible Video with
Refreshments at 7:30pm, Free
Evangelical Church **Cancelled**

10th Service with Music @
10am in Greenrow Pentecostal
Church, the walls of witness **Cancelled**

10th Stations of the Cross
contemplation at 11:15am in
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10th Holy Communion at
6pm in Greenrow Pentecostal
Church **Cancelled**

11th Cream Tea 12 - 3pm
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12th Sunrise Service at
6am at the Bee Garden, Blue
Green **Cancelled**

12th Mass at 9am in
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April cont'd

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6:30pm in Free Evangelical
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28th Blencogo & District
Garden Club meeting in
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topic Lyn Brunetti- Wild flowers
and their garden relatives

May

4th Silloth Town Council
meeting in Silloth Community
Hall at 7pm

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Commemoration Concert with
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May cont'd

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24th Silloth Community Hall **Cancelled**

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Garden Club meeting in
Blencogo Village Hall @ 7pm,
topic Louise Stoddart- Hanging
baskets

June

3rd Solway Plains Artists
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10th Causewayhead WI at
2pm in Silloth Community Hall **Cancelled**

13th Silloth Vintage
on the Green **Cancelled**

14th Silloth Vintage
on the Green **Cancelled**

20th Cream Tea in St
Andrews Hall 12 - 3pm,
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entry

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Garden Club meeting in
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topic Helen Shipton Smith -
Cooking with herbs

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programme dealing with the outbreak, among other scams.

Cumbria Police are warning people about the scams and are advising they take the advice of Action Fraud.

Detective Sergeant Stephanie Goulding said: "We are aware there are scams nationally

regarding the Coronavirus with people trying to exploit the situation.

We advise anyone to go visit the Cumbria Police or Action Fraud websites for advice on how to avoid being scammed.

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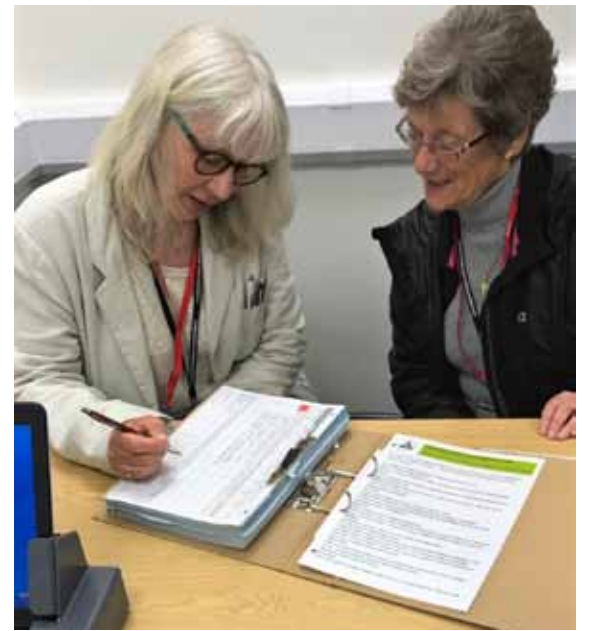
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Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall, said: "ICVs hold an extremely important statutory role for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. They provide an unbiased and honest view of what the cells and custody are like around the county. The



Police have a duty to protect all civilians including suspected criminals from harm and by having regular, unannounced visits from volunteers, I know that the Custody officers are doing their job well. I have no doubt in my mind that the Force treat everyone in custody with respect but it's always good to have an unbiased opinion so that if there is something wrong I can hold the Police to account and make sure the issue is resolved.

I would urge anyone who has a few hours a week to spare to apply to become an ICV, more information can be found on the website at www.cumbria-pcc.gov.uk/what-we-do/custody-visiting or call 01768 217734."

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January & February Shipping at Silloth

Report by: Capt Tim Riley,
Harbour Master, Short Sea Pilot

January

10th Zapadnyy from Bremen with a cargo of Molasses then on to Klaipeda.
22nd Rix Mistral from Nantes with a cargo of Wheat then on to Newport.

January was a very quiet month for the port, our ever faithful Zapadnyy returned taking a chip off the South Breakwater on the way in, and was followed by the Rix Mistral with Wheat from France. All in all, not a very productive month for the port. Tommy Nicholson's fleet arrived as well, visiting with their newly renamed fleet and a few old faithful names.

Unfortunately there is nothing to report for February, a dead month as far as shipping goes, no vessels and just a few trawlers from Tommy Nicholson's. We will try and do better for you during March.

Passersby will notice that there were large piles of building debris alongside the road to the convalescent home, a bit messy, but actually only moved from one side of the road to the other where we have smoothed out some land for Solway Logistics to expand their business onto.

Harrisons are now helping us to level out the land adjacent to the convalescent home which will naturally grass over and become wild during the spring and summer.

If there are no further developments within the port, the fenced off area may be opened for access only, subject to future port development.

We have filled in several deep old cellar pits which were exposed from the old buildings that were on that piece of land and it will hopefully (after survey) be safe to walk about on.

We have also suffered from some severe longshore drift this last month with approximately 20,000m³ of sand and shingle building up in the entrance to the port. This has been washed and blown along the beach from Allonby and on the larger tides in February we were able to sluice and wash away some 15,000m³, however, with Ciara followed by Dennis followed by this has built up again.

As we are at neaps, we are having to employ Harrisons once again to clear the cut so that we can bring a ship in to the Port of Silloth on Sunday the 8th of March.

The business of processing molasses into animal feed at Caltech's dockside facility has thrived for many years. Coverage of the visits of ZAPADNY, the familiar green-hulled tanker have featured regularly on this page, and unsurprisingly she was the first ship to visit this year. However, other specialist molasses tankers have called at the port over the years, and are always a welcome sight for ship enthusiasts keen to have new subjects to photograph.

Looking back to 2013, ORADANA was one such visitor arriving on a bitterly cold morning with a backdrop of snow-covered Scottish hills. She had made the short sailing from Avonmouth having loaded via ship-to-ship transfer from a bulk carrier. On arrival off Silloth she made the usual well-timed approach at high water, however, steering into a strong easterly she had a close shave at the dock entrance passing very close to the inner wall. After a few anxious moments her position was corrected and she proceeded into New Dock to be berthed alongside the discharge terminal.

At the time of her visit, ORADANA was operated by 'Simonsen', a small family-run Danish company with a long tradition of transporting liquid foodstuffs. The names of their ships all contain the prefix 'ORA' which translates as 'coast' from Latin. This naming practice has continued from when their first tankers were acquired. Built in 1971, the ageing ORADANA has since been sold to an Angolan company. With the new name SANTO MUHONGO III she is now trading further afield from her West African base of Luanda.



Blencogo & District Garden Club Programme for 2020

Held at Blencogo Village Hall starts at 7.00pm

Tuesday 25th February – AGM and quiz

Tuesday 24th March – Kate Jackson, Cumbria Wildlife Trust - Creating The Lost Words Garden, and Tips on Making Your Own Garden a Haven for Wildlife.

Tuesday 28th April – Lyn Brunetti- Wild flowers and their garden relatives.

Tuesday 26th May - Louise Stoddart- Hanging baskets

Trip and date to be agreed

Tuesday 23rd June - Helen Shipton Smith - Cooking with herbs

Trip and date to be agreed

Tuesday 28th July - Garden bees and honey making, Adrian Cozens

Sunday 9th August - Afternoon tea, Lilac Cottage Garden, Blitterlees

Tuesday 22nd September – Kevin Preston - Sweet peas - Kevin Preston is a man who absolutely loves Sweet Peas. He is the largest amateur Sweet Pea grower in this country and is a National Champion winner. He gave us an inspiring presentation last May and this time will bring his sweet peas and give us a presentation and ideas on how to display sweet peas.

Tuesday 27th October – Pax Garabedian - Slide show and presentation on the wonders of Madagascar.

Tuesday 24th November - Steve Mee's - Compost - Steve is a volunteer at Holehird Gardens near Windermere (home of the Lakeland Horticultural Society), where he is curator of the fern collection and in charge of making the compost for the site.

Please come and join us. Everyone is welcome!

Blencogo & District Village Hall Produce Show

An amateur event open to everyone

To be held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Saturday 5th September 2020

Entries on the day. Entry fee 30p per item, children classes are now 20p per item
Admission 50p
School children free. Refreshments available.

10am -11.30: Staging
11.30-1.45pm Hall closed for Judging

2pm Hall opens to public.

3.30pm Presentation of Trophies.

Auction of produce. Followed by distribution of prize money. Prizes 1st £1.50, 2nd £1, 3rd 50p
Points: 1st = 3 points 2nd = 2 points 3rd = 1 point.

Trophies will be awarded to the person gaining most points in the following sections.
Bromfield Parish cup for flowers.
Harry Douglas Fuchsia Plaque.

Flowers

1. Fuchsia Pot Plant.
2. Cacti or Succulent in a plant pot.
3. A single stem of any flower.
4. A rose.
5. Vase of sweet Peas.
6. 3 Dahlias.
7. 3 Hydrangea Blooms.
8. Bowl of 5 floating flowers.
9. Autumn display to include flowers, foliage and berries.
10. Vase of mixed Garden Flowers.

Kitchen Garden

11. Four fresh herbs in a tumbler
12. 3 free range eggs (one egg cracked into a saucer) (laid from own chickens)
13. 3 onions.
14. 4 Potatoes.
15. Any other single vegetable not in the schedule.
16. 3 Carrots.
17. 4 Tomatoes - any variety.
18. 4 Cherry Tomatoes
19. 5 Green Beans.
20. Any Mis-shape veg.
21. Selection of Home-grown soft fruit in a bowl.
22. 3 Dessert Apples.

Wine/ Liqueur

23. Bottle of Red Wine
24. Bottle of any alcoholic drink in a clear glass bottle.

Bakery

25. Men only Lemon drizzle cake (using a loaf tin).
26. A decorated chocolate cake.
27. 3 pieces of Tiffin.
28. 3 chocolate shortbread hearts. (recipe available on Village Facebook if wished.)
29. Marmalade loaf. (recipe available on Village Facebook if wished.)
30. Treacle tart (short crust pastry).



Tom Carrick Cup for Kitchen Garden.

Ferguson Salver for Bakery.

St Mungo's Cup for Handicrafts.

Blencogo Village Hall Children's Trophy for 8 years and over.

Alfred Greive trophy for children

7 years and under.

High Aketon Trophy for most points in show.

Any schedule queries to Linda on 07538 027936 or Judith 61051.

Please have a go – support your local show.

31. Sausage plait.
32. 3 savoury Scones (label).
33. Homemade Chutney. (label)
34. Homemade apple jelly.
35. Jar of Lemon curd (recipe available on Village Facebook if wished.)
36. Jar of Honey

Handicrafts

- Must be own work.
37. Photo with own caption no larger than 8"x 6".
 38. Photo of a local Landmark. No larger than 8"x 6".
 39. An article of handicraft not listed (eg jewellery, sculpture, pottery.)
 40. A handmade article of soft material eg woven knitted, crocheted, patchwork or embroidery.
 41. Handmade wooden or metal item.
 42. A painting or sketch any subject.
 43. Handmade get-well card.
 44. Picture made using buttons and beads.
 45. Pick up and bring a thimble.

Children (must display age)

Under 7 and including 7 years.

46. A jar of rainbow jelly.
47. Cress grown in a container.
48. A piece of schoolwork you are proud of.
49. A drawing or painting of a butterfly.
50. Make a hat for a pirate.
51. Make a Hedgehog cake
52. Make an edible necklace.
53. Photo you took yourself of an animal or bird.
54. A painting or sketch (any subject)
55. Collection of garden flowers in a jar.



Rules:

1. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. No exhibit allowed that has previously won a prize.
3. Handicrafts to have been made in the last 3 years.
4. Exhibits to be staged between 10am and 11.30 and may not be removed until 3.40pm when any produce remaining will be auctioned.
5. Labels must be collected on arrival and attached to the exhibit by the exhibitor.
6. Exhibitors to provide own vases etc.
7. 1 Entry per class per person.
8. No one will be allowed in the hall during the judging except the organizing committee.
9. Entry fee is 30p per item, children's classes 20p.
10. Prizes: 1st - £1.50, 2nd - £1, 3rd - 50p. No prizes will be awarded unless entries are of sufficient merit.
11. The committee cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to exhibits or containers.
12. The decision of the judge is final.
13. If any entry is submitted, it is presumed that the entrant agrees to the foregoing rules.
14. Children's ages to be shown.



FREE SUPPORT PACK!

HELLO! WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!

we are members of Silloth Rotary Club who live locally & are here to help if you are self isolating due to the CORONAVIRUS we can help with the following:

- A friendly chat on the phone
- Posting mail
- Urgent supplies
- Picking up shopping
- Collecting your prescription

FOR ANY SUPPORT PLEASE CALL:

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS FOR SELF ISOLATING PEOPLE WHO NEED URGENT SUPPORT. WHEN DELIVERING ANYTHING WE WILL LEAVE IT ON YOUR DOOR STEP. MOVE TO A SAFE DISTANCE & CALL YOU TO LET YOU KNOW & WATCH YOU COLLECT FROM YOUR DOOR STEP.

WHEN SELF ISOLATING

Do ✓

try to keep at least 2 metres (3 steps) from other people in your home, particularly older people or those with long-term health conditions
ask friends and family and delivery services to deliver things like food shopping and medicines - but avoid contact with them
sleep alone if possible
regularly wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
try to stay away from older people and those with long-term health conditions
drink plenty of water and take everyday painkillers, such as paracetamol and ibuprofen, to help with your symptoms
ALWAYS CHECK MEDICATION IS SUITABLE WITH YOUR NORMAL MEDICATION

Don't ✗

do not have visitors (ask people to leave deliveries outside)
do not leave the house, for example to go for a walk, to school or public places

Netherhall Girls U15 Rugby Union Team



Report by: Andrea Donald

Megan Donald of Allonby aged 15 is a pupil in year 10 at Solway Community College and just loves her rugby. She has recently been selected to play for Cumbria in the under 15s team. Megan started playing rugby aged 14 at Netherhall RUFC, Maryport and continues to do so. Megan is also a qualified referee for the under 18s RUFC.

She has just played her first festival for the county team in Northumberland Megan has several festivals and matches to play for the county, next up being at Durham and then on home turf. Megan loves the games, it's an adrenaline rush that alleviates frustrations and stresses that life can bring. We need more girls under 15 to come and join us at Netherhall

RUFC, it's great for making friends and good for fitness. We train every Wednesday at 6:30pm at Netherhall, just next to the school. Why not come along for a chat? Megan is on the bottom row, far right.



**SILLOTH SPORTS HALL
EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

MONDAY 30TH MARCH	
9am - 12pm Cardboard crafts Jewellery making	1pm - 4pm bubble paints
TUESDAY 31ST MARCH	
9am - 12pm Make your own football stadium Tennis court	1pm - 4pm Roller Disco
WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL	
9am - 12pm Mini Olympics	1pm - 4pm Outdoor fun
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL	
9am - 12pm Pom pom Bunnies	1pm - 4pm Den making
FRIDAY 3RD APRIL	
9am - 12pm Easter cards	1pm - 4pm Easter egg hunt

Each session £7.50



come and join us!

Discover more of your local area, meet new people and enjoy being outdoors

Join us for our regular "Walking for Health" group walks. Short, gentle walks lasting approximately 45 minutes.

Tuesday 31 st March	Silloth Library car park	2.00pm
Tuesday 7 th April	Silloth Library car park	2.00pm
Sunday 12 th April	Silloth Library car park	2.00pm
Tuesday 14 th April	Silloth Medical Practice	2.00pm
Tuesday 21 st April	Silloth Medical Practice	2.00pm
Sunday 26 th April	Silloth Medical Practice	2.00pm
Tuesday 28 th April	Silloth Rugby Club	2.00pm

Contacts: Gillian or Simon – (016973) 31309
Facebook.com/groups/WalkingForHealthSilloth



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Silloth Rugby Club

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Contact Nicola 07835880247