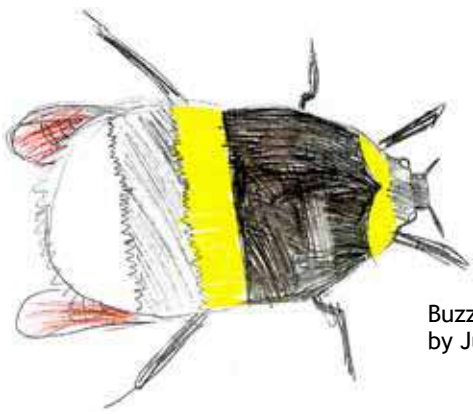




Buzzy Bee
by June Griffin from Holme St Cuthbert School

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Pensioners Coffee Morning

Report by: Jean Day

It was good to be back for our first Coffee Morning on 4th February, and it was lovely to see lots of our regular supporters.

A well stocked cake stall sold out and the raffle did well (special thanks to all who gift the prizes). The Raffle winners today were Moira Fearon, Pat Carruthers, Brenda Scott, Mary Hoskins, Eileen Reeves, Linda Wignall, Joan Wise and Rose Blacklock.

March's coffee morning was very well attended. The cake stall did brisk business and donations to the raffle were very welcome.

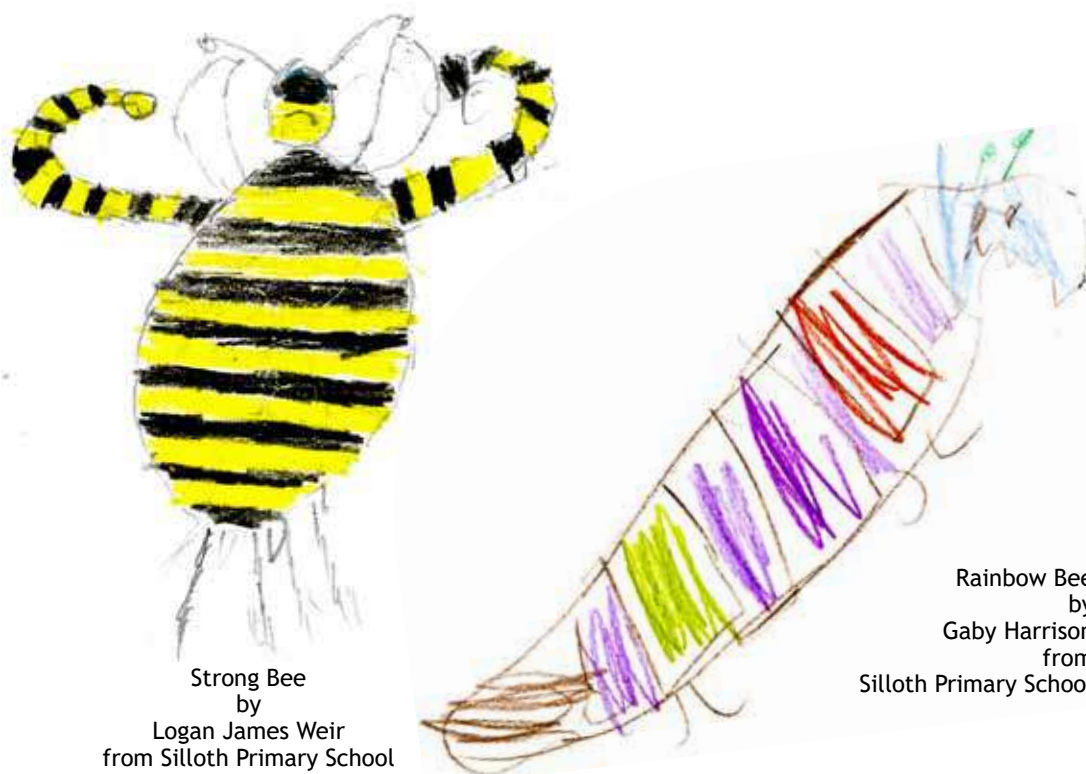
The winners were, Lillian Sewell, Oriole Hocking, June Morton, Jill Chatt, Annabelle Strong, Eileen Reeves, Edna Allison, Moira Fearon, Margaret Gate and Brenda Scott.

We were helped this morning

by Bobby Forbes, a pupil of Solway School who is the elected Member for Cumberland for the Youth Parliament. He did not shirk any duties and even spoke briefly to those present about his special project within the Parliament to champion early assessment of Dyslexia in Primary Schools to advance good education for all pupils. He is a credit to his family and school.

It was announced that we will be having a trip out in late June to Windermere. Cost will be announced at the next coffee morning, on Saturday 1st April, and names will be taken (only at that coffee morning or at very latest at the coffee morning on 6th June).

There will be no Coffee Morning in May as it would have fallen on Coronation Day and everyone will be otherwise engaged.



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by
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Rainbow Bee
by
Gaby Harrison
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Photo and Report by: Michael Faulkner

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Young Carers Action Day

Young Carers Action Day was on the 15th March and the aim of the day was to encourage people to "Make Time for Young Carers".

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At Carer Support West Cumbria we support young carers from age 5 upwards by offering:

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- Trips and social events
- Regular newsletters
- Support in school

If you know a Young Carer who would benefit from our help you can refer them to us at www.carersupportwestcumbria.co.uk/referral-form or by calling 01900 821976.



Waver Wine Circle

Report by: Stuart Jones

Chairman Bill Henderson welcomed all present, five apologies for absence, and thanked Graham and Janet for organising last month's quiz which he omitted to do previously.

This month's meeting consisted of a Beer Tasting which was won by Stukins's entry of a 0% alcohol free Peroi Nastro Azzurro - congratulations!

There followed an in depth discussion to assist Stukins Entertainment on possible venues for this year's outings - any further suggestions please let me know.

For the second month running Chairman Bill won the draw prize! A very edible looking box of fresh vegetables, donated by Stella.

Although some members at our March meeting might have questioned what would happen on an evening entitled "Anything Goes" the occasion turned out to be a great success with everyone contributing. Thank you all for making the evening so enjoyable.

I have been approached by the



Village Hall Chairman, who had a request from the County Show regarding increasing the numbers of the Home Made Wine entries. Members agreed that times have changed and we are unable to contribute any further entries other than our Chairman's involvement. I was therefore instructed to contact the Village Hall Chairman and inform him of the decision together with a

request for a return of the Cup to us, which was originally donated by the Waver Wine Circle.

A date for your diary - Wednesday 13th December @ 7pm in the Village Hall our Christmas Dinner. A selection of menu will be discussed later in the year.

Continue to take extra care and stay healthy - see you next month for our AGM.



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Refreshments & Raffle

Further Info - Caroline 016973 71103

Dorren Donates £165 to Silloth First Responders



Owen Martin receiving the cheque from Doreen Armstrong

Celebrating her 90th birthday, Doreen asked for donations to go towards Silloth First Responders, this came to a total of £165 which Owen Martin received on behalf of the group.

Doreen said "I would like to thank all my family and friends for the flowers, lovely cards and donations to the First Responders for my 90th birthday celebrations on the 1st of February,

Also the Rugby Club for their hospitality, Carl Philips for the entertainment, Alison Henderson for the excellent buffet and Beryl Bell and her daughter for the beautiful birthday cake. Most of all I would like to thank Alan and Susan for organising it all. It was a wonderful night."

On behalf of the whole community, thank you Doreen for your generosity.

RNLI Quiz Night Raises £313



Report & Photos by:
Margaret English

On Friday 3rd February there was a great atmosphere in Mrs Wilson's as Annie and her staff welcomed teams ready for a quiz.

A new quiz master had been found; Willie Smith accompanied by his wife Wilma. Geoff and Sarah Betsworth have ably set the questions for many years, but sadly Sarah passed away in December and we offer our condolences to Geoff and his family; in her memory Geoff has presented a trophy to be played for each year and presented to the winning team. A lovely thought and very much appreciated by everyone. Thank you Geoff.

Well done Willie, who presented everyone with a wide variety of questions, some hard and some a little easier. Our grateful thanks to both Willie and Wilma for running the evening so well with little time for preparation.

The room was full with twelve teams and 2+2 were the worthy winners, with the Shocking Hockings once again taking the final place. We managed to raise £313 for the Silloth RNLI.

The Silloth and District RNLI Fundraising group would like to thank everyone at Mrs Wilson's for making us all feel so welcome.



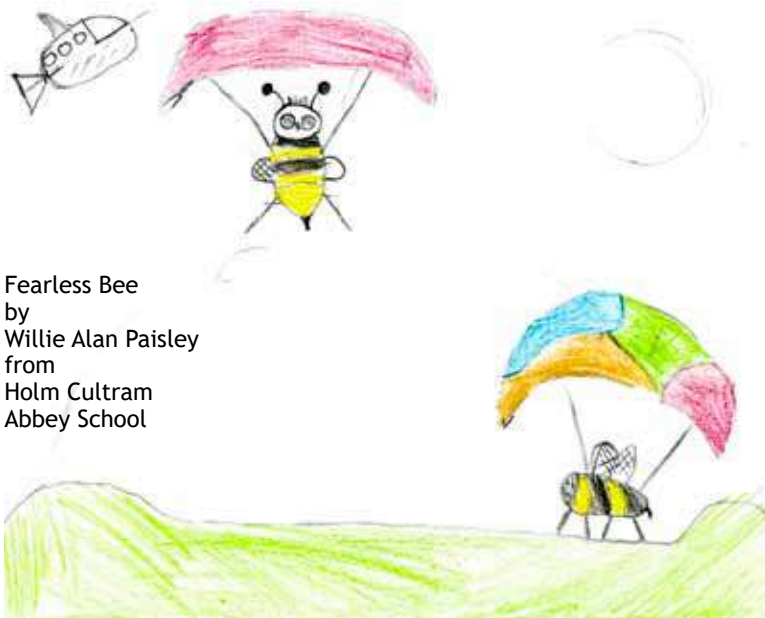
The Winning Team 2+2

The teams were kept well-watered throughout the evening and at half time everyone enjoyed a good selection of sandwiches.

It was great to see the room so full with lots of fun and laughter.

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!



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Silloth-on-Solway Town Council

Town Plan Consultation 2022 ~ Survey 4

Silloth Town Council are conducting a Town Plan.

This Plan will enable the Town Council to work with strategic and local groups to make changes in Silloth for the benefit of locals and visitors. There have been four questionnaires over eight months and some public meetings and street interviews. For this fourth survey we want to know your views on transport and active travel for locals and visitors.

Please complete the questions below so we can understand what people, want, need, and are prepared to support.

1. Do you live in Silloth or are you a visitor?

Local ☐
Visitor ☐

2. Please tell us your age:

Under 18 ☐
18-24 ☐
25-34 ☐
35-44 ☐
45-54 ☐
55-64 ☐
65+ ☐

3. Please tell us your gender:

Male ☐
Female ☐
Prefer not to say ☐

How could we encourage people to **connect** more in and around Silloth:

4. Do you use the bus in and around Silloth? Yes ☐ No ☐

5. If you do, what do you use it for?

Shopping locally ☐
Shopping in Maryport, Wigton, or elsewhere ☐
Going to leisure/recreation facilities ☐
For medical appointments ☐
To visit family and friends ☐
Travelling to work or school ☐
Other (please specify) ☐

I don't use the bus. ☐

6. Most communities would like improvements in their public transport services, but there are often not enough people using it, to cover its costs. What would make you more likely to use the bus?

Cheaper fares ☐
Different timetables ☐
Different routes ☐
To reduce carbon from travelling ☐
Provision of more bus shelters ☐
Other (please specify) ☐

Nothing, I have use of a car. ☐

7. Do you think the Town Council should support and encourage the new Cumberland Council to subsidise local bus routes, encourage more users and try and make them more sustainable?

No ☐ Yes ☐

Comment:

8. Would you support the Town Council organising shared journeys, to reduce travel costs (in taxis or minibuses) to supermarkets, leisure activities, etc?

No ☐ Yes ☐

Comment:

9. Should the Town Council run a project, coordinating local residents to pay towards addressing unadopted lanes?

No ☐ Yes ☐

Comment:

10. Would you support 20's plenty speed zones in Silloth?

No ☐ Yes ☐

Please suggest where:

11. Would you help with a community speed watch project in Silloth?

Yes ☐ No ☐

12. Does anyone in your household own a car?

Yes ☐ No ☐

13. Thinking now about the car or van that you personally use the most, whether as a driver or passenger, what fuel does the engine use? Please indicate if you don't own or have access to a car/van.

Petrol or Diesel ☐ Electric/Battery Only ☐
Hybrid (Plug-in or Not) ☐ None of these/Don't own/use a car ☐

14. What type of motor vehicle do you expect to replace your existing vehicle with?

Petrol Car/Van ☐ Diesel Car/Van ☐ Self-charging Hybrid Car/Van ☐
Plug-in Hybrid Car/Van ☐ Full Electric Car/Van ☐
Petrol Motorbike/Moped ☐ Electric Motorbike/Moped ☐
Other ☐ Don't own/use a car ☐

15. What prevents you from considering an Electric Car/Van?

Cost of Vehicle ☐ Inability to charge at Home ☐
Inability to charge at Work ☐ Range of a Single Charge ☐ Other ☐

16. Do you have any other thoughts on ways the Council and community could work together to improve transport in our area?

Please comment below:

17. As a local resident, how much more Council Tax would you be prepared to pay the Town Council to see these actions carried out? We know we have asked this question before, but this relates to these actions so please do answer it again – thank you!

I wouldn't pay more ☐ 10p per week ☐ 50p per week ☐
£1 per week ☐ Other (please specify) ☐ I'm a visitor. ☐

18. Could you be involved in making any of these actions happen?

No ☐ Yes ☐ (please tell us your name and email or phone number)

Please look online for the other surveys we still have open on: Accessibility, Sustainability, and Well Being.

The results of these surveys, the interviews and meetings will be on the Town Council website: <https://www.silloth-on-solway.co.uk/> once all the consultation is finished at the end of March. The Town Plan will be launched in May 2023.

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Blencogo & District Village Hall Produce Show

An amateur event open to everyone
To be held in the Blencogo Village Hall
on Saturday 9th September 2023

Entries on the day.

Entry fee 30p per item, children classes 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 £20 2nd £1.50 3rd £1

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.

Tom Carrick Cup for Kitchen Garden.

Ferguson Salver for Bakery.

St Mungo's Cup for Handicrafts.

Blencogo Village hall Children's Trophy for 8yrs and over.

Alfred Greive trophy for children 7 years and under.

High Aketon Trophy for most points in show.

Any schedule queries to Gary on 016973 61017
or via email to blencogovh@gmail.com.

Please have a go – support your local show.

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 - £2, 2nd - £1.50, 3rd - £1. 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.

Flowers

1. Fuchsia Pot Plant.
2. House Plant in a 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. Sunset display to include flowers, foliage and berries.

10. Vase of mixed Garden Flower

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. Courgette.

21. Selection of Home-grown soft fruit in a bowl.

22. BVH Purple Carrots (Seeds can be collected for FREE from the Committee.)

Wine/ Liqueur :

23. Bottle of Red Wine

24. Bottle of White Wine.

Bakery:

25. Men only a loaf of home made bread

26. A decorated Victoria sponge.

27. 3 pieces of chocolate brownie.

28. Homemade marmalade (label)

29. Homemade Jam (label)

30. 3 Unusual flavoured Scones

31. Quiche Lorraine

32. Bakewell Tart

33. Homemade Chutney. (label)

34. Homemade Lemon cheese (recipe available on Village Hall Facebook and Website).

35. 3 decorated Meringue nests

36. Jar of Honey



Handicrafts :

Must be own work.

37. Photo with own caption no larger than 8"x 6".

38. Photo of a garden visitor. no larger than 8"x 6".

39. Photo of a Cumbrian Sunset. No larger than 8" x 6"

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 card eg thank you card, birthday card, Christmas card.

44. A False perspective photo or picture.

45. Pick up and bring a doorstep.

Children (must display age) Under 7 and including 7 years.

46. Homemade fruit juice.

47. Cress grown in a container.

48. Handwritten extract from an Enid Blyton novel (label).

49. A wax crayon rubbing.

50. A model sheep made from cotton wool balls.

8 years and over :

51. Homemade smoothie

52. An unusual Selfie.

53. Decorated Chocolate Muffin.

54. A piece of Digital Art

55. Collection of garden flowers in a jar.

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Jasmin Bee

by Connie Beverley from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Report & Photos
by: Caroline Turner

Friends of Silloth Green Flourishing



Things are moving on a pace, some of the volunteers have been busy collecting manure to spread on the Community Garden to help improve the soil. A big Thank You to Nicola Myers from The Fruit & Veg Box Company and of course her donkeys!



Others have been busy in the allotment, tidying up, laying more pavers & potting on the perennials. The perennial poppy 'Brilliant' has done particularly well and will add permanent colour to our display of annual poppies.



We are also taking part in the RHS Big Seed Sow project March 27th to April 2nd.

On Wednesday March 29th we are holding a seed swapping event in the Community Garden. Come along and pick up some seeds; perhaps something you've not tried growing before! #RHSBigSeedSow

If you interested in growing your own tomatoes take a look at our Facebook page for handy tips to help you get started!



Causewayhead WI Meetings

Report by: Olga Hetherington

The February Meeting of the Causeway Head WI was held on February 8th, the President welcomed members and visitors and also a new member and a returning one.

An invitation had been received for a meeting on Tuesday 4th April at Dundraw WI.

Subscriptions are due in April and Dawn Eyre explained the other memberships available to people who wished to support the WI and its aims. The cost for this is £5 per annum. They are not allowed to go to meetings but just

as a general supporter plus would receive the WI magazine "WI Life" plus other benefits for a minimum subscription of £18 per annum.

Our Super Quiz will be held on Friday April 20th at Christ Church at 7:30pm. Tables are booking up rapidly. Entries of £5 per person to include supper. Entries to the Lady President or a Committee member as soon as possible.

The President welcomed the speaker for the afternoon Ms. Ros Downing who talked to members about biscuits. They seem like an everyday item in our lives but

the history of their origin is truly fascinating. Museums around the world have examples from 1784. These are very plain "hard tack" but in 1786 a fancier and more sugary type was produced rather like our present day "boudoir" biscuit. These were dipped in wine and of course only for the very rich. Pictures of a "docking nail" were seen, which was a metal disc with nail like projections which pinched the top of the biscuit to prevent it rising too much.

The story of family grocer John Dobson Carr and his foresight in

moving to Carlisle to mass produce biscuits is legendary but never fails to impress as does his care for his workers.

Members were ready for a cup of tea and, a biscuit after this talk.

Ms. Downing was thanked by Jenny Stride.

Competition Winners:

Musical Instrument:

1. Dawn Eyre, 2. C. Worrall

Flower Competition:

1. P laPlant, 2. M. Kent

Raffle: 1. P. Froggart, 2. S. Kenny.

The March meeting of the Causewayhead WI was held on Wednesday 8th March.

The President welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Final travel arrangements to Dundraw were made and details concerning the joint Birthday Party and celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III were discussed.

The Town Quiz and our own WI Super Quiz were discussed re. teams and refreshments.

Members were asked for names re. a proposed visit to Tullie House for the "Legend of King Arthur Exhibition". The proposal date is

Thursday 27th April. This will be the start of our summer visits.

Our speaker this Month was Helen from Helen's Herbs from Egremont. The front of the "space" was filled with dozens of pots of herbs also bunches and planters. Helen explained the importance of herbs in our lives from beauty to cooking. Healthwise herbs have become a popular form of assisting healing instead of or as a supplement to medicine.

The value of "fever few" for migraines and sage for the easing of menopause symptoms to herbal tea for calming gave members plenty to think about. Members were able to smell and handle all the plants and Helen gave plenty of useful tips for planting. If you want to grow Lavender then choose "Hidcote" variety as this thrives well in sandy soils.

Ann Harrison thanked Helen for her talk and hoped we would see her again in the not too distant future. Perhaps on one of our outings will be to Egremont this summer.

Competitions: Flower.

1. Pauline le Plant, 2. Frances Jackson

Herbal Recipes: 1. Olga Hetherington

2. Olga Hetherington

Raffle: 1. Ann Harrison,

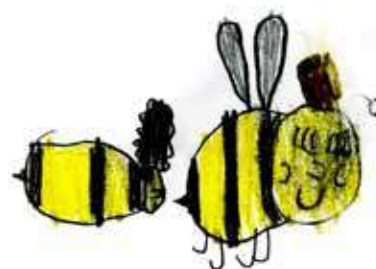
2. Maureen Irving, 3. Joyce Bailey.



Space Bee by Amelia Summer Hardman from Silloth Primary School



Soldier Bee by Mia Grace Carter from Silloth Primary School



Queen Bee and the Guard by Ari Turnbull from Holm Cultram Abbey School



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Operations Manager, Deputy Launch Authority, Tractor Driver, Visits Officer and Fundraisers.

So, if you think you have the time and skills to take on one of the available roles at Silloth take a look at our latest volunteer opportunities. From roles at lifeboat stations to fundraising groups in need of extra support, there's a need for your skills, experience and passion to help Silloth RNLI.

The volunteering opportunities

can be found by accessing the link below and searching 'Silloth' <https://rnli.org/support-us/volunteer/volunteering-opportunities>

RNLI Call Out



Report by: Steven Henderson

Silloth RNLI Lifeboat was called out on 5th February to a woman who had fallen from the promenade steps and was unable to move.

The lifeboat crew located the casualty who was assessed and

placed into a stretcher before being taken to the lifeboat station. First aid and casualty care was carried out until arrival of the ambulance service who then conveyed the casualty to the Cumberland Infirmary with a suspected broken hip.

Call Out to Allonby Bay

Silloth RNLI Lifeboat was called out on the evening of 25th February to search for a missing person in the Allonby Bay Area.

A search was carried out in complete darkness using searchlights, night vision equipment and illuminating flares. The person was located a short time later and taken into the care of the police, several coastguard units and Maryport rescue boat was also involved in the search.

If you find yourself in an emergency situation or spot someone else in trouble, you should call 999 or 112 and ask for the coastguard.



The Lost Bee
by
Lily Mae Brown
from
Holm Cultram Abbey School



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Happy Bee by Logan Morris-Crawford from Holm Cultram Abbey School




Sally, Bobby and Queen Bee by Louis Hope from Silloth Primary School



Gymnastics Buzzy Bee and Ninja Bee by Liam Hornsby from Holm Cultram Abbey School




WOW! New Disabled Facilities on the Green are Fabulous

Report by: Wendy Jameson
Silloth Town Clerk

Saturday 18th March 2023 was a proud day for Silloth-on-Solway, as we opened our first Changing Places facility on Silloth Green, adjacent to the Criffel Street public conveniences.

Jim Snaith, former Town Councillor, and member of the Accessibility Committee carried out the official opening of the building. A wooden plaque in memory of Margaret Snaith, a former Town Councillor and Mayor of Silloth has been placed at the new Changing Places facility to acknowledge everything that she did for the town.

The opening ceremony was well attended. Mark Jenkinson MP and Councillor Allan Daniels, the Mayor of Allerdale were in attendance, along with representatives from the various organisations involved with the project.

The Town Council's Accessibility Committee began researching the possibility of a Changing Places facility back in 2021 and are pleased to see the proposal finally come to fruition. This is one of several projects they have been working on. The Committee is made up of a fantastic team of Councillors who are committed to Silloth becoming a leading Town for inclusivity for all. Meetings are always productive, and ideas driven with a willingness to listen to anyone from within the Community.

The facility has been made possible following a successful bid submitted by Allerdale Borough



Council on behalf of Silloth-on-Solway, for a share of the £30 million Government fund to install life-enhancing Changing Places toilets in public places and tourist attractions. The Town Council also managed to secure a grant of £5,000 from the Hellrigg Community Benefit Fund which is administered by the Cumbria Community Foundation and £10,000 from the National Lottery Awards for All, for which we are grateful.

Our modular Changing Places facility was constructed by Rise Adaptations Limited who are based in Doncaster and are the market leader in the provision of Changing Places. Each modular facility is built

offsite and once the groundworks have been completed, can be installed within a matter of days.

The new facility will make such a difference to so many – creating an inclusive environment which disabled people and their carers can use to meet their personal care needs. Changing Places are more than a standard accessible toilet because they offer more specialist equipment such as a hoist and changing bench, etc, to meet the needs of individuals with profound and complex disabilities.

The feature wall in the facility of a sunset view over the Solway was taken by local photographer Gordon Akitt, who kindly allowed us to use



one of his photographs.

The facility can be accessed using a radar key and will be open on a daily basis between the hours of 8am and 6pm. The exterior of the building will be monitored by CCTV to deter vandalism. In addition to the Changing Places facility, the toilets at the RNLI car

park are also wheelchair accessible. The gents at the Edwardian toilets is wheelchair accessible and there is also a disabled toilet at Skinburness, accessed with a radar key which are to be re-opened at Easter for the summer season.

The Town Council would like to thank everyone involved with this

project - from start to finish – with a lot of the work involved having been done behind the scenes but it has been a team effort and a great achievement for the town.

If anyone has any questions, then please contact the Town Clerk by emailing townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk.

QUIZ NIGHT

Silloth and District
SUPER QUIZ NIGHT

Christchurch, Silloth. 7.00pm
on Thursday April 20th

£5 per person.
Including Supper. Raffle.

Men's, Women's and Mixed teams - All Welcome

You are welcome to bring your preferred drink, free Coffee and Tea will be available at half time with Supper

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MAWBRAY VILLAGE HALL
MONTHLY QUIZ

Quiz

Thursday 30th March

7.30pm
£2.00 per person

Prize for the winning team

Bring your own drinks, snacks and glasses.

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MAWBRAY VILLAGE HALL
MONTHLY QUIZ

Quiz

Thursday 27th April
7.30pm
£2.00 per person

Prize for the winning team

Bring your own drinks, snacks and glasses.

Pop along for a hot drink and a warm welcome. Open to everyone.

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Thursday 27th April
7.30pm
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Prize for the winning team

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Your Beautifully Buzzing Letters and Poems

Dear Buzz,

It is with a heavy heart for personal reasons that I give notice that as of May 2023, when all Councilors for Silloth Town Council have to stand for re-election, I will not be standing. Having served for 20 years being Mayor for 5 years and Deputy Mayor for 6 years, I feel it is time to take a step back from public life. Good luck to both standing and those elected, I wish them well. Finally I must thank Wendy the Town Clerk for always being at the end of the phone.

G. Wilkinson

Dear Buzz,

I am hoping that a boundary change will move Silloth and district up the pecking order when it comes to grants and developments, not the back of the pack like it appears to be at the moment. So if you have any ideas on how to improve the town or district please let the council know. Are you aware that Cumbria has the worst roads in the country? I despair at Cumbria Highways in and around Silloth. eg Solway Street 30yds of repairs run out of money abandoned, the fiasco down Barrocks Bridge, outside

the Golf Hotel.

When will they get it right?

Maybe we should bring back a few Romans to show them how to do the job.

Would you believe we have just developed a new grot spot outside the Cumberland Inn, repair three holes the following week fresh holes between the repairs.

Would the person in charge like to comment?

No I have not mellowed over the winter months but could someone please tell me where the GREAT out of Great Britain has gone?

Trying to sort out the cut off lampposts, it has only been going on for two and a half years no sign of completion this year! OH HAPPY DAYS,

The Whinge

Dear Buzz,

Sorry to hear that Silloth were trying to abolish a First Team after 100 years history playing mainly in the Carlisle and District League.

I wonder what the stalwarts of the old committee such as Joe Bell and George Smith would think of this.

It is a long time since I put on the blue and white shirt of my home town but have many happy memories of the Playing Field on a Saturday afternoon.

The team produced some outstanding footballers during my time such as Gordon Graham (trialist for Burnley) Ernie Bell (trialist for Crewe and others). The Irving brothers Fred and Colin (trialists for Workington). Hope those who oppose continuing with a Soccer first team realise they are depriving their children of representing their town through friendlies, the Lonsdale Cup eventually getting a reserve spot for the first team and finally becoming a first team regular. I enjoyed it.

Alex Richardson
(Friends of Silloth AFC)
Perpignon, France

Dear Buzz,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness shown to me with your flowers, cards and gifts after the devastating loss of Grant.

I would also like to make a very special thanks to Eddie and Ann Orchard, who without their support I would have never coped.

I owe them a huge dept of gratitude which I will never be able to repay.

I would also like to mention my friend and neighbour Hazel Graham who was always there for me and a shoulder to cry on. Last but not least Margaret Gate who gave a lovely service and was a great comfort for me. God bless you all.

Maisie Allan

Grant would have appreciated and been touched by the Bowling Guard of Honour

Dear Buzz,

Memories of the last Coronation

If any resident can remember June 2nd 1953 and has any photos or information of celebrations that took place in Silloth, the Writing Group in Silloth Library would like to hear from you ! Please see librarian for more details.

Judy Rochester

Dear Buzz,

I would just like to mark my appreciation for the very good work carried out by Owen Martin as First Responder when he arrived to treat my Mum, Edna Lodhi before her ambulance arrived on Friday 10th February. Although my Mum has Vascular Dementia, she remembers Owen and the kindness and compassion he showed her. We would both like to thank Owen for the excellent level of professional care he showed when helping my Mum and checking her over. Please continue this vital work, Owen, and thankyou so much again.

Sophia & Edna Lodhi

SPRING IS COMING --- Because ---
by Pauline Mole

I can see the daffodils peeping,
Lighter evenings are slowly creeping,
Creatures waking from Winter's sleeping,
Joyful lambs are skipping and leaping.

The time of year when birds nest and sing,
Colourful plants now showing their thing,
Easter bunnies and hanging catkin,
After Winter, there is always Spring.

A Morning In June Remembered
by Judy Rochester

Sunrise over the Thames,
A proud and jubilant London awakening
To the sounds of horses hooves
In the distant mist.

A trembling excitement rushes through the crowd at
Each sound,
Each movement,
Each sight
Of the gathering throng.

The hours pass on this damp June morn
As the children so patiently
Await this piece of history,
A memory
That will stay with them
Forever.

Then, in a breathtaking sudden moment
The Golden Coach sparkles past them
Like a dream,
The young and beautiful Queen about to
Dedicate her life to her people.

Waving to them, the children,
Awestruck by the majesty of the occasion,
With one voice
Utter a loud and proud cry
God Save the Queen.

Bee Fact #12



A queen bee can lay as many as 2,500 eggs a day in the summer months when the hive is at peak activity.



Do you have a poem or letter for the Buzz?
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Masthead Bee Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered Kids Rucksack to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and a £5 Gift Voucher from the Solway Buzz.

So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Local children return your drawing to your school or post to the address on page 14 (large stamp) and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered Rucksack 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 have your bee drawing.

This month
the winner is
June Griffin
from Holme St
Cuthbert School
with a bee
drawing called
"Buzzy Bee".

Well done!



Average Holiday Fraud Loss £1,400

Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Peter McCall, is urging the public to protect themselves from online holiday scams as new research revealed an increase in fraud.

Recent findings from Get Safe Online and Airbnb shows how the cost-of-living crisis is creating conditions for fraudsters to thrive. Their research suggests that 71% of people living in Britain admit

that they, or someone they know, has been a victim of fraud or a scam, and that victims of holiday scams, lose an average of £1,397 each. The survey revealed that 78% of respondents agree that there are more scams than ever before, and 70% of people agree that scams are becoming more convincing.

Holiday-goers can reduce their risk of falling victim to a scam by: Never clicking on links that

where possible, and avoid making bank transfers – Paying by credit card often offers better protection, and a higher chance of getting your money back.

PCC Peter McCall "As more money is set aside for increasing living costs, including energy bills and mortgage payments, finding a good price on a holiday can seem too good to be true. People may think that they won't be able to afford a holiday if they can't get a good deal and this makes it an ideal time for scammers to take advantage of those looking to find a reduced-price holiday online. Get Safe Online's holiday fraudster guide on how to stay safe when booking a holiday online, contains some really useful advice and simple tips on how to avoid being a victim to online holiday scams. Holiday fraudsters lure people into paying by bank transfer via fake but convincing ads, websites and phone calls. People can be drawn into booking impulsively, as soon as they see the price, if it means paying less. I would urge the public to double-check that the deals they are viewing are on a legitimate website or source, to avoid being scammed. It is essential that we don't take risks, are more vigilant and take our time when booking that well deserved trip. If you have been the victim of a scam or receive a suspicious email or text, please report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 and the Police on 101."

If you would like information on the latest fraud prevention advice, you can sign up to our monthly newsletter. To do, visit www.cumbria.police.uk/apply-for-it/newsletter.

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Tuesday 21st March	AGM and Name that Tune.
Saturday 22nd April:	Garden visit to Alnwick Garden for the Cherry Blossom.
Tuesday 23rd May:	Plant sale/swap and Quiz. At the Village Hall.
Sunday 4th June:	Garden visit to Windy Hall Windermere.
Sunday 23rd July:	Garden visit to Craigieburn Garden Moffat
August	No meeting
Sunday 24th September	Walk and afternoon tea. To be arranged.
Tuesday 24th October:	Brighter Blooms Spring Flowering Bulbs
Bulbs available to buy on the night. Non - members welcome entry £3.	
Tuesday 28th November:	Talk on Bees and Honey making. (Honey for sale)
Non- members welcome entry £3.	
December	No meeting.
January 2024:	Christmas lunch to be arranged.
Tuesday 20th February 2024 :	Talk "A Rainbow of Dahlias "Tubers will be available
Non-members welcome Entry £3.	
Tuesday 26th March 2024 :	AGM:

If you would like to join our club, contact Linda on 07538027936.

Or come along to one of our evenings Non-members £3

Membership £10.



Toilet Bee
by
Tommy Reid
from
Silloth
Primary
School

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Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Times
The shop is closed until Spring.

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Church Service

St Andrews Church services
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Causewayhead WI

We meet on the 2nd
Wednesday in each month
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visitors are welcome



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Doors Open Lunch

'Our Doors Open' meets in
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Silloth Community First
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Dates for Your Diary

March

25th Uke's of Allonby
playing in St Andrew's Hall in
aid of RNLI, £8 inc pie & pea
supper, see advert

29th Seed swapping event
with Friends of Silloth Green
at the Community Garden

30th Monthly Quiz at
Mawbray Village Hall, 7.30pm,
see advert

April

1st Coffee Morning with
Silloth & District Pensioners in
St Andrews Hall at 10am

3rd Holme Low Parish
Council meeting in Silloth
Community Hall at 7:30pm

12th Silloth Nursing Home
League of Friends coffee
morning in Christ Church
Silloth, at 10am

15th Film Club in
Mawbray Village Hall showing
Fisherman's Friends at 7pm,
see advert

20th Super Quiz Night in
Christ Church, Silloth at 7pm
entry £5 inc supper & raffle
see advert

22nd Blencogo and
District Garden Club visit to
Alnwick Garden for the Cherry
Blossom, contact Linda on
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27th Monthly Quiz in
Mawbray Village Hall at
7:30pm, see advert



May

6th King Charles III
Coronation live on big screen,
details in next months Buzz

6th Coffee Morning with
Silloth & District Pensioners
CANCELLED

8th Silloth Town Council
meeting in Community Hall
at 7pm

12th Soul Weekend at
Stanwix Park

13th Film Club in Mawbray
Village Hall showing Avatar 2
at 7pm

13th Soul Weekend at
Stanwix Park

13th Happy Songs by
Dalston Male Voice Choir in
The Methodist Church Wigton at
7pm, see advert

14th Soul Weekend at
Stanwix Park

17th Silloth Nursing Home
League of Friends coffee
morning in Christ Church
Silloth, at 10am

21st Annual Spring Plant
& Craft Fair in Mawbray Village
Hall 10am to 4pm

23rd Blencogo and District
Garden Club Plant sale/swap
and Quiz in Blencogo Village
Hall at 7:30pm, contact Linda
on 07538 027936

25th Monthly Quiz in
Mawbray Village Hall at
7:30pm

28th Silloth Green Day on
Silloth Green

June

3rd Coffee Morning with
Silloth & District Pensioners in
St Andrews Hall at 10am

4th Blencogo and District
Garden Club visit to Windy Hall
Windermere, contact Linda on
07538 027936

14th Silloth Nursing Home
League of Friends coffee
morning in Christ Church
Silloth, at 10am

17th Silloth Pride on
Silloth Green

July

1st Coffee Morning with
Silloth & District Pensioners in
St Andrews Hall at 10am

8th Holm Cultram Abbey
Strawberry Teas

9th Holm Cultram Abbey
Strawberry Teas

12th Silloth Nursing Home
League of Friends coffee
morning in Christ Church
Silloth, at 10am

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on Silloth Green

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District Garden Club visit to
Craigieburn Garden Moffat,
contact Linda on 07538 027936

29th Soul on the Green

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

August

16th Silloth Nursing Home
League of Friends coffee
morning in Christ Church
Silloth, at 10am

27th Silloth Carnival on
Silloth Green

28th Silloth Carnival on
Silloth Green

Send Your
Bees to the
Solway Buzz
There is a bee
shortage and we
need yours!
Hand them in at
Silloth Library



Have You
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Your Dates
yet?

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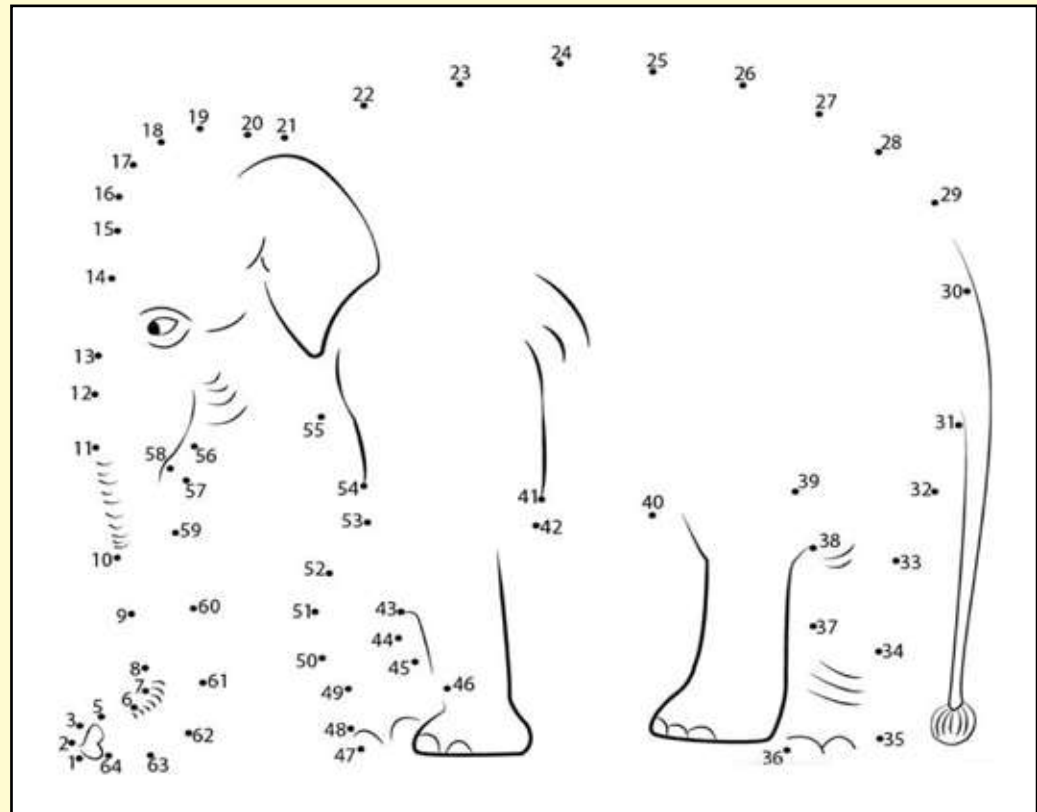
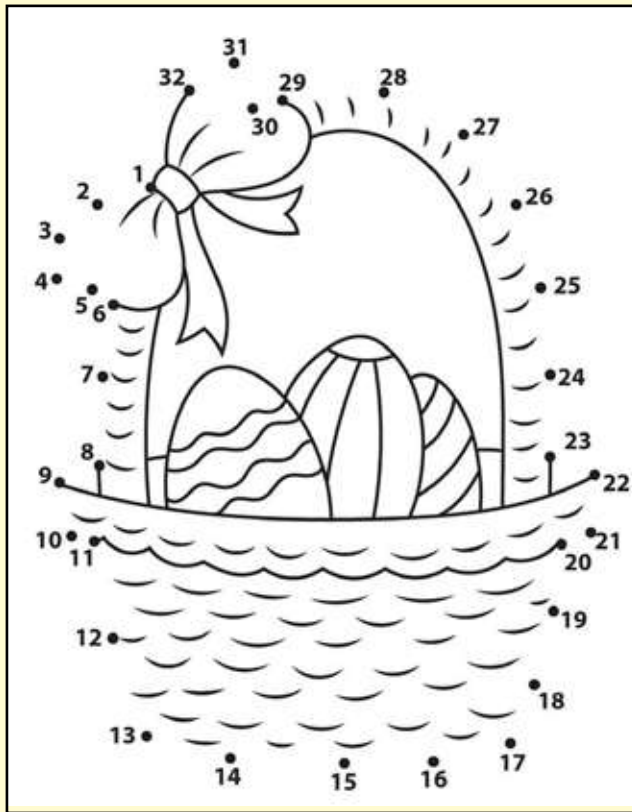
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Silloth Freemasons Celebrate 100 Years

Report by: Kevin Anderton

Members of the Miramar Lodge of Freemasons No 4470 recently held a special meeting celebrating their Centenary having

been formed in Silloth on 22nd December 1922.

Senior Freemasons from the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland including the Provincial Grand Master and his retinue of Provincial Officers arrived at the Masonic Lodge to attend an extraordinary Lodge gathering followed by a luxurious banquet with speeches, presentations and commemorative gifts being the order of the day.

The Master of Miramar Lodge was fulsome in his praise

of everyone connected with the organisation and presentation of the formal programme including the caterers and serving staff who made a splendid job of looking after the 83 dining members and acknowledged the many letters of thanks and congratulations he has received



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Bulk Grain Delivery Arrives at Silloth Dock

A sunny morning greeted the first ship to arrive at Silloth in 2023. Despite a biting cold wind the sight of EASTERN VANQUISH manoeuvring in the Solway attracted winter rambblers to stop and witness the arrival. Regular ship spotters were also waiting with their cameras primed. The ship has been seen at Silloth with a variety of cargos in recent years. On this occasion she was bringing grain from Vierow, a German port in the Baltic Sea.

The sailing had taken two weeks to complete, much longer than would be expected for this route. Normally, the ship would take a shortcut through the Kiel Canal but this was closed due to an oil spillage which meant a diversion to the north of Denmark. Further on, the ship seemed to be in no hurry to reach its destination. In the English Channel it was moored in Torbay for two days, and in the Irish Sea as New Year approached, the ship dropped anchor in the shelter of Wicklow Bay.

On arrival off Silloth, the ship's position was carefully adjusted



Report & Photos by:
John Forrester
More coverage of shipping at
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before making an entry at high water. Crew could be seen busy on deck unlocking the hatch covers in readiness to begin unloading. Being registered in London, EASTERN VANQUISH is one of the few ships calling at Silloth to fly the Red Ensign. Flags of 'Scotline,' the ship's contract operator, and

'Eastern Shipping,' its owner were also flying from the mast. The cargo of three thousand tons of grain was promptly unloaded into wagons waiting at the quayside. It was a brief stay with the ship departing to make the short crossing of the Irish Sea to Kilroot on the following midnight tide.

January & February Shipping at the Port of Silloth

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

January

6th Eastern Vanquish with a cargo of Wheat from Vierow then on to Kilroot.

January was set to be a busy month, however a small hiccup in Kilroot caused a delay to two calls for the MV Runner who didn't make it this month.

One of our regular customers, the Eastern Vanquish did arrive, early in the month carrying Grain from Germany.

Our normal fishing fleet continues to call on a regular basis, partly for maintenance and partly with small catches of Scallops.

Around the port due to the very strong south westerly winds we have experienced over the months of December and January had caused a significant 5 metre high sand bank across the entrance to the port. With costs for dredgers now reaching over £3k a day, we have been trialling new methods for us in terms of clearing the bank and with a final plan to maintain the entrance sand free from now on.

We arranged for portable pumps and hoses to wash the sand away from the entrance, which, in conjunction with a digger has resulted in removing some 8,500 tons of material from the port entrance in the most natural way

we can think of doing it.

Now the bank is mostly gone we are looking to install a more permanent arrangement so that we can flush the sand and shingle away on an almost daily basis. We hope to have our second trial of the fixed version in place in February and then will be costing up for the actual installation at the end of an appropriate trial period. The picture attached shows the result after five hours of trials.

We have also held a further meeting over formalising the car parking arrangements for West Beach at Silloth.

The current facility is an old dump that contains the remains of an old railway station, sidings and various buildings. This is an unofficial car park, which ABP have allowed to continue in use for several years without control. We now propose to allow an area of land for the Town Council to make a formal agreement with ABP, for the public to park on and provide access via the Coastal footpath to West Beach and the foreshore beyond.

It should be noted that all of the land surrounding the port and Silloth Care Home is listed as SSSI and should be treated as such, please see the signs around the area. The land is now monitored

by CCTV and we request the public to notify us should they see people using quad bikes, tractors or motor bikes on the dunes and surrounding areas.

February

3rd Runner with a cargo of Bottom Ash from Kilroot then on to Belfast.

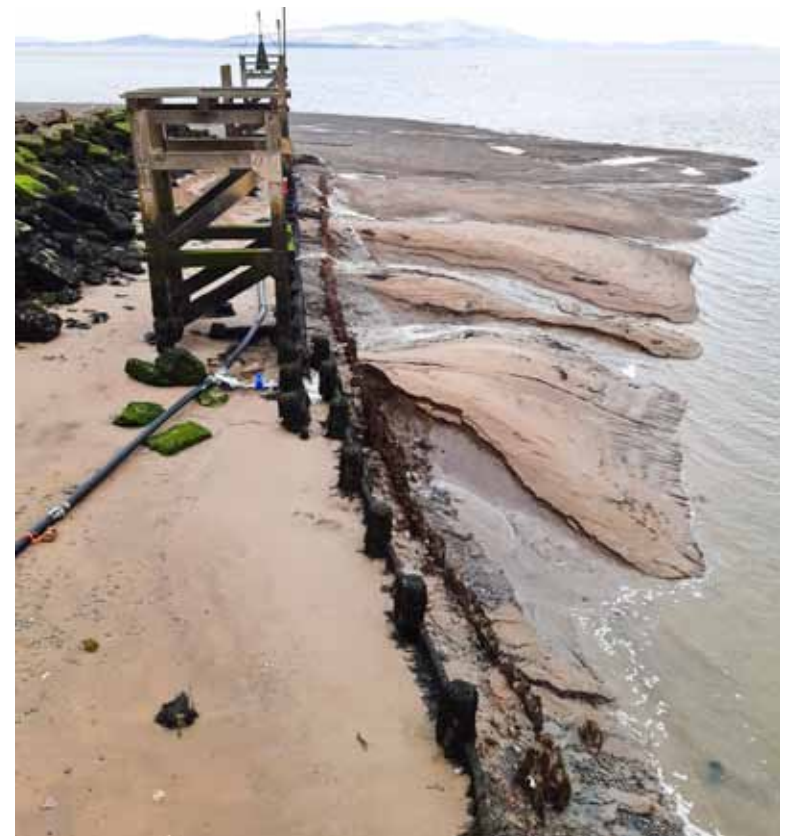
11th Zapadnyy with a cargo of Molasses from Amsterdam then on to Gdansk.

February saw the arrival of our first Bottom Ash (Clinker Ash) of the year on the MV Runner, managed by our colleagues up in Ayr and Troon on behalf of ABP. Followed by our normal run of fishing vessels and the old faithful, Zapadnyy bringing Molasses once again for our farming community.

Not much else has transpired shipping-wise at the port, we are still suffering from the effects of freight rate increases in the maritime industry and very high fertiliser costs due to several interlinked reasons to do with Ukraine and Russia.

Our local inhabitants may have noticed us pumping water onto the beach over the last few weeks, this has been a trial run at creating an environmentally friendly way of dredging the port entrance.

Instead of using a dredger, a digger or a bulldozer/digger



combination, we have worked on using water to flush away the silt and shingle brought in by tidal flow and wave action. This has actually been very successful in removing approximately 10,000 tonnes of sand and silt built up during late last year and the January gales. We have not as yet been successful in removing the shingle pile left by the digger, however are looking to attempt a further trial using a significantly larger pump on the shingle and see if we can "wash" that away as well.

Further discussion over coastal path and parking areas on port land have taken place with the Town Council and we look forward to that being moved ahead as soon as possible.

Here's hoping this is the end to the cold weather and it will be nice and warm for the next few months of Lambing.



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An Idea for Carnival Day



Report by: Mike Faulkner

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this year.

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We have installed a new cabinet to show off more antique toy figures and a large number of stunning hand-painted models of soldiers from the wars of napoleon and the wars of the 20th Century.

Many of these are from the collection of a gentleman from Carlisle who recently passed on. His home was a wonderland of figures, books and pictures, all about Napoleon, Wellington and especially the Battle of Waterloo.

His family were anxious to find a fitting home for the collection and we at least have been able to take the soldiers.

Soldiers in Silloth is only manned and open at weekends owing to a lack of volunteer staff.

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Flying the Flag for Silloth Football



Report & Photos by: Amy Wise

On the 15th January the Silloth Girls U12 Blacks travelled across to the North East to play against Sunderland Academy.

The Silloth Girls did us proud, putting in a fantastic performance right throughout the team, coming away with a 4-2 win against a very strong, talented, technical side. Head Coach, Peter Wise commented "it's rare to get an opportunity for a grassroots team to test themselves against academy level players. Sunderland has a wonderful set up for girls football and it was an amazing experience for all."

To round off the day the girls then went on to watch Sunderland Women v Durham in a local derby as part of the FA Womens Championship, which turned out to be a very competitive and enjoyable game to watch.

A special thank you to Rio Hardy from Workington, who currently plays for Durham, for spotting the Cumbrian flag and coming over to talk to the girls after the match



The Silloth U12 girls team was founded back in 2019 just prior to the Covid pandemic. The team has grown from strength to strength with many of the girls training 3/4 times a week. It's fantastic to see such great dedication and commitment for such a young team and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for them.



Silloth Football Club 100th Anniversary



Back: Leslie Birks, Ian Blair, Colin Irving, Roland Donald (Dooley), M. Scotter, Dennis Winter

Front: John Slack, Gordon Graham, Roland Winter, Alex Richardson (Capt.), Donald Pape

Report by: LJ Scott & IA Baty
Friends of Silloth Football Club

This month's trip down memory lane takes us back to the 1964-5 Carlisle League Div 2 (West) season.

It was a period of rebuilding for the club after a couple of horrific years.

The previous campaign saw them finish next to bottom following relegation after the infamous season from hell, every match in a 26 match league and four match cup programme was lost, most by disappointing score lines.

Things began to improve albeit very slowly, but it was another three years before promotion back to the first division was attained.

Footnote: Alex, along with Ernie Bell

and Joe Graham, all from West Silloth came up through the ranks in the 1950's when they were schoolboys.

Silloth FC's youth structure in those days was quite simple. Comprising the weekly Saturday morning Silloth v West Silloth youth matches prior to Lonsdale Cup (U18) selection, followed by reserves and senior appearances.

Alex and Ernie were members of the 1960-61 Div 2 (West) championship winning squad.

When work commitments saw them move to Carlisle they both won another Carlisle District League winner medal with DHCC, a Denton Holme outfit.

Ernie also saw Northern Premier semi pro action with Lancaster City.

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