



Queen Emma
by Emma Wise aged 7
from Holme St. Cuthbert School

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Silloth Beer Festival Book Dr Feelgood



Robert Kane - lead singer with the renowned Rhythm & Blues band, Dr Feelgood

Silloth Beer Festival will be on Silloth Green from the 9th to 12th September this year, it will be held in a new giant size marquee.

There will be over 100 of the very best Real

Ales and Ciders.

Every kind of music from Brass Bands to Sixties will be playing, plus a mega-karaoke contest. On Friday 10th one of the most popular live rhythm and

blues acts in the world, 'Dr Feelgood' will be playing at the Silloth Beer Festival as part of their European Tour, don't miss the next issue of the Buzz for more details.

Rotary Centenary Tree



The Rotary volunteers attempt to bury local hotelier Fausto Previtali

2005 will see Rotary International celebrating its centenary and the Silloth-on-Solway Rotary club has arranged for an Oak Tree to be planted on the Green as part of the celebrations. The tree is to be planted in place of the existing shrubbery between the crazy golf course & the wishing well. Work has now started on preparing the site and under the auspices of local landscaping contractor (and Rotarian) Charlie

Harrison, supported by Fausto Previtali, Joe Campbell and Geoff Betsworth they muscled in to help remove a rather well established holly and other equally stubborn bushes.

The job would have been a lot more difficult had it not been for the generosity of club members Joe Campbell with his Land Rover complete with winch and also Michael Pearson who lent the club a tractor & trailer for the duration of the job.

January in the Solway!



What were they doing? Turn to page 7 for more photos and story.

Festival of Art

The Festival of Art is being held again in Silloth from 20th June to 2nd July. Watercolours, Acrylics, Oils and Pastels will be on show in all the shop windows in Silloth town centre.

The organisers, Heather and Olive Wood, will also

be showing their watercolour paintings and cards in their garden and Solaire at 152 Skinburness Road on the 20th to 31st August. They will charge a £1 entrance fee, all of the fees collected will be for the funds of Silloth Carnival Committee.



King Bee
by Sarah Wood
aged 9 from
Silloth Primary School

Shortage of Bed & Breakfast Accommodation in Silloth-on-Solway

At the recent STAG meeting concern was raised about the shortage of Bed and Breakfast accommodation in and around Silloth, which is

reported to be acute.

We do need more good B&B's if we are to encourage visitors to the town. Perhaps some enterprising Buzz readers may like to give

it a thought.

Leaflets regarding establishing a B&B may be obtained from the Silloth Tourist Information Centre.

Regular Weekly Events

Mondays
Bingo – Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:15pm
Domino Drive – Recreation Hall, Eden Street
Playing Field @ 7:30pm

Tuesdays
Bingo – Bowling Club, Eden Street @ 7pm
Whist Drive – Recreation Hall, Eden Street
Playing Field @ 2pm

Wednesdays
Coffee Morning – Silloth Nursing Home @ 10am
Bingo – Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:30pm

Thursdays
Market – Criffel Street 10am to 4pm
Whist Drive – Recreation Hall, Eden Street
Playing Field @ 7:30pm

Fridays
Bingo – R.A.F.A. Club @ 7:30pm

Saturdays
Bingo – Silloth Social Club, Waver Street @ 7:30pm
Music & Dancing – R.A.F.A. Club, evening

Sundays
Market – Criffel Street 10am to 4pm
Market & Car Boot – Silloth Airfield 10am to 4pm
RNLI – Exercise @ 10am
Bingo – Bowling Club, Eden Street @ 7pm

Useful Tel Numbers

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Silloth Library:	01697332195
Police:	01900602422
Quakers, Wigton:	01228523174
Samaritans:	01228544444
Silloth Community School:	01697331234
Silloth Nursery & Junior School:	01697331243
Silloth Town Clerk:	01697331128
Silloth Tourist Information Centre:	01697331944
Solway Buzz:	01697332180
Taxi:	01697331508
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Silloth Football Club Training

Training Sessions for the Season 2004

Under 7's
Saturdays 1pm - 2pm

Under 8's
Thursdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Under 10 Boys
Thursdays 4pm - 5pm

Under 10 & 12 Girls
Thursdays 5pm - 6pm

Under 12's Boys
Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm

Mens
Tuesdays 6:45pm - 8:30pm

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Thursday	10am-1:30pm 2:30pm-5pm
Friday	10am-1:30pm 2:30pm-5pm
Saturday	10am-12noon

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Tuesdays 5:30pm-6:30pm

Under 14's
Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm

Mens
Tuesdays 6:45pm-8:15pm

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Wigton Sports Hall
Tuesdays 8pm to 9pm
Transport: 016973 61344 / 61338

Dates for your Diary

March

6th Silloth & District Pensioners Association
Coffee Morning 10 to 11:30am in Eden Street Recreation Hall

6th AONB Discussion Group in Solway Discovery Centre @ 2:30pm

9th Age Concern
Old Time & Sequence Dancing in Silloth Community School 1:45 to 3:45pm

10th Blue Peter
Bring & Buy Sale
Christ Church Hall @ 5pm

18th Royal British Legion Womens Section Clay Modelling
Silloth Social Club @ 7:30pm

20th Allerdale Crunch Service,
9 - 10am Criffel Street, Silloth

28th Solway Autograss Club, Silloth Airfield

15th Silloth & District Business Association
The Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm

23rd Age Concern
Old Time & Sequence Dancing in Silloth Community School 1:45 to 3:45pm

April

3rd Silloth & District Pensioners Association
Coffee Morning 10 to 11:30am in Eden Street Recreation Hall

3rd AONB Discussion Group in Solway Discovery Centre @ 2:30pm

6th Age Concern
Old Time & Sequence Dancing in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45 to 3:45pm

9th Crafts on the Green

10th Crafts on the Green

10th Christ Church with St. Pauls, Easter Coffee Morning in the Church Hall @ 10:00-11:30am

11th Guided Sea Shell Safari, meet @ Silloth TIC, 2pm

11th Crafts on the Green

12th Crafts on the Green

15th Royal British Legion Womens Section, Talk & Slides
Silloth Social Club @ 7:30pm

19th Silloth & District Business Association
The Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm

20th Age Concern
Old Time & Sequence Dancing in Silloth Community School 1:45 to 3:45pm

24th Allerdale Crunch Service,
9 - 10am Criffel Street, Silloth

25th Solway Autograss Club, Silloth Airfield

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

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May

1st Silloth & District Pensioners Association
Coffee Morning 10 to 11:30am in Eden Street Recreation Hall

4th Age Concern
Old Time & Sequence Dancing in (check with Silloth 31528) 1:45 to 3:45pm

7th Christ Church with St. Pauls, Dalston Male Voice Choir in Christ Church @ 7:30pm

9th Solway Autograss Club, Silloth Airfield
National Qualifiers

13th Christ Church with St. Pauls, Christ Church PCC tea in the Church Hall @ 2pm

14th Art Exhibition hosted by Silloth Inner Wheel in the Golf Hotel

14th Guided Sea Shell Safari, meet @ Silloth TIC, 2pm

15th Art Exhibition hosted by Silloth Inner Wheel in the Golf Hotel

16th Art Exhibition hosted by Silloth Inner Wheel in the Golf Hotel

17th Silloth & District Business Association
The Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm

18th Age Concern
Old Time & Sequence Dancing in Silloth Community School 1:45 to 3:45pm

20th Royal British Legion Womens Section talk on Trading Standards
Silloth Social Club @ 7:30pm

22nd Allerdale Crunch Service,
9 - 10am Criffel Street, Silloth

27th Royal British Legion Womens Section
Trip to a Chocolate Factory

June

5th Silloth & District Pensioners Association
Annual Trip Out

5th Silloth Trawler Race
Watch from the Esplanade at 1:30pm

11th Auction of Promises & Prize Draw Raffle hosted by Silloth & District Business Ass'n
Golf Hotel @ 8pm

13th Guided Sea Shell Safari, meet @ Silloth TIC, 2pm

18th Silloth Vintage Rally on the Green

19th Silloth Vintage Rally on the Green

19th Christ Church with St. Pauls, Coffee Morning at the Church Hall @ 10-11:30am

19th Solway Autograss Club, Silloth Airfield
Two Day Cumberland Open

19th Allerdale Crunch Service,
9 - 10am Criffel Street, Silloth

20th Christ Church with St. Pauls, Church Brunch in the Church Hall @ 12noon-1pm

20th Solway Autograss Club, Silloth Airfield
Two Day Cumberland Open

20th Silloth Festival of Art

21st Silloth Festival of Art

21st Silloth & District Business Association
The Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm

22nd Silloth Festival of Art

23rd Silloth Festival of Art

24th Silloth Festival of Art

25th Silloth Festival of Art

June

26th Silloth Festival of Art

27th Silloth Festival of Art

28th Silloth Festival of Art

29th Silloth Festival of Art

30th Silloth Festival of Art

July

1st Silloth Festival of Art

1st Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

2nd Silloth Festival of Art

3rd Silloth & District Pensioners Association
Strawberry Tea at 2pm in St Andrews Hall, Solway St

8th Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

11th Solway Autograss Club, Silloth Airfield

13th Guided Sea Shell Safari, meet @ Silloth TIC, 2pm

15th Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

16th Christ Church with St. Pauls, Flower Festival in Christ Church; refreshments in Church Hall

16th Christ Church with St. Pauls, Men's Choir Summer Concert in the Church Hall @ 7pm

17th Christ Church with St. Pauls, Flower Festival in Christ Church; refreshments in Church Hall

17th Allerdale Crunch Service,
9 - 10am Criffel Street, Silloth

18th Christ Church with St. Pauls, Flower Festival in Christ Church; refreshments in Church Hall

18th Christ Church with St. Pauls, Songs of Praise in Christ Church with the Dearham Brass Band @ 6:30pm

19th Silloth & District Business Association
The Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm

22nd Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

28th Guided Sea Shell Safari, meet @ Silloth TIC, 2pm

29th Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

August

5th Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

9th Guided Sea Shell Safari, meet, Silloth TIC, 11am

11th Guided Sea Shell Safari, meet @ Silloth TIC, 2pm

12th Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

12th Christ Church with St. Pauls, St Paul's tea in the Church Hall @ 2pm

14th Allerdale Crunch Service,
9 - 10am Criffel Street, Silloth

18th Guided Sea Shell Safari, meet, Silloth TIC, 10am

19th Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

26th Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

27th Marine Week Sea Shell Safari, meet @ Silloth TIC, 2pm

30th Silloth Carnival

31st Special Sea Shell Safari, no children under 10yrs, meet @ Silloth TIC, 5pm

September

2nd Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

4th Silloth & District Pensioners Association
Anniversary Coffee Morning 10am to 11:30am in Eden Street Recreation Hall

9th Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

9th Guided Sea Shell Safari, meet @ Silloth TIC, 2pm

9th Silloth Beer Festival

10th Silloth Beer Festival

11th Silloth Beer Festival

12th Silloth Beer Festival

12th Solway Autograss Club, Silloth Airfield
Gordon Jameson Memorial

16th Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

18th Allerdale Crunch Service,
9 - 10am Criffel Street, Silloth

20th Silloth & District Business Association
The Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm

23rd Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

30th Guided Bird Watching Walk, meet @ Silloth TIC, 11am

October

2nd Silloth & District Pensioners Association
Coffee Morning 10 to 11:30am in Eden Street Recreation Hall

3rd Solway Autograss Club, Silloth Airfield

16th Allerdale Crunch Service,
9 - 10am Criffel Street, Silloth

18th Silloth & District Business Association
The Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm

November

6th Silloth & District Pensioners Association
Coffee Morning 10 to 11:30am in Eden Street Recreation Hall

13th Allerdale Crunch Service,
9 - 10am Criffel Street, Silloth

15th Silloth & District Business Association
The Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm

18th Christ Church with St. Pauls, Christmas Sale in the Church Hall @ 2:30-4:30pm

27th Silloth & District Pensioners Association
Christmas Party in Stanwix Park Holiday Centre

December

10th Christ Church with St. Pauls, Men's Choir
Christmas Concert in the Church Hall @ 7pm

11th Allerdale Crunch Service,
9 - 10am Criffel Street, Silloth

20th Silloth & District Business Association
The Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm

Copy date for the May issue

If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note that the next copy date is: 7th April 2004

Silloth Trawler Race

The Trawler Race will be held on Saturday 5th June at 1:30pm.

Watch from Silloth Esplanade and enjoy the fun. It is hoped there will be a Band in attendance.

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Weekly Whist & Domino Drives

Whist Drives:

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Thursday @ 7:30pm

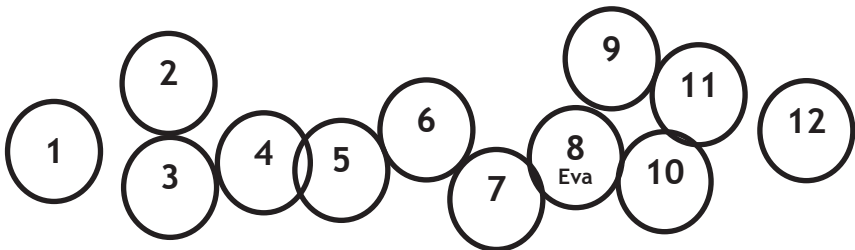
Domino Drive:

Monday @ 7:30pm

in the Recreation Hall
Eden Street Playing Field
Silloth - 50p entry

Everyone Welcome

1st Silloth Life Brigade circa 1926



Danny Holmes passed the Buzz this postcard of the 1st Silloth Life Brigade which he believes to have been taken around 1926. The girl circled is his mother, Eva Holmes (the only one wearing white socks).

Can any of our readers provide any more information? Danny would love to know the correct year the picture was taken and the names of everyone else in the picture. Please send any information to the Buzz (address on page 2).

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Silloth Tide Table

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TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT SILLOTH

(Courtesy of A.B.P. Silloth)
Times in GMT (add 1 hour)

		Heights in metres			
	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	
1st Mon	0704	4.8	1955	4.8	
2nd Tue	0838	5.1	2112	5.2	
3rd Wed	0937	5.6	2203	5.9	
4th Thu	1021	6.3	2244	6.4	
5th Fri	1100	6.9	2321	6.9	
6th Sat	1136	7.2	2356	7.2	
7th Sun	****	**	1210	7.5	
8th Mon	0031	7.4	1247	7.7	
9th Tue	0108	7.6	1325	8.0	
10th Wed	0146	7.6	1404	7.8	
11th Thu	0225	7.5	1444	7.6	
12th Fri	0306	7.2	1529	7.1	
13th Sat	0352	6.6	1620	6.4	
14th Sun	0449	6.0	1728	5.6	
15th Mon	0610	5.4	1901	5.2	
16th Tue	0746	5.4	2037	5.5	
17th Wed	0906	6.0	2145	6.2	
18th Thu	1003	6.7	2234	6.7	
19th Fri	1049	7.3	2316	7.3	
20th Sat	1130	7.7	2354	7.5	
21st Sun	****	**	1208	7.8	
22nd Mon	0029	7.5	1243	7.8	
23rd Tue	0102	7.4	1320	7.6	
24th Wed	0135	7.2	1352	7.4	
25th Thu	0207	7.0	1425	7.0	
26th Fri	0238	6.6	1459	6.5	
27th Sat	0311	6.2	1537	6.0	
28th Sun	0352	5.7	1624	5.3	
29th Mon	0444	5.1	1729	4.8	
30th Tue	0604	4.6	1911	4.5	
31st Wed	0753	4.9	2037	5.0	

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Refuse Collection

For Crunch service dates see 'Dates for the Diary', for locations or to arrange collection of bulky items Tel: 01900 326453

Masthead Bee Winner

This month the winner is Emma Wise from Holme St. Cuthbert School with a bee called "Queen Emma".

Her prize will be awarded at the school.
Well done Emma!

Let us have details of your event, this free service also covers Abbeytown & Mawbray

Please let us have any dates of events through 2004 as soon as possible.

On the Waterfront by Tommy Legs

December is usually a quiet month but this year it proved to be busy, however the ships arrived and departed so as not to interfere with Xmas and New Year festivities.

The first visitor was the ARKLOW MILL with fertilizer quickly followed by the KORIANGI and LINK TRADER with wheat.

Next was the OSTERLAND with fertilisers. Also the SCOT PIONEER with wood pulp.

The BEN VARREY brought a cargo of wheat and the ALEXANDER TUARDOVSKIY a cargo of fertilizers, both ships sailing before Christmas.

Between Christmas

and New Year the ATHOS brought in fertilisers and there were two cargoes of molasses on the tankers FREYJA and FRIGG.

January also proved to be busy with eleven ships visiting the port.

The first ship was the Russian ALEXANDER GRIN with fertilizer and a return visit by the molasses tanker FREYJA. Next was the PILSUM with wheat and the BALTISKIY-202, BALTISKIY-102, ARKLOW SAND & ARKLOW STAR with fertilizer.

The BALTICA-HAV and the BEN ELLAN both brought in wheat and the ANNA and the VASILY SHUKSKIN ended the month with cargoes of fertilizer.

Solway Community School

The Rural Academy of Cumbria – a new sort of Technology College

Nine schools in one
There was a distinctly jubilant mood in Penrith, when the Headteachers of nine rural secondary schools in Cumbria, assembled for a strategy meeting. In the list of Specialist Schools announced recently by Schools Standards Minister David Miliband is The Rural Academy of Cumbria Technology College.

This is the first award of specialist status to such a partnership in a joint bid. The schools represent considerable diversity of character within a non-selective framework. Many are involved in teacher training with strong college links and all place a high priority upon educational research.

The nine schools that make up the Rural Academy are: Appleby Grammar School; Beacon Hill Community School, Aspatria; Cartmel Priory Church of England School; Edenside Community School, Cleator; John Ruskin School, Coniston; Lochinvar School, Longtown; Samuel King's School, Alston; Settlebeck High School, Sedburgh; and **Solway Community School**,

Silloth-on-Solway.
The Headteachers and a number of Heads of Department were briefed by the Department for Education & Skills in London on Wednesday. The Chair of the Academy and Head of Edenside Community School, Sara Gaston-Parry, comments; "These are exciting times for us. No longer will our students and communities need to feel disadvantaged because of isolation or shortage of resources. Our nine schools, working together as a Technology College, will be able to offer a platform of entitlement from which all will benefit."

A model for education in a rural setting
The Rural Academy of Cumbria aspires to be a model for the delivery of educational culture which is scientific, technological, enterprising and vocational in a rural setting. There is a determination to transform learning opportunities, raise expectations, and reduce isolation in their communities. The focus on the specialist

subjects will increase and improve the technological skills of the community away from traditional basic skills. This in turn will lead not only to a more highly and appropriately trained and employable work force; it will also widen horizons.

The schools are committed to lifelong learning and have the strategies and local knowledge to make this a reality - each school has an Adult Education Centre, and together they currently provide courses for over 3,000 adults. As local community schools, there are strong links with partner primary schools.

So far, the cost of transport between establishments has inhibited development. The additional funding granted as a Specialist Technology College will enable the development of 'cross-phase' and partnership projects, with the economies of scale arising from centralised resources and enhanced ICT. Extended use of e-mail and video-conferencing facilities will allow easier access to subject network meetings, and lead to greater sharing

of good practice.
Supporting regeneration through education
Development as a specialist Technology College will be a major contribution to the well-being and regeneration of rural Cumbria. As community leaders, the Academy will provide a window of opportunity for all ages and abilities, from the 'gifted and talented' to those with basic skills needs. By combining to create an infrastructure to serve over 2,300 students, the Rural Academy will strive for recognition in terms of its performance, innovation and care for the individual's learning.

The bid for Specialist status was supported by sponsorship from national and local organisations and businesses. A total of £150,000 of financial support has been pledged to date by: the HSBC Education Trust, Cumbria Community Foundation, BNFL, Cumberland Building Society, the Carlisle Diocesan Board, Carrs Milling Industries, The Queen's College, Oxford and Furness Building Society. BT has also provided significant sponsorship in kind.

24/7 Childcare Service

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Jumping Jacks Childcare in Wigton are planning to open a Childrens Hotel on 29th March, subject to an OFSTED inspection at the start of March.

Jumping Jacks are an OFSTED registered Children's Day Care Centre catering for children aged from 0 to 14 years, Monday to Friday, 7am to 6pm. They have a Baby Unit, Day Nursery, Grant Registered Pre-School, Out of School Club and Youth Centre. They also offer Breakfast Clubs, Holiday Clubs along with Wrap Around Care using their own minibus. With a 24/7 service



available, they will be able to provide these services anytime, which is what todays parents sometimes need.
The 24/7 service will comprise six bedrooms, two bathrooms, a disabled bathroom and a staff bathroom, as well as a living area and kitchen. This is on the first floor of the centre and can be accessed through our newly fitted lift or stairs.

Busy Bees Been Busy

Here at the Solway Buzz we have a great big appetite for bee drawings, our local schools have been really good at getting the children to draw bees - but we always need more.....
For the first time this year, we are now printing some pages in colour, so coloured bees are very welcome. If you are sending bees to us (our address is on page 2) please try to make them bold and not too small. Use plain white paper, not lined or coloured paper and don't fold the drawing.
We need to know your name, date of birth, school (and town if you are not local) and a name for your bee.
Did you know?
Every issue of the Buzz appears on the Solway Buzz web site, so your bee drawing will be admired by people all around the world. There are also lots of pictures of events from this area - take a look.

Silloth Tennis Club #1

Report by: Ricki T Racket
The common perception that Tennis is a "Summer only" sport is slowly being eroded away in Silloth as more and more of our junior members are becoming what's known as "full-time" players. With indoor coaching sessions being held twice a week over the winter months and over 50 players attending we are gradually starting to break down those draconian beliefs and a whole generation are being brought up on Tennis as an all year round sport. The advent of the indoor sports centre will only enhance what we are trying to do.
The Monday evening sessions, held at the

community school are proving to be very successful and have produced a beginners group that has great potential and a huge zest for the game. To keep the competitive

part in the indoor event at Chatsworth Tennis Club in Carlisle. Nadyne Cole, Dawn Graham, Joe and Billy Smith all performed well with each player winning at least one match and also proving to be excellent ambassadors for the club and the town to boot.
2003's Bounceathon win and subsequent Wimbledon trip and national press and television coverage could prove to be a hard act to follow for the coming year, however, with an



Bonker Bee
by Megan Kendall
aged 6
from Holm Cultram Abbey School

increase in activities and competition, an open day, a summer camp, the possibility of matches against other clubs, a mini tennis awards programme in place and, of course, the Bounceathon again, 2004 should see Silloth Tennis Club going from strength to strength.



Fredy the Drummer
by Christopher Holliday
aged 11
from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Queen Bee
by Charlotte Hetherington
aged 5
from Holm Cultram Abbey School

element alive for the older groups we have introduced monthly "mini" tournaments with winners for November and December being Ryan Bervoets, Gareth Davenport, Dawn Graham and Lisa Bervoets respectively.
December also saw four of our most promising players venture outside the confines of the club environment to take



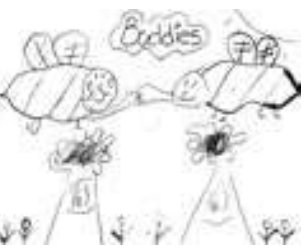
Sunny
by Anthony Williamson
aged 10
from Holm Cultram Abbey School



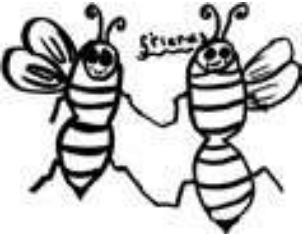
Honey Bee
by Sadie Lewis
aged 4
from Holme St. Cuthbert School



Bionical Bee!
by Oliver Carr
aged 8 from Holme St. Cuthbert School



Buddy Bees
by Kerry Logan
aged 11 from Holm Cultram Abbey School



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by Megan Kingsbury
aged 10 from Silloth Primary School



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Allerdale Youth Bank

What is – Allerdale Youth Bank?

It is a grant programme for young people run by young people. It is part of Youth Bank UK, which is an exciting new initiative encouraging young people to become involved in local grant making. Allerdale is host to the first Youth Bank in Cumbria.

The young people involved in Allerdale Youth Bank have worked hard to set rules for how money can be spent and who can apply. They have developed their own application forms and decision making process, and they decide which groups get grants. They have £10,000 available to give out in grants of £50 up to £500.

Who can get money from the Youth Bank?

Any groups which are run for and by young people aged between 11 and 25 and operate in Allerdale. Groups have to have a set of Rules, or a Constitution. Groups will not be awarded full

grants for their project, they will be expected to do other fundraising.

What can the money be for?

Activities such as: circus, dance, drama, arts & crafts workshops. Sports activities and equipment. Days out or trips away. Residential trips. Equipment for your club. Money to set up a new club.

Any group can only have one grant in any 12 month period.

What groups cannot get money?

Schools, Racist Groups, Sexist Groups or Businesses.

How to get the money:

You can get the form and help to complete the form from Clare at Cumbria Community Foundation, tel: 01900 825760, email: clare@cumbriafoundation.org.

The Allerdale Youth Bank is supported by: Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria Youth Alliance, Young Cumbria and Cumbria Community Foundation.

Little Acre Care Staff Awards



Edith Crabtree (the most "senior" resident) at Little Acre Care Home in Silloth, told members of staff that she was immensely proud to be asked recently to present them with their National Vocational Qualification badges and certificates.

The awards went to Deputy Manager Charmaine Akitt (Level 3) and Care Assistants Julie Crawford & Dorinda Temple (Level 2). Although unable to attend the presentation Margaret Proud also achieved NVQ (Level 2) in care.

Silloth Youth Centre

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

What is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award?

The Award is a challenging programme of Activities, which are decided by you for you and which may help you to:

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The sections are:
Service – The service is you helping out in the local community on a volunteer basis.

Skills – To learn a new skill or improve an existing skill, this can include things like: DJ'ing, Art and Design or music playing.

Physical Recreation
To learn or take part in a new sport of your choice or to improve one you already enjoy playing.
Expedition – To take part in a self reliant adventure over a number of days in a small team of 4- 7 members either by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat, or dinghy.

We are hoping to offer the award at the Silloth Youth Club, which is situated at: The Youth Club Centre, Liddell Street, Silloth
We are also looking for volunteers in the Solway area to help us to offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award to young people.

You don't need any experience or skills, just the enthusiasm to help young people to achieve their potential.

We are running a one-day training course in March to help any volunteers to deliver the award. This may lead on to a nationally accredited course through the Open College Network (OCN) over the summer.

We are having an open night at 7pm on Monday 22nd March at the Silloth Youth Club, so if you are interested joining the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme or being a volunteer, please drop in and have a chat. Or 'phone Richard Fielder (01900 325053) or Bill Johnston (016973 31978) for more information and details.

ALL WELCOME



Buzzinator
by
Kieron Carr
aged 9
from
Silloth Primary School

Silloth & District OAP's

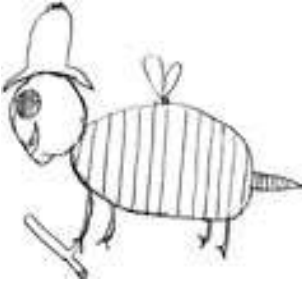
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Tequila Sunrise visiting Silloth

Report by:
Chris Puxley

In response to Stephen Wrights enquiry, I can furnish the following information about the 'Tequila Sunrise'.

For Silloth, she was a relatively large vessel at that time, (93.7m LOA) and unusual in being the first vessel seen here to carry a free-fall launched lifeboat (over the stern), as opposed to the standard davit launched lifeboats. She was a new ship, launched as the "Martin" but renamed 'Tequila Sunrise' by her charterers. She was German, registered at Hamburg and flying their convenience flag of Antigua.

She arrived at Silloth on her maiden voyage, on Thursday 3rd September 1987 from Rendsburg (on the Kiel Canal), carrying empty containers, some on deck. The deck containers had to be temporarily off-loaded to open the hatches, in order to load 2,147 tons of palletised cartons of dried milk powder from the Nestle factory at Dalston.



MV "Tequila Sunrise" loading Nestles milk powder



MV "Tequila Sunrise" leaving for El Salvador

She sailed on Monday 7th September, bound for El Salvador.

Container ships are indeed a rarity at Silloth. The majority of our cargoes are dry bulk, with occasional shipments of bagged or baled commodities. However, due to a three month long labour

dispute in 1969 at the port of Preston (now closed), the port of Silloth briefly benefited by handling their container shipments from Ireland.

I trust the above will be of interest to Mr Wright and others, and many thanks for his good wishes.

Methodist 'Pop-In' Soup Morning

Report by: Diana Shaw

The Methodist church held the first "Pop-in" soup Morning of 2004, on 14th January. It was very well attended, all the guests enjoyed a variety of soups with bread rolls then a cup of tea with biscuits along with a good chat with friends old and new. There were two more events in January and two in February.

The charge of £1 per person for these events is going towards church funds, as we are having to spend several thousands of pounds in the near future to meet the Disabled Discrimination Act of Parliament.



Some of the volunteers who made and served the soup



A few who enjoyed the warm and tasty soup on a cold winters day

Holme St. Cuthbert Christingle



The popular Christingle Service was held on Xmas Eve in Aid of the Childrens Society at Holme St. Cuthbert Parish church.

Countryside Community Environment Award



Report by: Graeme Proud

The Solway Coast Community Volunteer Group is the proud recipient of the 2003 Cumberland News Countryside Community Environment Award.

Volunteer coordinator Graeme Proud attended a gala dinner at the Shepherds Inn on Friday 23rd January with volunteer Mr Norman Hammond where they accepted the 'Herdie', a trophy modelled on the Herdwick Sheep, and £200 on behalf of the volunteer group. The

Community Environment Award is given to the project that is deemed to promote the greatest awareness of the environment.

On behalf of the Solway Coast Community Volunteer Group, a big thank you to the volunteers and schools who have assisted with these projects in the Solway Coast Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty during the past year. Anyone requiring further information about the volunteer

group, or interested in attending any of our events should contact either Graeme Proud or Rose Wolfe at the AONB Unit, Solway Coast Discovery Centre, Liddell Street, Silloth, tel: 016973 33055 or email: graeme.proud@solwaycoastaonb.org.uk.

Silloth & District Pensioners

Report by: Diana Shaw

On Saturday February 7th the Silloth & District Pensioners Association held their first coffee morning of the year. It was a cold and windy morning but the event was well supported by Silloth pensioners and visitors.

The cake stall was full of delicious home made pies and cakes, also biscuits. The bric a brac stall had lots of bargains to be had, there was brisk buying. The tables looked lovely with spring daffodils in the centre. Everyone enjoyed their coffee and home made scones. The drawing had eleven prizes, all donated.

The lucky winners were: Lilly Osborne, Mabel Hope, Irene Denard, Mim Gering, Carol Haines, Annie Rumney, Molly Blair, Audrey Winter, Margaret Peach, Madge Creighton, & Mary Lymer. The Morning takings were £161.10. Thanks to all who helped to make the event a success.

The next Coffee morning will be March 6th followed by the 11th April, both in the Eden Street Recreation Hall from 10am to 11:30am, all are welcome.

The Summer Outing Trip in June will visit "York", more details later.

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Spirit of the Carnival

Stars in your Eyes in aid of Great North Air Ambulance

Report by: Karen Mathews & Family

A great night was had by all at the Rugby Club, who provided their facilities free, also a big thanks to local singer Stevie G, who also entertained us free of charge.

It is remarkable how all friends, family, and the community have helped us to raise money for this well deserved charity. Donations were made from so many people; Silloth RUFC, Mr Mike Blake, Julie & Dogie, Christine & Ian, the ladies at the sorting office in Wigton to mention only a few. Thank you to all for your kindness and generosity, it really was overwhelming.

Thanks also go to the many shops who donated prizes for the draw on the night, over £1,800 was raised, this was so much more than we ever expected. Last but not least thanks to



Mick Shaw as Brian Connolly from Sweet all the stars for the night who included Elvis, Alvin Stardust, Bobby V, Chubby Brown, Rod Stewart, that Cheeky Girl – Lorna Winter and finally the River Dancers. Thank you once more to all who gave up their time, made a donation, gave a prize, bought tickets and attended on the night. Your support and help has been invaluable in raising funds.



Karaoke King – Malc Wise



Ken Jefferson as Alvin Stardust

New Owners for local Chippy



Eric Cairns, Pat Lavery, Lucy Wallace, Lucy Whitham, Ben Cork, Justin Thornberry, Kerrie Wilson, Katie Blair

At the beginning of the year John's Plaice situated on Solway Street, Silloth was taken over by Justin Thornberry and Eric Cairns. Both are from County Durham and have vast experience in fish frying, having worked in various fish and chip shops.

Since taking over, John's Plaice has won the Seafish Friers

Quality award for their extremely high standards 'Quality Fish and Chips, Quality Premises and Quality Service'.

Justin and Eric also received a qualification from the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health for food safety, Health and Safety and Environmental Protection.

Justin and Eric would like to thank the staff at John's Plaice for their recent efforts in achieving the high standards which have led to the awards. They would also like to thank the Silloth community and surrounding areas for their warm welcome and continued support and hope to see everyone soon in their favourite chippy.

January Dip in the Solway!

New Years Day Sponsored Dip In The Tide in aid of Great North Air Ambulance



Report by:
Karen Mathews
& Family

Yet another brilliant success and a big thanks to all who participated on the day, also to everyone who sponsored a dipper.

The event raised over £6,000 which was much more than we imagined we would raise. The turn- out on the day was great with over thirty people dipping, the weather was much milder than it had been (thankfully), still it was quite a shock when that first foot hit the water.

Once again the people of silloth and surrounding areas have given generously to this well deserved cause, you are unaware that we need such things until one day the unexpected happens and you find yourself well aware of the fact.

Thank you to all our friends and family for all their love and support without which we could not have coped over the last few months.

The Great North Air Ambulance Service operates only two aircraft, one is based at Blyth in Northumberland, the other is based at Teeside International Airport. The charity is trying to raise funds to operate a third aircraft here in Cumbria.

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Letters

Dear Buzz,

I am a regular visitor to Silloth and one of the main reasons I come is to see the shipping activity around the docks. Imagine my delight, then, when I arrived on December 29th to see three ships in the port, all discharging their cargoes. The sight of the large tanker named "FRIGG" was certainly worth seeing and I also had the bonus of seeing this ship depart. I think the docks are a real asset to the town and can provide much interest for visitors. On the same day I picked up a copy of the Buzz and, in addition to the usual report on shipping by 'Tommy Legs' which I always enjoy reading, was delighted to read Captain Puxley's report of Silloth's 'Record Breakers' giving details of Silloth's largest ships. However, I have a query which I wonder whether anyone can answer. Back in the 1980's, when I was nine, I remember seeing a very large ship in Silloth by the name of 'TEQUILA SUNRISE', a container ship which was loading a containerised cargo. She seemed massive but does not feature in the list of record breakers. Does anyone remember her, and is she the only container ship to have visited Silloth? And how big exactly was she?

Wishing the port a prosperous 2004,

Stephen Wright

Silloth Harbourmaster Captain Chris Puxley has very kindly answered Stephens interesting questions in his article on page 6.

Ed

Dear Buzz,

In view of the new laws which give special wardens (which could include councillors) the power to impose on the spot fines for certain public nuisance issues, which includes dogs fowling in public areas. I would like to plead to all dog owners to kindly clean up after their dogs. I realise that most responsible dog owners do this, but there are a minority who certainly don't. Particular area of interest to me are the pavements around Barracks Bridge which are regularly fouled.

Anonymous
(details supplied)



Tracy & Ashley!
by
Lorna de Mello
aged 5
from
Holme St. Cuthbert School



Dancing Bee
by
Nick Graham
aged 8
from
Holm Cultram Abbey School

Tip for the Top

In one of the pre-Christmas editions of the Buzz I predicted that browns would be the must have colour for the winter and spring season, that prediction turned out 100% spot on.

Judging by the number of new or rediscovered browns I have seen in the area a lot of people seem to have taken my fashion tip on board. Its great to have so many stunning brunettes in town for a change.

I have noticed a few people have gone for the standard all over brown job out of a box, which tends to be matt, bland, and boring. So uncool for the teen's to thirty somethings and just a tad unflattering for the complexion of

others. What we should have been looking for is lots of different browns mixed to give light and shade to your hair, dark chocolate with caramel and a red rich brown go wonderful together.

Browns are still the must have colour for the season, so be sure to have yours done with a technique that will give you lots of variety of colour. Have your hair meshed, sliced, padded or polished, any one will do the trick, you can't by it in a box and it never turns out like the picture on the box - does it?.

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Peter Josef



Love Bees
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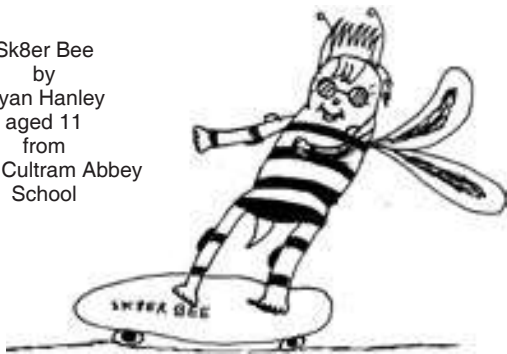


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Sk8er Bee
by
Ryan Hanley
aged 11
from
Holm Cultram Abbey
School



Memories of Days Gone Bye

The "Yarrow" was sold before the war, when she went for her annual refit, her sister ships used to take her place, they were the "Teviot" and the "Ettrick", like the Yarrow they were all named after Scottish rivers. They were owned by Sloans of Glasgow, the Yarrow was sold to Palgrave Murphy of

Dublin and stopped trading here after the war started, she was renamed the Assaroe.

The old lairage was scrapped and a new one built by a company, it seemed to be a good business for quite a while. A Dutch firm brought the cattle from Ireland and then it all went when the big fiddle was found to be

getting more than his share of the profits and the firm went bust.

Another bit of news before the first war was the "Florence" hitting the dock wall when entering the dock and it sank in the dock, it was said that the eels were floating on the top of the water, drunk with wheat they had eaten.

Another piece of news was The "Tilling" going on the sand bank, between the Scottish channel and ours into Silloth. A buoy had broken adrift and the skipper missed his way because of it. The "Tilling" was loaded with sheets of tin for Hudson Scotts of Carlisle and was stranded for two weeks, the salvage ship and two tug boats got her off and brought her to Silloth with a list on, after dumping part of her cargo while she was aground. Two tugs the "Vanguard" and the "Strong Bow" towed her away to Liverpool after some days being patched up.

The only cargoes loaded out now are the cement boats, at least I think the cement is the only cargoes loaded out now. Fisons closed down and took most of their staff with them to Immingham about 30 years ago. Apart from the mill there is nothing left, its pleasing to know they are doing so well since the mill was modernised.

Causewayhead WI.

Jan 2004 meeting report

President Pat Bell welcomed members along with visitors from Silloth WI to the first meeting of 2004.

It is the turn of Causewayhead WI to send a delegate to the meeting in Sheffield in June.

We are invited to send a team of four to the Christ Church Quiz night on Feb 13th and names were collected for this event.

The Darts Team will compete at Wigton on Feb 20th.

Five committee members then presented a five minute straight faced presentation of 'Cinderella' which was received with much laughter.

This was followed by a panel game organised by Diana Shaw. Four members were asked to share their most embarrassing moment, list the three women they most admire and what they would like to change about themselves. They were also asked to name three things to put in a time capsule to be opened in 100 years time. This produced a great variety of answers including present day coins, a local newspaper, an aerial photo of Silloth, credit cards, and a list of current bird species. This last item in case that by 2104, parakeets and humming birds would appear in Silloth gardens, and flamingoes would be found wading about on Skinburness marsh.

The hostesses served supper, and Margaret Durham thanked CauseWay Head WI on behalf of the visitors for a very enjoyable evening.

The cup for the biggest mug was won by Diana Shaw with Jean Wilson coming second. Eileen Chambers won the flower competition with a snowdrop and Rosemary Brooks came second with a primula.

Mary Johnson and Margaret Wise took home the grocery parcels. Barbara Donald and Mavis Walker won raffle prizes.

Pat Bell rounded off a happy and light hearted evening by telling us the contents of two e-mails she had received from Australia, one of these was 'How Forrest Gump got to heaven.'

Feb 2004 meeting report

President Pat Bell welcomed members and two guests to the February meeting.

We were reminded that items for the Grocery Parcel must be up to date. It was hoped to arrange a coach trip on Friday June 4th to the Holker Hall Garden Festival and more details would be given next month.

The next Darts Match will be held at Wigton Bowling Club on Friday Feb 20th and members are asked to support the Causewayhead team at this event.

The Taylors of Harrogate bursary of £100 awarded for the work on the Heritage Centre Garden has been spent on trees and mulch.

Gifts of light mayonnaise and Dolphin friendly Tuna have been received from Hellmans and members will be able to sample these at the March meeting.

Mavis Walker then read the County News.

The speaker for the meeting was Mrs Barbara Hinde who has been involved for 14 years in the work of Tradecraft.

She showed us videos of coffee producers, tea pickers and women making beautiful jute hammocks. Working with Tradecraft meant that these people received a fair wage for the work they did where previously workers might earn only the equivalent of 9 pence an hour making T-shirts that retailed for £30 and tea pickers worked for 34 pence a day. Tradecraft provides advice on business practices and the suitability of products for the European Market. Reading and

writing are taught. Loans are arranged for bicycles enabling workers to get to work more easily than on foot.

Supermarkets are increasingly stocking Fairtrade products and Mrs Hinde was glad to see Silloth had a Co-op as they are major stockists.

The video of the women jute workers showed the women making hammocks of jute and taking them to be inspected by a Quality Controller. The journey began in a bullock cart, then by bus and finally by bicycle cart. These workers were told they needed to diversify and are now making gift cards from recycled materials.

Margaret Peach thanked Mrs Hinde for a fascinating talk. Members then had an opportunity to buy some of the items Mrs Hinde had brought along. Chocolate and sweets were very popular.

After supper, Member's brains were exercised in answering the questions in a Quiz set by Jean Wilson and Rosemary Brooks.

Jean Graham told us about the CDC Courses at Silloth Primary School and the Business Advice Day on Feb 19th.

The Flower Competition was won by Pauline Nixon with a beautiful hellebore. Jean Wilson was second.

Mavis Walker and Margaret Wise won the raffle while Elsie Doughty and Frances Jackson had the prettiest lace doilies.

The grocery parcels were taken home by Jean Vorley and Maureen Irvine.

Mrs Ruddick will give a talk on making jewellery at the next meeting on March 10th.



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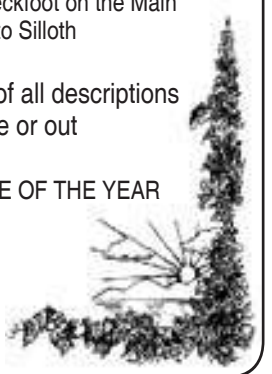
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by
Lesley Maddison
aged 10 from
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Plump Bee
by
Thomas Carr
aged 11
from
Holme St. Cuthbert School

Memories & Ramblings

In years to come we may have the canal between here and the North Sea, it's a long shot but it may happen. The Suez is 105 miles long and the Panama 50 miles so who knows it may be achieved here too.

I remember as a schoolboy seeing Mr Theodore Carr's yacht in the dock, Captain Idden was in command at the time, later Mr Ronald Carr had his moored in the same berth. He called it the "Carretta" and then Mr Ivan Carr had a sailing yacht in the same place.

Mr Ivan Carr also had two motorcycles, a 350cc and a 500cc. At that time there used to be racing on the beach up to Grune Point, Jimmy Gass who owned Sea View Garage used to take, part riding his AJS bike. Mr Carrs' were Brough Superior machines, and he parted with them and bought a Bugatee car.

Another Silloth man, Jimmy Brough, bought a big "Indian" motorcycle and then sold it to Billie Fletcher who was head man in the fitting shop at the mill. Billie then sold it to Frank Woodhouse, he broke his leg in an accident, and where the bike went to after Frank sold it, I couldn't say.

Silloth W.I.

Report by Jean Darling

Silloth W I Report by Mrs Jean Darling

The AGM was held in December when 50% of the members felt that they had to raise objections to the yearly increase in subscriptions.

As Mrs Minnie Richardson retired as Treasurer after many years of loyal service, the problem of replacing her arose, together with the essential number of members required to form a committee. Mrs Audrey Dorman (WI Advisory Officer) attended to advise us on any decisions for the future.

Following the Business Agenda, members enjoyed the traditional supper, then carols accompanied by Mrs Jean Gibson. President Mrs Margaret Durham presented Mrs Jean Darling with the competition winners cup for 2003, and then a gift to Mrs Dorman for her sound advice and help on the night.

At the January WI Birthday Party held in

the Silloth Golf Hotel, Mrs Dorman again visited to conduct another enquiry, a committee had not been formed, nor a replacement Treasurer found. A vote was taken, with the majority deciding that the Silloth Institute be suspended until a committee can be re-formed and serving officers elected within a time limit of 3 years.

The evening was tinged with sadness but organist Derek Shaw came along to entertain us with a wonderful programme, and a musical quiz, 1st prize going to Marilyn Little and daughter Karen.

The evening for members and friends then ended on a happier note, President Margaret Durham and Secretary Mrs Carol Haines were thanked for carrying out their duties so very efficiently during a very uncertain time.

Long serving past President Mrs Mary Lymer has continued to express regret that these circumstances have arisen.

Dizzy Bee
by
John Timperon
aged 10
from
Holme Cultram Abbey
School



Silly Geese

Story by: Ralph Pickering

One of my favourite birds has always been the goose, and it has always amazed me how they fly in that beautiful V formation. And when I watch a flock of Geese flying overhead it reminds me very much of us as followers of the

Lord Jesus Christ.

Here's a few little thoughts about that wonderful bird the Goose. By flying in V formation each bird flies in the slipstream of the bird in front and the whole flock can increase its flying range by 71 per cent over a single bird flying alone. People who share a common direction and a sense of community can get where they are going quicker and more easily because they are travelling with trust in each other.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose takes up the lead position. It pays to take turns doing the tasks that are necessary, and sharing leadership, inter-dependently with each other.

Whenever a goose falls out of the formation, it quickly gets back into line in order to

take advantage of the 'lifting power' of the bird immediately in front. If we have as much sense as a goose, we will step in formation with Jesus who will keep us in the direction where he wants us to go.

The geese when in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. We need to make sure our speech and behaviour is encouraging ...not something less helpful.

When a goose gets sick or wounded, two geese drop out of formation and follow to help and protect if possible, they stay close until the goose is either able to fly again or dies. If we have sense and a love for each other then we will stand by one another and give our love and support to all those in need. **THEY ARE NOT SUCH SILLY GEESE!**

Grants Awarded in Allerdale

Cumbria Community Foundation awarded 54 grants to local voluntary and community groups at its latest grants committee meetings.

The organisations that have been assisted by our grant making and reasons for grant applications are far ranging and include play areas, youth projects, arts, uniformed organisations, children, disability, community, drugs support, music and sports groups.

The Foundation has a growing portfolio of grants schemes and is distributing around £1,000,000 in 2003/04 throughout the county, to 350 groups so far.

Local grants recently awarded are:

Ireby and District Playgroup
Building refurbishment to enable expansion
awarded £5,925 from the Local Network Fund

Solway Rural Initiative Ltd
Funding for volunteer training, play packs, staff and booklet
awarded £12,000 from the Local Network Fund

St. Joseph's Year 11 Social Group, Workington
Year book for students and families
awarded £125 from the Allerdale Youth Bank

Workington and District Credit Union
Volunteer training, equipment and office redecoration
awarded £1,400 from the Key Fund

Workington St. John Ambulance Cadets
Training courses and travel expenses
awarded £255 from the Allerdale Youth Bank

Young Bikers Initiative
Young Bikers Initiative during summer period
awarded £4,940 from the Key Fund

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Silloth & District Pensioners Association

At the Whist Drive Party in December 2003 a Presentation was made to Mr Jack Hayton who won the most games during 2003.

Jack was presented with £25 and his name will be engraved on the plaque which was presented to the association by Silloth Rotary on memory of David Routledge.

David's Father donated the prize. David was a regular and keen Whist player.



Jazy Bee
by
Chloe Davison
Aged 8
from
Silloth Primary School

Solway Superstars

Many readers have commented on what appears to be a shortage of 'seagulls' this winter. Regular promenade walkers are witnessing a changing situation, which is now widespread, but please, not 'seagulls'!

With Silloth being the capital city and administration town of the Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, please let us all have the nomenclature right with our wonderful coastal birds. 'Seagulls' have no place in Silloth for they have never been

seen there; 'seagulls' make good reading in city life or tourist literature but are not a feature of the AONB. You will not find a 'seagull' in any field guide but you will see Black Headed Gulls, Herring Gulls, Lesser Black Back Gulls, and Common Gulls, etc, etc, and whilst they are a feature of the coast most have little interest in the sea. The only gull, which could possibly be termed a 'sea'gull, is the wonderful little kittiwake, which in January/February will be well out at sea, only returning to St. Bees Head for the summer breeding season and usually visiting the Silloth area in the autumn.

The gull we have seen generally during

the past winter months has been the Black Headed Gull, *Larus ridibundus*, which breeds on the marshes and moors. Probably the most famous colony over several decades at Drigg Dunes vanished within a few days and reinforced smaller colonies at Aspatria (Brayton) on Newton Arlosh and Rockliffe marshes and inland hills and moors.

Between the RNL



station and the harbour these gulls fascinate visitors and locals alike and during February changes in plumage will be clearly visible.

More and more dark plumage appears on heads, which should, one supposes, carry nothing more than a dark spot marking each ear for some time yet. This poses the question. When do these head feathers change and what controls them? Could it be the mild winter temperatures we have had?

One aberrant gull of this noisy and quarrelsome species, seen near the harbour on New Year's Day already bore the dark hood of spring and summer complete.

Scanning these birds, often huddled down against the wind, will reveal that in February they are all in various stages of winter plumage, many complete with white heads growing nothing but a small dark mark in the vicinity of each hidden ear. Looking closely you may also find a single Herring Gull, *Larus argentatus*, bearing a darkening about the back of the head - yet another sign of the rapidly changing season.

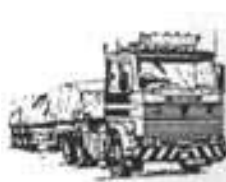
The Black Headed Gull will be seen en masse during autumn as the fields are being ploughed, or when, as recently, fields are flooded with rain water, in both cases feeding on earth worms.



To return to our opening sentence, all forms of gulls do appear to be diminishing and various reasons are being put forward for this. Keep watching, the world of nature is full of surprises.

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Silloth Tennis Club #2

GREAT TURN OUT FOR TENNIS CLUB AGM

Report by: Ricki T Racket

The first Annual General Meeting since the club reformed in 2001 proved to be a great success with over 25 members turning out on what was a very wet night. It was a great chance for the committee to outline the coming year's activities and events and also a great opportunity for the membership to put across their views and ideas.

The recently appointed Community Sports Development Worker for Maryport and North Allerdale Chris Wright also made an appearance and outlined his role in the development of club/school links in the area. He offered his assistance towards the process of future grant funding for the club, which coincided with the announcement of the club's success in obtaining an Awards For All grant. This will enable the further development of our mini tennis programme over the summer months.

At the time of going

to press the summer programme was still being finalised, but we intend to run a small summer camp as well as an official "Play Tennis" day on 3rd May 2004 which will also include another attempt at the Bounceathon.

There will be many competitive and fun opportunities over the coming months, both at home and throughout the county while members also have the chance to apply for Wimbledon tickets. The membership prices remain at last year's prices of £5 for juniors, £10 for adults and £20 for families, we should be in for a bumper season.

Further information about the club and coaching opportunities can be obtained from David Wise on: 016973 32988 and: 077 4254 7767 or why not visit our website at: www.silloth.totalltennis.net/



Silloth Football Club

The club continues to prosper, with six more parents the latest to sign up on a F.A. coaching course. If anyone would like to go on any of these courses, more information is available from any committee member.

All the teams are now holding their own in the Carlisle Glass League and membership is still growing.

The club are planning a sports festival for the summer as well as several soccer camps for kids and various trips to tournaments.

At the time of going to press the over 40's were still going strong in the Umbro National Cup, their latest victims from Manchester receiving a 2-1 mauling with goals from Ivan Moffat and Angus Harrison keeping the seashore's 100% home record intact. The next home fixture is Birmingham on the 29th February.

Mermaid Bee
by Ellie Pattinson
aged 4 from
Holm Cultram Abbey School

Solway Autograss Club

Awards for 2003

Arthur finally gets it

Solway Autograss Club recently held their annual awards night at the Moota Country Motel. We had quite a few surprises for our drivers with the awards, especially to some of our members who are still fairly new to the sport.

One of them who started the season in a previously owned Stock Hatch was Workington's John Hooper. John has had an excellent season, in fact so good not only did he win his class, he was voted the best newcomers award. Second place went to Kevin Brough & third Stuart Lewthwaite.

Class 1 - 1st Arthur Cunningham, 2nd Mark Johnston & 3rd Paul Hodgson.
Class 2 - 1st Mark Nugent, 2nd Arthur Cunningham & 3rd Richard Lewthwaite.
Class 3 - 1st Mark Little, 2nd Kevin Abbott & 3rd Michael Abbott.
Class 5 - 1st Nick Barnard, 2nd Eric Agnew & 3rd Ken Cowperthwaite.
Class 6 - 1st John Fyrth, 2nd Harry Burgess & 3rd Trevor Brough.
Class 7 - 1st Bryan Abbott, 2nd Mike Hadden.
Class 8 - 1st Wullie Stewart who was also voted by the club members to receive the award for the best driver of 2003, 2nd Phil

Talbot & 3rd Nick Dowson.
Class 9 - 1st Steve Hartley, 2nd Richard Telford.
Ladies
Class 11 - 1st Lin Cunningham, 2nd Lynn Johnston 3rd Cath Hadden.
Class 12 - 1st Sue Burgess, 2nd Helen Gray.
Class 14 - 1st Cath Hartley, 2nd Mary Telford & 3rd Lisa Mason.

Junior Class award went to Carlisle's Gavin Marks, still fairly new to the sport but has had an excellent year. Second place was Ashleigh Dublin & third was Scott Rigg.

Kevin Abbott also won the Chairman's award for all his hard work throughout the season.

The men's overall champions award went to Arthur Cunningham who now has the number of SL1 for the 2004 season. Ladies overall champions award went to Lin Cunningham.

Overall the club has had its most successful year yet, with the club now well established and going from strength to strength with new members being added to its list all the time. This year especially has seen more junior members

joining than in any previous year, which will no doubt give us some excellent drivers for the future after they have raced from the age of 12 through to the age of 16. This will then allow them to move from racing in a Mini to racing in anything from a 1200cc powered engine through to a 2070cc space framed special.

Quite a few of our drivers have changed their cars throughout the course of the season, the majority of which have gone for something with the bigger engine. No doubt throughout the winter months when we are out of the racing season, there will be many a night spent out in the cold of the garage, rebuilding and repairing for the start of the 2004 season, which will commence again in March. Anyone needing advice or info contact Richard Lewthwaite on: 01946 590274.

Finally I would like to say thank you to Sparx Racewear of Carlisle and Haven Tyres of Whitehaven for all their support throughout the 2003 season.

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New Childcare Facilities in Silloth

Many people would think twice about giving up the monthly pay cheque to gamble everything on fulfilling a dream of running their own business.

But that is exactly what Jan Enderby and David Bromilow have done. They opened The Old Post Office (TOPO) as a private Nursery School and Out of School Club on the 5th January 2004.

Jan says "If you want a full time job most people have to commute to either Carlisle or Workington. I found the travelling exhausting and my girls really missed me. Childcare was also a problem and expensive for three children. Although whilst living in Abbeytown we had a fantastic child minder for our youngest



daughter."

David is now concentrating on building up the Private Nursery School and says "the right nursery school can make a huge difference to a child's start to main stream education. We can offer our children a chance to work in small groups giving lots of individual attention. As parents, we share the same concerns about our children growing up in this modern environment.

Getting the right staff was essential and our staff have surpassed all our expectations - we've got a great team."

The Out of School Club is available early in the morning - all the parents have to do is telephone the night before to book children in, if an early start is needed. Jan also collects children from Silloth School at no extra charge and whilst in TOPO all drinks, snacks and meals are included, there is no age limit.

