



Snowboarder Bee
by Jamie Dixon aged 6
from Silloth Primary School

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This Year the Sun is going to Shine all Year Long

In the hearts of everyone who is prepared to participate in the wonderful series of events we will be hosting. This year is shaping up to be the most fantastic year ever for high quality activities, so make sure you get involved in as much as possible.

Silloth Vintage Rally
Craft Music & Funfair
16th to 18th June

Silloth Festival of Art
20th June to 5th July

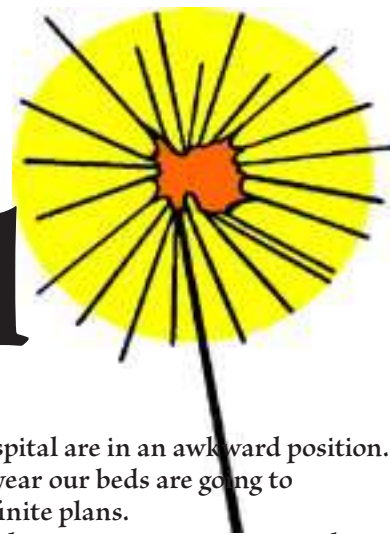
Abbeytown Carnival
29th July

Silloth Carnival
28th August

Silloth Music & Beer Festival
7th to 10th September

7th evening	Little Stevie and the Business
8th evening	The Animals
9th afternoon	Nightriders
9th evening	The Drifters
10th afternoon	£300 prize Karaoke

Wigton Hospital



Report by:
Eveline Dugdale

The League of Friends of Wigton Cottage Hospital are in an awkward position. Unofficially we have been told that in about one year our beds are going to Carlisle. The Official Line is that there are no definite plans.

Consequently we must marshall our forces and argue our case very strongly to keep our hospital open. If we don't act now we could be faced with a fait-accompli and that would be dreadful for Wigton and the whole Solway Plain.

We are planning demonstrations on March 4th and April 1st, if anyone wants information please contact Eveline Dugdale on 016973 43105. Come and park in the main car park and a bus will take you and your decorated umbrellas to the Hospital so you only have to walk one-way. Let's have a big turnout and this will be an effective as well as a fun event for all.

All money donated in the past to the league of friends is for patients amenities and we are not allowed to spend it on this campaign, consequently we have had to start a fighting fund, As we march we will be rattling our tins and all donations will be gratefully received.

We must keep public awareness up and insist that Nurse vacancies in all Community Hospitals are filled with permanent staff and that empty beds are filled, otherwise Wigton Cottage Hospital will be run down further and closed by stealth. Many thanks to all who helped and signed the forms against closure of Beds and Services at Wigton.

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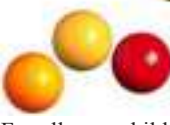



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First Responders Donation



On Sunday 8th January following the morning service at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth, a cheque for £109 was handed over to Mrs Elaine Bell representing the First Responders by Mr Derek Shaw, Church Secretary.

This was as a result of money raised from the December Carol service donated by all who attended.

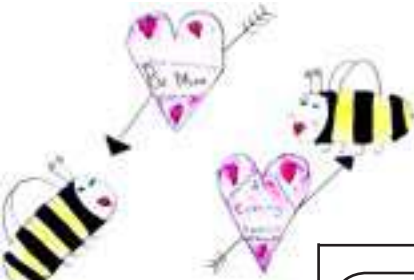
Christmas Cake Sale

Report by: Edith & Sarah

We raised £700 from the cake sale. £100 went to church funds, and £600 was sent to children's charities.

We would like to thank Winter's newsagents and Fioria's card shop, who helped by having cakes on display and sold some cakes.

We would also like to thank Diana Clorley who took several Christmas cakes to Carlisle hospital and all friends and Sillothians who bought the cakes and those who donated extra money.



The Honey's by Megan Wise aged 9 from Silloth Primary School

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Importance of Volunteering

Report by: Beverley Delay (nee Shaw)

Part of being a great volunteer is loving what you're doing. Find something that inspires you, and then find a need in your community. There are dozens of reasons why you should volunteer - you just need to find the one that feels right for you!

Why volunteer?
- When asked why we volunteer, we generally have to think hard about the reason, it's not as simple as the equation we usually use for a paid job; Work = Money.

There is something so uplifting in giving our help freely, helping a friend, an elderly person.....

Volunteers have an inner beauty. We offer our help for a variety of reasons. Here are 20 great reasons to help:

- * Help others, giving back.
- * Make a difference.
- * Find purpose.
- * Think of others.
- * Connect with the community.
- * Feel involved.
- * Contribute to a cause that you care about.
- * Use your skills in a productive way
- * Develop new skills.
- * Meet new people.

- * Impress yourself.
- * Expand your horizons.
- * Get out of the house.
- * Make new friends.
- * Feel better about yourself.
- * Feel useful
- * Fulfil the need to give something and feel good about it, have pride in the outcome.
- * Keep active without the pressure of doing something because you have to.
- * Because you believe in the end result or organisation (the charity you are helping is worthy, etc)
- * Because it involves your family and / or children (school, church, etc)

Part of having a great volunteer experience relies on your ability to be a great volunteer. Remember to be professional and honour your volunteer commitments.

Whatever the reason(s) for offering your help, remember that you receive in return much more in gratification than in the time you spend. Volunteering is too wonderful to keep it all to yourself; tell others how to get involved!

The world would be a very sad and lonely place without volunteers.

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Abbeytown Flower Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

Twenty Six Members and friends gathered at the Joiners Arms at Newton Arlosh. Everyone enjoyed a beautiful meal and then began a Quiz matching up Celebrities with past occupations. The winners were Marion Jefferson, Pam Taylor, Elizabeth Gilroy and Lesley Hope.



Christmas Rose photographed February 2006 in Skinburness

Four parcels went around the room with everyone having a feel to see if they could guess what was in each. The first parcel contained a jar and bottle opener guessed by Margaret Garner, 2nd was a collapsible laundry bag guessed by Lesley Hope 3rd a window cleaner, scraper and sponge guessed by Noeline Foster 4th were measuring spoons guessed by Phyllis Dockeray.

A collection was taken to be sent to the Air Ambulance and a drawing was won by Pam Blaylock. The next meeting will be at Abbeytown Assembly Rooms on Thursday 16th February when Mr Stainton will show slides.

They Popped In to the Pop In



Report by Jean Wilson

The Members of the Silloth Methodist Church would like to thank all those who have supported our Winter "Pop In's" which provide: Soup, Rolls, Tea and Biscuits and a very heartwarming chat.

The pop in's at Trinity Methodist Church

started on the 11th January for 5 weeks and have once again been well supported by the generous inhabitants of Silloth. Here are some of the ladies enjoying a bowl of soup, roll cup of tea and a biscuit and not forgetting a chat. Happily serving them are some of the ladies of the Church.

Standing from left to right Jean Wilson, Diana Shaw, Isabelle Dockray and Pam Blaylock.

Seating left to right Margaret Marr, Mary Irving, Diana Wallace and Dinah Bell.

The funds raised on the last one on 8th February will go to Home Missions.

Allerdale Recycling

Cockermouth has two new recycling facilities to help Allerdale Borough Council reach recycling figures of 29% and therefore smashing its 2005/6 recycling target of 25%.

Following high customer demand from residents in Cockermouth, keen to do their bit for the environment by recycling more of their waste, new glass and can recycling banks have been installed at the Evolution Centre (the old Highfield Club)

and at Kirkgate car park in Cockermouth.

And Allerdale Borough Council has plans for more recycling facilities in other towns.

Following the success of the plastic recycling facilities at B&Q and Tesco in Workington and at the Co-op in Maryport, there are plans to extend the scheme. It is hoped that within the next three months, Cockermouth, Keswick, Silloth, Wigton and Aspatria will all have a plastic

recycling facility. Specific locations and installation dates are currently being confirmed in consultation with the local communities.

For more information about recycling, please contact Allerdale Borough Council's recycling team on 01900 607900.

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Facts, Facts and more Facts

With thanks to: Mike Faulkner

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?..... All invented by women.

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

Believe it or not, you can read this:

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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

Silloth Library

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Monday	2 p m - 7 p m
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Under 10’s & 12’s 5:30-6:30pm
Thursdays with Malcolm Wise

Under 14’s 5:30-6:30pm
Thursdays with Karen Matthews

Bee a Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered sports shirt to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and Gift Voucher.

So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Send them in to the address on this page and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered sports shirt from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.

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Silloth Tots & Toddlers

Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in Christ Church Hall, Silloth and is open to all children aged from 0 to 4.

Sessions are on:
Wednesday: 1:30pm to 3pm
and
Fridays: 10am to 11:30am

Entry is £1 per family and this includes refreshments

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

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Masthead Bee Winner

This month the winner is Jamie Dixon from Silloth Primary School with a bee called “Snowboarder Bee”. His prize will be awarded at the School. Well done Jamie!

Dates for the Diary

March

4th Save Wigton Hospital March from Wigton Hospital to the Market Hall in New Orleans style. Coaches from main car park to Hospital from 9:15am, march starts at 10am

7th Age Concern Tea Dance in Solway Community Technical College, 1:45-3:45pm

9th Silloth Methodist Church - Coffee Morning

21st Age Concern Tea Dance in Solway Community Technical College, 1:45-3:45pm

26th Solway Autograss Club meeting on Silloth Airfield starts at 11:30am, entry £4
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April

1st Wigton Choral Society - Cumbria Rural Choirs & Northern Sinfonia @ Sands Centre, Carlisle, 7:30pm, tickets Details & bookings: 01228 625222

11th Wigton Choral Society - Music for Passiontide @ Carlisle Cathedral, 12:45pm, tickets £4, Details: 01228 710755

23rd Solway Autograss Club meeting on Silloth Airfield starts at 11:30am, entry £4
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18th Silloth Methodist Church - Salvation Army Band Concert

18th Silloth Methodist Church - Coffee Morning

21st Solway Autograss Club meeting on Silloth Airfield starts at 11:30am, entry £4
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June

16th Silloth Vintage Rally, Craft Music & Funfair

17th Silloth Vintage Rally, Craft Music & Funfair

17th Solway Autograss Club meeting on Silloth Airfield Cumberland Open Round 3 F600 Stock Specials starts at 11:30am, entry £4
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17th Wigton Choral Society - Mozart 250th Anniversary Concert with Keswick Choral Society in St. Johns Church, Keswick @ 7:30pm, Details & bookings: 01228 710755

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20th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

21st Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

22nd Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

23rd Silloth Methodist Church - Pat Pictor & Friends a welcome return visit of this popular opera singer

23rd Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

24th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

25th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

26th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

27th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

June cont’d

28th Historical Walk around Silloth from Silloth Tourist Information Centre Tel: 016973 31944

29th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

30th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

31st Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

July

1st Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

2nd Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

3rd Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

4th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

5th Festival of Art in Silloth shop windows

6th Silloth Methodist Church - Pop-in for a sandwich, cake, cup of tea & chat

12th Historical Walk around Silloth from Silloth Tourist Information Centre Tel: 016973 31944

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27th Silloth Methodist Church - Pop-in for a sandwich, cake, cup of tea & chat

29th Abbeytown Carnival

August

3rd Silloth Methodist Church - Pop-in for a sandwich, cake, cup of tea & chat

3rd Bird Watching Walk from Silloth Tourist Information Centre @ 11am, Tel: 016973 31944

9th Historical Walk around Silloth from Silloth Tourist Information Centre Tel: 016973 31944

10th Silloth Methodist Church - Pop-in for a sandwich, cake, cup of tea & chat

10th Bird Watching Walk from Silloth Tourist Information Centre @ 11am, Tel: 016973 31944

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August cont’d

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24th Bird Watching Walk from Silloth Tourist Information Centre @ 11am, Tel: 016973 31944

28th Silloth Carnival

31st Silloth Methodist Church - Pop-in for a sandwich, cake, cup of tea & chat

31st Bird Watching Walk from Silloth Tourist Information Centre @ 11am, Tel: 016973 31944

September

7th Bird Watching Walk from Silloth Tourist Information Centre @ 11am, Tel: 016973 31944

7th Silloth Music & Beer Festival sponsored by Jennings

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9th Silloth RAFA Leek Club Show

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28th Bird Watching Walk from Silloth Tourist Information Centre @ 11am, Tel: 016973 31944

October

1st Solway Autograss Club meeting on Silloth Airfield starts at 11:30am, entry £4
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7th Silloth Methodist Church - Pop-in Light Christmas Lunch

10th Silloth Methodist Church - Evening Carol Service

16th Wigton Choral Society - Christmas Concert in St. Mary’s Church, Wigton @ 7:30pm, Details & bookings: 01228 710755

Silloth RNLI Shop

Silloth Lifeboat Station

Shop closed until Easter

Thank you to all our customers and volunteers for your support, we look forward to seeing you again in 2006

Copy date for the April issue

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

7th March 2006

Copy Date ➡

Causewayhead WI

Report by: Carol Haines

Once again the Ladies of Causeway Head WI got together for their first meeting of the New Year. The President Pat Bell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone especially new member Jane Cutts, with her wish for a Happy New Year to all. Our group has been very fortunate to receive a Grant from the A.O.N.B. to help with our Beach Cleaning Project. We bought our first set of equipment and went on a Beach Clean on West Beach on Thursday 12th January.

Two of our members gave a very interesting talk and demonstration, Molly Lomas on Embroidery and Bead work, and Liz Telford on Corn Dollies, some of the ladies tried their hand at making the dollies.

Jane Graham who took both 1st and 2nd place won the competition for the Smallest Christmas Card.

Olga Hetherington took 1st place and Frances Jackson 2nd in the Flower Competition

Jean Wilson and Janice Wilkinson took home the Grocery Parcel.

Supper was served by the Hostesses, what a lovely spread. Thank you Ladies.



Buzzy by
Corrie Nattrass
aged 5 from
Holme St. Cuthberts
School

Report by: Frances Jackson

Causewayhead WI will from now on be litter picking on West Beach Silloth on a regular basis.

The first litter pick was on January 12th when eight ladies filled eight large bin sacks with litter. This consisted mainly of plastic bottles, drinks cans and pieces of plastic which included supermarket bags. All the litter was recorded for the Marine Conservation Society to which Causewayhead WI are now affiliated through the 'Adopt a Beach' scheme.

We hope in the long term that the part of West Beach we are litter picking will be improved for both Silloth residents and visitors.

Abbeytown Carnival

Abbeytown Carnival Committee held a disco in The Village Hall on Saturday 28th January to select the Royalty for Abbeytown Carnival 2006 and the Committee would like to thank all the children who attended!

Abbeytown Carnival will be held on Saturday 29th July 2006 and this years Royalty will be:

Carnival Queen:
Bronwyn Kendall
Attendants:
Amy Hetherington,
Charlotte Hetherington,
Jessica Gilroy, Kirsty
Girdler, Robbie Girdler
Herald:
Joseph Fogg
Retiring Queen:
Bethan Kendall

Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

President Audrey Harrison wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcome to our first meeting of 2006.

After the singing of Jerusalem she expressed our sympathy to Margaret Moore of the loss of her husband. Freda Garner read a record of the December Meeting and asked for someone to bake the Birthday Cake for the March Party. Joyce Wilson was voted for and agreed to decorate it as well. Our newest member Margaret Mynes agreed to cut the cake.

The letter from NFWI telling us that we will get a new Magazine for every member next year was discussed and several members expressed reservations.

Audrey Harrison then introduced Norman Godfrey with his slides 'The Tale of Two Rivers'. The moods of the Rivers were set to the mood of the beautiful music. Beginning at the Solway we followed the 10 Benchmarks on the River Eden. We stopped off at Carlisle where we were shown The City in Bloom and were reminded what a beautiful City Carlisle is. We then went upstream past the various sculptures and on to the lovely town



Brainy Bees
by
Aimee Fish
aged 9
from
Holm Cultram Abbey
School

of Appleby. The Eden got slightly smaller as we continued as far as Mallerstang where the water falls were spectacular. The river Ure begins its journey just 100 yards from where the river Eden begins but one goes north while the other goes south so we then went to Wensleydale where we saw Bolton Castle, Jersvaux Abbey and Middleton Castle as well as Aysgarth Falls and several other spectacular falls on the way back up the river Ure.

Freda Garner thanked Norman for a wonderful soothing evening where everyone could relax after the busy season of Christmas and New Year. The competition winners were Christmas Card: 1st Phyllis Dockeray, 2nd Gladys Temple, Christmas Cake: 1st Phyllis Dockeray, 2nd Joyce Wilson, Flower: 1st Elinor Roper, 2nd Audrey Harrison. Raffle: 1st Neoline Foster, 2nd Elsie Foster, 3rd Irene Irving. There followed Bingo organized by Elinor Ropers Group. The February Speaker will be Rev. Peter Stretfield on his life in India and the competition is an old family photo. There will also be a Gift Stall.

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Older Persons' Forum

It is nearing the time when we "oldies" get informed of any Pensions Increases we are likely to get in April 2006. The letter you receive can be used as identification to prove you are a pensioner when you apply for bus passes. It is a useful piece of documentation when a lot of us have our pensions paid directly into the bank. So don't throw it away!

We now have a link on the Community Empowerment Network website, so why not have a look, we post notices which need your comments: www.westcumbriacen.org.uk/older/forum/index.php.

We all have worries over the loss of Community Hospitals so please let us know of your concerns; we can then pass them on to the relevant authorities. Contact us on 01946 693903 or email us on: peter.johnstone5@virgin.net. These contacts are for any other issues/worries you may have; let us know we may be able to help.

We normally meet monthly on the 3rd Friday, ring to find out where the meeting is to be held as we hold them in different parts of West Cumbria

Silloth Tourist Information Centre

For the first time Silloth Tourist Information Centre has been open every day during the winter (except for the Christmas & New Year break).

We are open from 10am-4pm every day. On Friday, Saturday & Sunday we close for lunch from 1pm-2pm.

The 2006 holiday guides are now arriving for the U.K. as well as local, so call in for ideas for your holidays and days out.

In addition to Tourist Information you can also watch a free short film about the area, choose a gift, view the Art Gallery, or for a small charge visit the Discovery Exhibition. You can also collect the Solway Buzz to send to a friend.

EVENT ORGANISERS - whatever your event we will display your posters and include the event in our listings free of charge. You will be surprised how many people see these posters and contact us to ask 'what's on?'. If we do not know about your event we cannot promote it.

Pop-in to see us soon, both Susan and Pauline will be delighted to hear from you or see you soon.

Mawbray Village Hall Competitions

The winner of Tree Competition in Mawbray Hall was the WI tree which was judged by the Revd. David Tembey.

Other winners were:
q: Guess the Tree Weight,
a: 1000g
w: Jean Varley.
q: How many Baubles,
a: 58
w: Tracy Connolly.
q: Guess the Tree Leaves,
a: Oak, Ash, Beech, Lilac, Hawthorn, Copper Beech, Elder, Sycamore, Apple
w; Helen Natrass.
q: Tree Fishing
a: 11
w: Hannah Shimmings.
q: Kitchen Objects,
a: Biscuit Cutter, Bottle Stopper, Bean Slicer, Partry Cutter, Wine Bottle Foil Cutter, Toffee Hammer, Corkscrew, Piping Turntable, Nutcracker, candle, Piping Nozzle
w: Annabel Armstrong.
q: Peg the Items,
a: 10
w: M Mumford.
q: Caption Competition,
a: "When can we put the other foot down"
w: Rick Felix.

Right: The Winning Tree



Robbie Williams Bee
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Pensioners First Coffee Morning of 2006



The Pensioners held their first Coffee Morning of the 2006 calendar on Feb 4th in the Recreation Hall. Although a cold morning it did not stop our usual supporters coming for their morning coffee and home made scones but there were some familiar faces missing! During the morning a raffle was held with 12 lucky winners. The home made cakes and Bric-a-Brac stall did good trade. The sum of £103 was raised for funds.

The Association are always looking for new members to serve on the Committee and help with events. We would love to hear from anyone wishing to help. Ring 31228 or 31927.

There is something uplifting in giving our help freely.

Police Report

Report by: Insp Dave Barr

There has been a general upturn in crime in both Silloth and the surrounding area, since the start of the year. In the Anthorn area we have had thefts from cars and gardens. There have been similar incidents at Allonby and Silloth. The message is clear, please do not leave anything of value in vehicles, at any time of the day or night.

We have had one reported incident of diesel being taken from a Silloth holiday site.

In January windows were damaged at Silloth Primary School. Two local children have been seen by police regarding that.

There has been a recent burglary in Silloth, where the occupant of the house believes that the person who stole a laptop computer, did so whilst they were in another part of the house. Again crime prevention is a key consideration. There is value in locking your doors, whilst you are home.

There was an incident of damage at the Pagoda,



on the Green at Silloth. It appears a fire had been deliberately started in the shelter. Police are appealing for any information about this. Can anyone with information please contact Cumbria Police on 0845 330 0247. Or crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Recent convictions. A youth from Silloth received a 4 month custodial sentence recently, after a sustained campaign of damage

and harassment to a former friend. Also, a man seen by the community officer: PC Andy Robertson, who was driving dangerously along Criffel Street in Silloth in August 2005, was convicted at court in January 2006, and received a 12 month disqualification.

Finally, it is the end

of an era. The former Police Station at Silloth, has now been vacated and arrangements are in hand to change its use. Police will be announcing arrangements for the joint use of the Fire Station at Silloth, along with Cumbria Fire Service and First Responders, in the near future.



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Competition Winners



Many thanks to all those who entered the Grand Prize Draw. All you had to do was send in a short story or poem. We were disappointed by the number of entries, but delighted by the two winners entries.

The winners and their entries are:

The A, Bee C, Bee

A poem by: Anthony Williamson age 11

The A, Bee, C Bee said to me
Do you know your A, Bee, C's
I said back of course I do
A, Bee, C Bee can I play with you.

of course you can

Wouldn't Couldn't Shouldn't Bee

A poem by Hazel Neilly

I wouldn't want to be a bee
It wouldn't be much fun
For every time I'd make a friend
They'd end up on the run.

I couldn't stand to see a bee
It couldn't wait to land
For the more and more I'd flap about
It'd sting me on the hand.

I shouldn't have to flee a bee
It shouldn't make me cry
For once it left it's sting in me
The poor little thing will die.

King Bee
by
Greg Ramsay
aged 7
from
Silloth Primary
School



Buzzy Bee by
Victoria Brown
aged 5 from
Silloth Primary
School



Princess Bee
by
Hannah Fearon
aged 5 from
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This portion is reproduced from the section of the code on: **"Keep your dog under close control"**.

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You do not have to

put your dog on a lead on public paths as long as it is under close control. But as a general rule, keep your dog on a lead if you cannot rely on its obedience. By law, farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals.

If a farm animal chases you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead – don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it.

Take particular care that your dog doesn't scare sheep and lambs or wander where it might disturb birds that nest on the ground and other wildlife – eggs and young will soon die without protection from their parents.

Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections – so always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly. Also make sure your dog is wormed regularly.

You can also find out more by phoning the Open Access Helpline on 0845 100 3298.



Wanted

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Cumbrian Poetry

John Pearson, the author of “Golf at Silloth 1890–2000” and many other books has sent this Cumbrian dialect poem about wedding celebrations in Abbeytown and Skinburness. As there are 49 verses we will be serialising it over several issues.

It was written by John Stagg, the blind bard from Burgh, and published in 1808.

The introduction is reproduced below, the unfamiliar words are true to the original!

Poems on several occasions

THE BREYEDWAIN

The subject of the following poem, with many of the incidents it contains, may perhaps, to some of our remoter countrymen, appear rather romantic andicrous, whilst others may be disposed to object entirely to the verity of such a narrative; but to those who are more intimately acquainted with the rural manners and simple customs of the county of Cumberland, I am confident of their acknowledging every circumstance that has been introduced; nay, even what may appear the fanciful embellishments of this pastrol. It is a fact well known to the inhabitants of this county; that when a youthful couple conceive a disposition to venture on the voyage of matrimony, with perhaps more of the assurances of the blind god, than the blind goddess, or in plain English, with more love than money, the bridegroom generally engages two or three of his companions to assist him in canvassing round ten or a dozen of the adjacent parishes, where they invite all, indiscriminately, to assemble on such a day, to assist in solemnizing the nuptials.

On the day appointed, which is generally a week or fortnight after the day of invitation, the country people, for many miles round, repair to the house of the young couple, or place where the marriage is to be celebrated, where is witnessed a scene of truly rural festivity; the exercises and various entertainments which aid in beguiling this day of convivial merriment, are what chiefly occupy the subsequent verses.

A' you ' at smudge at merry teales,
Or at devarshon sheyle,
Or goff and gurn at tuolliments,
Now lend your lugs a wheyle;
For sec an Infair I've been at,
As bes but seldom been,
Whar was sec wallopín' an ' wark,
As varra few hey seen
By neeght or day.

Bit furst I'll tell ye how an why
This parish bout begun,
An' when an' whar, an' whea they war,
'At meade a' this feyne fun;
Furst, you mun ken, a youthfu' pair,
By frugal thrift exceyted,
Wad hev a breydwain, an' of course
The country roun' inveyted
Agean that day.

At S-b-n-s, ith' Abbey Holme,
This weddin' it was hauden,
But or the teyme arriv'd, some friens
An' neybor's furst war caw'd on;
Wi' them in council grave they fixt,
What methods to proceed on,
An' a' the busness there an' than,
Was finally agreed on,
Clean thro' that day.

Neist day a dizzen lish young lads,
Wi'naigs weel graith'd an hearty,
Wi'whup an'spur, thro' stenk an' stoore,
Set off, a jolly party;
Frae town to town leyke weyld they flew,
Or house, whare'er they spy'd yen,
An' ivry lad or lass they met
I'th house or out, to th' breydwain,
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Note: S-b-n-s is used throughout and refers to the village of Skinburness

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An' mony a harlin reace they hed,
Owr pasture, hill an' deale,
An' monnie a cowpan' kaik they gat,
An' monnie a tift o' yell,
Ith' rwoad that day.

An' some ruode east, an' some ruode west,
An' some ruode fast an' far,
An' some gat sae mislear'd wi' drink,
They ruode the de'il kens whar.
Now th' auld guid fwokes that staid at heame,
As thropweyfe they war thrang,
An' meat an' drink, an'ither things,
Reight moider'd war amang,
Thro' a' that day.

Now a' their bidden owr an' duone,
Reight tir'd they beamward speed,
But some at th' Abbey, owr a quart,
Theirsells to slocken 'greed;
Then great Job Bruff gat on a thruff,
An'rais'd a fearfu' rout,
'At some day suon at S-b-n-s,
They'd hev a parish bout
O'th' bredyewain day.

At last this sizlin pack consent
When dark, towards heame to draw,
Then down to th' Cwoate, for t'other slwote,
They gallop yen an' a';
This neeght, the cheerfu' breyde-pot's drunk,
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An' mebbly some sma' jobs are duone,
That bissness may ca' furth,
Some other day.

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Jazz Evening (Martin Bennett)	Sat 27th May

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Silloth Master Quiz



Report by: Tim Barker

The modestly named Silloth Master Quiz was run again this year by Christ Church Silloth but in St Andrews hall as the church hall is being redecorated. Teams competing included four from Causewayhead Womens Institute who gave themselves suitable WI-related names such as the Jerusalem Artichokes and the Wild Indians and one of their teams, daringly calling themselves Calendar Girls, won the booby prize. Quite appropriate!

First prize and the trophy went to a team from Silloth RNLI and their supporters and last year's champions Silloth Rotary Club were second. Tim Barker set the questions (there was only one that nobody managed to answer*) and members of Christ

Above: The Winners representing Silloth RNLI
Below: Booby prizewinners - The Calendar Girls from Causewayhead WI



Church provided light refreshments and cakes to auction. Ivan Lomas conducted the raffle.

The impossible question, do you know the answer? If you do, perhaps you should get a team together for next years competition. Question: *In which cemetery in Paris is Oscar Wilde buried? Answer on page 11

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from Holm Cultram
Abbey School



Bee
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aged 8
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Letters

Dear Buzz,

On behalf of Silloth Rainbows we wish to thank the Silloth Businesses for their donation to our funds from the proceeds of the Christmas Party Raffle at Stanwix Park.

Joan Cary

Dear Buzz,

On behalf of the Silloth Pensioners we wish to thank the Silloth Businesses for their generous donation to our funds, as a result of their raffle held at their Christmas Party in Stanwix Park.

It is very much appreciated.

Diana Shaw

Dear Buzz,

My name is Carolyn I am an old resident of Silloth. I am trying to contact a old friend who I noticed is one of your writers, her name is Andrea Davenport, this is the only way I can do this as I now live in Los Angeles, California. If you could pass her my e-mail and ask her to get in touch I would appreciate it, perhaps I could return the favour someday for you. My e-mail is cazroos@yahoo.com.

Carolyn Roos



Sherriff Tin Ribs

by Ryan Baxter aged 7 from Silloth Primary School



Dear Buzz,

My name is Kenneth Burleigh. I was born in Silloth in 1947 and lived there until I was 15, when I moved to Swindon in Wiltshire in 1962. In recent years I have renewed my interest in Silloth and am now in touch with Lawrence Marshall, who bought our house 3, Hylton Terrace in 1962. Lawrence told me of The Solway Buzz some time ago and I have been an avid reader ever since. I have just read the latest Solway Buzz issue 41 Jan - Feb 2006. On page 5 there is an article by Geoff Bland entitled 'International football match in Silloth'. I was amazed to read the article as I was at the game in 1956 aged 9 years old. My dad Arthur helped to run the Silloth team at the time and I well remember the match. Silloth had to 'let' the Spanish team score towards the end of the game to give them a goal, which was greeted with huge cheers from the crowd. After the match we went into the changing



rooms, which was an old wooden shed at the side of the pitch, where the Spanish players produced pouring pouches of wine. Everyone took their turn at drinking a mouthful of the wine, poured from a height of two or three feet from the thin spout at the bottom of the pouch and a great time was had by all. It was great to get the extra details such as the name of the ship 'SS Tirian' and the exact date the ship arrived, 26th October 1956. This was a Thursday, so I guess the match must

have been played either on Saturday 28th or Sunday 29th. If you are in touch with Geoff Bland please ask if he remembers my dad Arthur. I attach a photo of the Silloth team, with my dad (far right), which must have been taken at around the same time. Also a photo of the football pitch showing the wooden shed clubhouse, taken in 1962. If Geoff could let me know the names of the players in my photo I would be grateful.

Kenneth Burleigh



Ruby Ring
by
May Ip
aged 8
from
Silloth Primary School

The answer to the
question on page 10.
*Pere Lachaise cemetery

Longcummercatiff

We have an answer to last months letter about the house name 'LONGCUMMER-CATIFF' from Keith, Silloth.

Just as the translations of three different scripts on the Rosetta stone pointed to the existence of the Tomb of Thutenkhamum, so Longcummercatiff has elements of not one but three ancient languages, Norse and Gaelic via Latin. All three have common properties and can be easily explained by looking at a basic Gaelic word of which we know the translation.

So, Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwillantsiliogogoch meaning; The place in the valley of the white

hazel near the rapid whirlpool of St Tysillio's church, by the red cave.

Using the words and syllables of the above we can now attempt to decipher, decode and translate,

So, Long = the place (Long and Llan are interchangeable)

Cummer = dividend or just reward (origin of the word, commercial)

Caitiff = thin ice, from Norse cat ice. T and F often become reversible in the Norse language.

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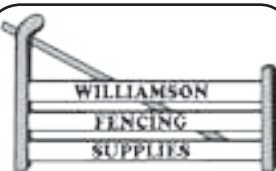
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Times in GMT
(ADD 1hr. FOR SUMMER TIME)

Heights in metres					
	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	
1ST. WED.	0023	8.0	1240	8.6	
2ND. THUR.	0107	8.2	1326	8.6	
3RD. FRI.	0150	8.1	1410	8.4	
4TH. SAT.	0231	7.7	1453	8.0	
5TH. SUN.	0312	7.8	1536	7.2	
6TH. MON.	0355	6.5	1623	6.3	
7TH. TUES.	0443	5.7	1722	5.4	
8TH. WED.	0554	5.1	1852	4.9	
9TH. THUR.	0737	4.9	2026	4.9	
10TH. FRI.	0857	5.3	2130	5.4	
11TH. SAT.	0950	6.0	2218	6.0	
12TH. SUN.	1033	6.5	2256	6.5	
13TH. MON.	1110	7.0	2330	6.9	
14TH. TUES.	1144	7.2	****	***	
15TH. WED.	0001	7.0	1214	7.2	
16TH. THUR.	0030	7.1	1243	7.2	
17TH. FRI.	0100	7.1	1313	7.2	
18TH. SAT.	0129	7.1	1343	7.1	
19TH. SUN.	0158	7.0	1414	7.0	
20TH. MON.	0229	7.7	1449	6.8	
21ST. TUES.	0305	6.4	1530	6.2	
22ND. WED.	0352	6.0	1626	5.6	
23RD. THUR.	0457	5.4	1743	5.1	
24TH. FRI.	0628	5.1	1920	5.1	
25TH. SAT.	0801	5.5	2046	5.6	
26TH. SUN.	0912	6.3	2147	6.5	
27TH. MON.	1005	7.2	2235	7.3	
28TH. TUES.	1052	8.0	2318	7.8	
29TH. WED.	1136	8.4	****	***	
30TH. THUR.	0000	8.1	1217	8.5	
31ST. FRI.	0040	8.2	1301	8.4	

NEW MOON WEDNESDAY 29TH
FULL MOON TUESDAY 14TH

Dog Fouling
Prosecution

A Workington
woman has been
prosecuted by Allerdale
Borough Council for
failing to clean up after
her dog fouled.

Paula Waugh, of
Grasmere Avenue,
Workington, was fined
£50 and ordered to
pay £25 costs by West
Allerdale Magistrates
on 7th February after
she failed to pay a fixed
penalty fine of £50.

The Court heard that
on the afternoon of 3rd
November, Allerdale's
Environmental Wardens
witnessed Ms Waugh's
Staffordshire Bull
Terrier fouling the
grass area next to the
cycle track at Grasmere
Avenue. Ms Waugh
failed to clean up after
her dog.

A fixed penalty notice
was hand delivered to
Ms Waugh's home but
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fixed penalty remained
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Ms Waugh pleaded
guilty at the hearing.

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On the
Waterfront

Report by: Tommy Legs

December was a quiet
month with five vessels
visiting the port, the first
being the KORALLE
with fertilizer from
Ijmuiden followed by
the BEN VARREY with
wheat from Liverpool.
The HENNY then
brough another cargo of
fertilizer from Ijmuiden
and the tanker ELLEN
THERESA brought a
cargo of molasses from
Bremen in Germany.
Finally the ANDRINA F
brought a cargo of paper
pulp from Spain.

January was quite a
busy month with seven
vessels, the first was the
SEA KESTREL with
fertilizer from Ijmuiden
followed by the tanker
ELLEN THERESA
with molasses from
Amsterdam. The
SCOT PIONEER then
brought paper pulp from
Antwerp and the HOO
FALCON had a cargo of
fertilizer from Ijmuiden.
The KORIANGI
then brought wheat
from Germany, the
FRI STREAM had
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Reports by Graham Wilkinson

Mayors Report

A report on the January meeting of the Town Council

Ten members attended, the Chairman reported on the attendance at the town Carol Service, helped judge the Christmas Lights Competition and had attended a social evening arranged by the Mayor of Allerdale.

Minutes of the December meeting were agreed true. PC Andy Robertson had submitted a written report with his apologies as he was unable to attend. The report stated the sale of the old Police Station appears nearer.

The Pub Watch scheme has excluded five individuals to date with a possible addition at their next meeting. The report on events attended within Silloth include several relating to Mini Moto's & Scrambler type motor cycles being used on streets, the Green and the Playing Field area, all of which are illegal, one motor cycle was confiscated. There were several thefts and several disturbances.

Correspondence dealt with included, the Cumbria Countryside access strategy document. A.B.C. tree preservation order relating to a tree at the rear of Marsh House, Skinburness. A letter from Wigton Town Council requested we back the campaign to retain all services at Wigton Cottage Hospital, this we fully support and a letter to that effect will be sent to Wigton Town Council and the Health Authority.

A request from Silloth First Response Team for funding for the rental of the pagers was agreed as in previous years.

Two letters were received from the new head of Solway Community Technology College. The Susie Shepherd one related to the annual prize day, which the Chair was to attend. The other was for the £400 funding of an award for a prize for citizenship.

Planning applications dealt with this month included works at Stanwix Park, which were agreed, however a planning application for the redevelopment of the West Silloth Motors site



Graham Wilkinson
Mayor of Silloth

was refused, this now goes to Allerdale for the final decision.

Reports from representatives on outside bodies were given and it was noted Silloth Tourism Action Group have a new Secretary.

Allerdale and County Council reports included the opening of some of the cockle beds in the middle of the Solway with a limit of 1 ton per boat per day, this was to make it not viable for large boats from out of the area.

Ken Wannop gave his report on works to date much of which related to damage caused by vandals, all of which has to be paid for by the rate payers of Silloth, this included damage in the childrens playing field amounting to over £1,000.

One matter adjourned from last months meeting was the petition for the replacement of the vandalised seat in the bus shelter on Eden Street. Whilst the Council are mindful of those who have to wait between buses the Council have also had discussions with residents on Eden Street and the top end of Solway Street who all find it much more peaceful as the youths do not now gather all night as they were doing previously. There is far less damage, rubbish, broken bottles etc. The Council took a vote on whether or not to return the seat, the majority of members agreed against this action.

A request that hedges within the Crofts, which overhang the footways, be cut back is to be passed to Capita/Highways to investigate as they have the powers to enforce residents to remove such obstructions.

Budget Setting
the Rate for 2006/07.

Following long discussions the Town Council have this year been able to reduce their rate precept by £500 on last year, this will in some way go towards moderating the rise which was levied

by Cumbria County Council and Allerdale Borough Council on us all.

Good housekeeping by our grounds maintenance team of Ken Wannop and Joe Chambers (helped through the summer months by Sid Brough) on the Green, housing estates and school fields have helped the budget.

In the next financial year the council have agreed the following; £5,000 towards upgrading the Christmas Lights with a view to having feeder pillars on Eden Street and Criffel Street, which will enable us to have legal lights to modern standards; £3,000 sponsorship of the Vintage Rally, which is the only rally within the county that is unable to charge an admittance fee; £2,500 for the Regeneration Partnership to help towards attracting funds to upgrade facilities at the paddling pool, sports field and childrens play area; and £3,000 to continue the upgrade of the Community Hall, which is used by many groups within the town along with others from outside the town.

Update of the Tree Saga in Silloth.

Just prior to Christmas I was informed by Peter Marr (Capita Highways) that he had been unsuccessful in his bid to gain funding for any work within Silloth, however he said he was pressing the Arboriculture Department based at Penrith to see if they could acquire funding to prune the trees.

At our January Town Council Meeting we received a planning application relating to crowning and polling of most of the trees within

the town due to the fact we are a conservation area.

At our initial meeting with Capita we stated pruning was acceptable but we were dead against any mass pollarding, this fact is to be related to Allerdale Borough Council who will make the final decision on the application.

Following the Town Council Meeting I have again spoken to Peter Marr who informs me there is still no money for any work and that the planning application is in place so that if funds are found the work can be carried out as soon as possible.

Post Script to the Tree Saga.

On Tuesday 31st January a meeting was held regarding the ongoing saga of the trees, in attendance were Trevor Cooke, Capita (CCC) Steve Long, A.B.C. Planning Dept. together with Councillors Proud, Jefferson, Markley & Wilkinson. We were informed that money had been found for some works to be carried out, but this may be the last chance as there is no guarantee of funding in the future. (Where do our rates go?) These are County Council trees which are not the responsibility of the Town Council.

Following lengthy discussions it was felt that apart from any overhanging branches on Criffel Street and Lawn Terrace the trees would be left intact.

With regard to those within the residential streets it was felt the best option was to poll them all, so as to allow 2 to 3 years before any work would be again required. This may not be looked on as the best way by some town residents, but if we were to have some trees polled and others left this it was felt would only cause conflict.

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In addition to the new bedrooms, a further extension has created a large sitting room with views towards the Scottish hills, and a paved patio area which will be very popular in the summer months. In addition to this, a second quiet sitting room has been provided, giving residents further choice of where to spend their time. All these improvements have served to enhance the homely atmosphere for which Little Acre is renowned.

"We have been able to accommodate all those on the waiting list, and are very grateful to our builders for the professional way in which the work was carried out," said Mrs Betsworth. "We are now looking forward to the grand opening which will be held in March, when we will be able to show off the new facilities".

If you would like to have a look around the home or are seeking respite or long term care for an elderly relative, please contact Sarah Betsworth on 016973 32105 or write to her at Little Acre Care Home, 82 Skinburness Road, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4QH.

Alternatively you may visit our web site at www.littleacrecarehome.co.uk



Silloth Tots & Toddlers



Christmas party went with a bang, the kids really had a good time. A big thank-you to Santa. The raffle raised £55 towards new toys.



Dancing Bee
by
Hope Shaw
aged 4 from Silloth Primary School



Princess Bee
by Emily Smith
aged 6 from
Silloth Primary School



Big Bus Bee
by Luke Ray aged 10 from
Silloth Primary School



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by George Strick
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Motorcycle Racing Ace



Above: Jim racing at Brands Hatch
Below: Jim grinding the pipes away on the Matchless G45



Report by: On Two Wheels

Local DJ and vintage motorcycling ace (Jazzy) Jim Snaith has now completed two seasons competing at the highest level.

He has been racing a 1956 Matchless G45 owned and prepared by Ian (Eli) Baty at Baty Ruckersberg Motors. In the Lansdowne Classic Series Jim finished

fifteenth over the year, an excellent result, especially when you consider that several other bikes were being ridden by past World Champions. Jim also competed in the Scottish Series and in the Manx GP. His best result last year was 5th over two days at Donnington Park, yet again competing against several World Champions.

Jim will be competing again in all three series during 2006 on the Matchless and also on a Honda, We look forward to hearing his progress.



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Causewayhead WI 'Adopt A Beach'



Report by: Frances Jackson

Causewayhead WI are now litter picking on West Beach on a regular basis, thanks to funding from the Solway Coast AONB Sustainable Development Fund. The funding allowed the WI to purchase the equipment needed to become a member of the Marine Conservation

Society (MCS) "Adopt A Beach" scheme. This involves 'adopting' a beach and forwarding information about the types of litter found to the MCS. Only four quarterly litter picks need to be recorded and the funding is provided by the MCS.

The first litter pick was on January 12th when 8 ladies filled 8 large bin sacks with

litter. This consisted mainly of plastic bottles, drink cans and pieces of plastic which included supermarket bags. All the litter was recorded for the MCS, "Adopt A Beach" scheme.

The WI hope that in the long term that the part of West Beach they are litter picking will be improved for both Silloth visitors and residents.

Solway Autograss Club

Our racing season starts on the 26th of March (depending on the weather).

There is going to be a lot of new faces in 2006 and new cars. We have some new Junior drivers as well as women driving for the first time.

We also have four members from one family from Carlisle! SL310 will be driven by Sarah Hodgson stepping up from the Juniors into the adults Class 11 and sharing the car is Junior Lisa Hodgson. Mam and Dad have got a new mini for 2006 SL103 Paul is the current Club Class 1 Champion and Fiona will be making her debut in Class 11.

This demonstrates how much a family orientated sport Autograss racing is. Racing gets under way at 11:30 and for £4 entry where can you get better entertainment. For more details visit our website: www.solway-autograss.co.uk.

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