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Football Bee
by Annie Scott from Silloth Primary School

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Christ Church Refurbishment

Out of the 19th Century

Into the 21st Century



A Service of Celebration will take place on Sunday 21st November with Bishop James marking the 150th anniversary of the consecration of Christ

Church in November 1871, including thanksgiving for the completion of the recent building work.

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LJ Cheer Bring Back 44 Trophies!



LJ Cheer dancers range in age from two years to adults, three coaches took them to Wakefield. Full report on page 11

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Silloth Gets Green Flag Award



Report by: Wendy Jameson

Councillor Graham Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor of Silloth and Councillor Bill Jefferson OBE, Chair of the Parks Committee with the 2021/22 Green Flag at the Community Garden on Silloth Green.

Silloth Green flies the flag as one of the country's best parks.

In a record-breaking year for the Green Flag Award, as the scheme marks its Silver Jubilee, Silloth Green is one of 2,127 celebrating.

Councillor Mark Orchard, Mayor of Silloth said: "Once again, we are proud to announce that Silloth-on-Solway has been awarded the Green Flag. This is the ninth consecutive year we

have achieved this prestigious award and as a council are very proud.

Lead by our very own grounds maintenance team alongside the many volunteers that work tirelessly week in week out, together we have yet again maintained the high standard required to achieve the Green Flag Award.

To do this in a normal year is a great achievement but during the many lockdown months we have endured this is something special indeed.

We have had a huge increase in visitors this summer and this is testament to all and shows that we have made our hometown what it is. Our large manicured

open spaces and seasonal floral displays along with our community garden and more to enjoy, really keep Silloth-on-Solway well and truly on the map.

Thank you to everyone who has helped achieve this yet again for Silloth. Every little helps in our community and this shows what a fantastic little town we have."

Emmanuel Flecken, our Green Flag judge for 2021, concluded in his report: "All of those involved in this coastal park should be really proud of yourselves of what you have achieved so far and I am sure we will be seeing more of you in the future as an example of what communities can bring to the open spaces sector. Well deserved Green Flag status."

What is a Community Catalyst?

Community Catalysts is a social enterprise working across the UK to try to make sure that people who need care and support to live their lives can get help in ways, times and places that suit them, with real choice of attractive local options. We help local people use their energies and talents to deliver sustainable Community enterprises that can support other local people, creating jobs and volunteering opportunities.



Community micro-enterprise Project in North Allerdale

This is a new and exciting project delivered in partnership with Cumbria County Council. The two-year project aims to stimulate the development and growth of community micro-enterprises that provide a wide range of help and support for older and disabled people or similar. The initial focus is on the areas of Wigton, Silloth, Aspatria, the Northern Fells and the Solway Coast but work can cover the whole of North Allerdale.

Community micro-enterprise

People with talents, passion and local knowledge run community micro-enterprises. They all aim to make a difference to the lives of local people. Our project has a focus on enterprises that support older or disabled people who need some care or help to live a good life or similar:

- have 8 or fewer full-time staff or volunteers
- are independent of any larger organisation.
- are set up in many different and creative ways such as: sole trader, partnership, small business, social enterprise, charity or voluntary organisation.

Support from the Community micro-enterprise Project

Community Catalysts has a huge amount of experience helping local people establish community

micro-enterprises. We run a development programme which can:

- offer you a friendly and supportive point of contact to explore ideas
- direct you to other organisations that can help
- support you to develop your community enterprise and give you practical information on regulation, training and opportunities in the health and social care sector

Community Catalysts and North Allerdale

Julie Baillie, Senior Manager for Commissioning, Cumbria County Council: "We know from our work with older people in Cumbria that most people would like to stay in their own home as they grow older. The service offered by Community Catalysts will help us to meet the local demand for care by supporting people who want to work in their own communities to set up their own social care enterprise. We are delighted to be working with Community Catalysts on this programme that will enable us to support more of our older people to live independently at home."

What might this mean for me?

Community Catalysts can support people who are currently running a community micro-enterprise that helps older or disabled people who need some care or help to live a good life or similar. We can also help people who are interested in starting a new community micro-enterprise.

We would also like to connect with people, organisations, businesses or groups across the areas of Wigton, Silloth, Aspatria, the Northern Fells and the Solway Coast who have an interest in building stronger communities.

Get in touch

Becky Goddard is employed by Community Catalysts to coordinate this project and to run the development programme. Contact Becky Goddard on 07503 928435 or at becky.goddard@communitycatalysts.co.uk.

Jackie's Christmas Day Lunch

Report by: Jackie McCormick

This year the Christmas Day Lunch will go ahead again at the Rugby Club in Silloth.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us. If you know someone that would benefit from this then please do tell them.

We will be serving from 12pm until 2pm Christmas Day.

Any donations for the day will be greatly received and very much appreciated.

If you would like any more information about the lunch my number is 08760 374817.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.



Party Bees
by
Ruby McMillan
from
Holm
Cultram
Abbey
School

Rev David Harkison Retires



Report by: Kirstine Proud

David Harkison was a well loved and respected minister in Silloth for eight years.

He is shown taking his last service in Whitehaven where he retired on 30th September

Silloth Badminton Team 1954-1956



Silloth Badminton Team 1954-1956

Jean Foster, Ken Marshall, Betty Porter, Jock Munro, Irene Riddick, Douglas Oliver, Joycelyn Wishart, George Foster, Connie Akitt, Wilf Wilson
 Mary Munro, Dorothy Foster, Who is this?, Peta Adams, Instructor: Cyril Ashton, Nellie Storey, Marjorie Littleton, Who is this?, Linda Walton
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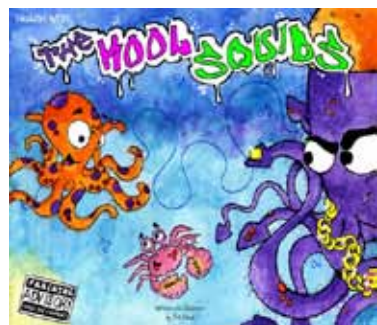
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Celebrities Read for Tim!

Local author Tim Stead has released another children's book, that deals with the issues of peer pressure and gang culture.

The new book aptly named *Hanging with The KOOL SQUIDS* shines a light on the pressure that children may find when approached by other influential naughty children.

As Tim explains: "the story itself takes a light look at the problem of gang pressure and bullying, which I experienced at school... and it wasn't very nice at all. I think most people in their lives have come across bullies or experienced of being bullied. It's a horrible thing and I wanted to show how it effects the people involved and how it also can damage and be hurtful on a lot of levels. I also wanted to highlight racism in the book. Not to go too deep into it because obviously it's a children's story's at the end of the day. But it does hint at it. For example - in the story line Olly the Octopus and Rab the Crab are best of friends, and one day they cross paths with a very naughty gang of Squids. (The KOOL SQUIDS). The leader of The KOOL SQUIDS asks Olly the Octopus if he'd like to join their gang as he looks like them with tentacles and big eyes. But Rab the Crab can't because he's different looking with pencil stick eyeballs and a funny spiky shell for a body. And they ridicule him



for this and make fun of him at his expense."

So yes there are important issues covered says Tim but in a way children can relate and also very funny things that happen. Naughty but really good fun. I think we can all relate to that last statement.

So along with the publication of the book Tim called on a few well known TV celebrity friends to see whether they would help him with a reading from the book; ie a selfie video.

Famous names such as Darren Day, Shirley Ballas, Gabrielle Glaister and Julia Gouling all chipped in to help. I'm very humbled and very grateful to the celebs for helping out. It's just amazing that they've taken time out of their very busy schedule to help and support me.

Tim will be posting these celebrity videos that have been professionally edited over the next few weeks. Tim's book is now available via Amazon.

Edith Kerr 1932 to 2021



Report by: Kirstine Proud

Edith passed away on 11th September aged 88 years.

She was a pillar of St Andrews Church for many years and was well thought of throughout Silloth by all who new her.

Free Guided Relaxation Sessions for Carers



An unpaid carer is someone who helps look after a friend or family member who, through illness or disability, is unable to manage without support.

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Trick or Treat Bee
by Daisy Armstrong from Holm Cultram Abbey School



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Christ Church is 150 Years Young and Is Now Modernised for the 21st Century and Beyond



Report by:
Revd Canon Bryan Rothery

Christ Church was designed by Cory & Ferguson architects and built with large split grey granite boulders brought as ballast in ships from Newry, Ireland by the North British Railway. The land on which the church was built was given by the Railway Company.

"...the foundation of the church was laid on 6th September 1869, and it was opened on 8th September 1870, and consecrated on 23rd November 1871. The Church is decorated in the 'decorated Gothic' style, and its facing of Irish granite gives a very clean and attractive appearance..."

"...In June 1878, the tower was commenced but only two stories were completed in January 1881. The third storey and spire were added later, the top stone being on the spire on 10th August 1883."

"A single bell from the Loughborough Foundry, dated 1871, was bought by subscription and erected on a frame in the churchyard on 27th June 1872, and was used until a set of bells was installed in the completed tower in 1883. The peal of eight bells, presented to the Church chiefly by the munificence of Mr Banks of Wigton and friends, upon which the Westminster chimes were struck, were made by James Taylor & Co., Founders Loughborough."

The bells were rung for the first time on 6th October 1883."

"The clock, a memorial to a

George Moore, was fixed into the tower on 8th August 1884 at a cost of £220, it strikes on the tenor bell. In the belfry was a manual apparatus which enabled one person to play tunes on the bells.

"The total cost of the church, tower, spire, clock, bells and organ was approximately £7,200."

The church committee has been working with the architect Paul Grout to develop Christ Church so that it can better serve the community into the 21st century and beyond.

The plans have created a new kitchen, toilets and a storage area, pews have been removed to create open areas in the nave and aisle to enable more flexible use of the building as a place of worship and hub where community and social activities can take place. A raised platform now extends the chancel into the nave and the communion table from St Paul's Church

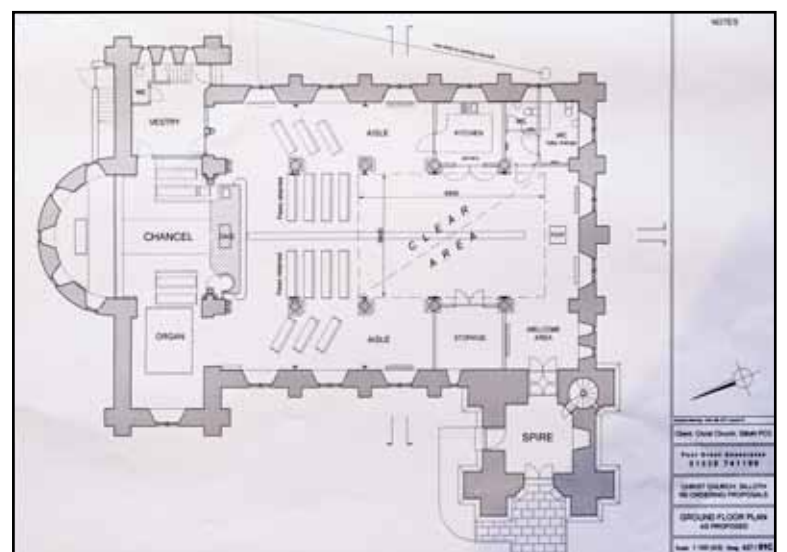
Causewayhead will be used as a focal point for our worship. The platform will facilitate the staging of performance and concerts, making Christ Church an attractive venue for a variety of events. A new external ramp provides level access at the main door. In due course, additional chairs will be purchased to supplement the pews that have been retained.

The work, completed in October, has been done by Postlethwaite Construction Ltd as the main contractor, Jantel Heating and Terris Electrical as sub-contractors.



The extended Dais now has space for the table from St Pauls Church

The new layout is more flexible and incorporates a kitchen and toilets



RNLI Fish Supper Raises £443

Report by: Margaret English

A very happy crowd of 45 people came to the Silloth Café on Friday 22nd October.

It was wonderful to be able to hold a fundraising event after such a long time. A very big thank you to Owen and his staff who made everyone very welcome; so good to be there again.

Everyone was extremely helpful and the happy crowd enjoyed a lovely plate of fish, chips and mushy peas. A big thank you to Julie who organised the bar and to Julie and Lesley who manned the donations only bar. The beer, wine and shots all went down very well.

It was wonderful to see so many new faces joining us among the familiar ones. Always good to have the crew with us.

Another paper folding task



took a while to work out and some gave up altogether. For those that persevered the quality was super. The best colouring task was very hard to choose with the ladies from the past Inner Wheel coming out on top with Stew from the crew's daughter Beth.

Fun quizzes this year, questions concerning the words fish and chips were very unusual and everyone having a go and new faces winning the token prize.

The raffle was very well supported. In all £443 was raised, a super effort and so lovely to have so many people supporting us.

On behalf of the Silloth and District RNLI Fundraisers I would like to thank everyone who came along to make it good fun.

Enormous thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the evening so successful.

See you next year!

Accidents Caused by 'Failing to Look'

Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall, is warning drivers to drive safely and stay alert on Cumbria's roads after the biggest cause of accidents was revealed to be failing to look properly.

Between August 2020 and July 2021, 24.6% of road accidents in Cumbria were caused by motorists failing to look properly at junctions. Driving carelessly or 'in a hurry' was the second biggest cause at 15.9% and failing to judge another person's speed or path took third place at 13.8%.

Data revealed that between August 2020 and July 2021, 40 people have died as a result of a road accident in Cumbria with a further 314 suffering from serious injuries and 758 experiencing slight injuries.

Over a third of drivers stopped by Police suspected of driving under the influence of drugs tested positive for narcotics, while just over 10% were found over the legal alcohol limit. Men accounted for over 73% of the casualties of road accidents with the highest age group being involved in accidents

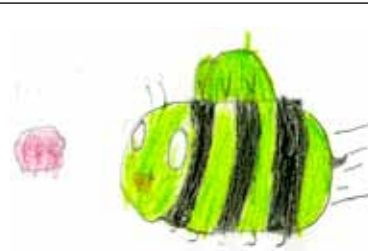
being 18 years old.

Speaking on these findings, PCC Peter McCall, said: "Many of us assume that most road accidents are a result of speeding, drink or drug driving etc. and although these factors do cause serious accidents, they are not the most common cause. Simply not paying enough attention when joining traffic is the most common so it really is important that we give the road and other drivers our utmost attention when behind the wheel. Forty families have had to face the devastation of losing a loved one – in some cases, multiple loved ones – and no family should ever have to deal with that heartbreak.

This is far too high a number and we do need to work together so that no family ever has to receive that type of distressing news. It's appalling that over a third of people tested for drugs tested positive and this is only the number that were caught. I want to make it really clear to anyone who thinks it is okay to take illegal drugs and then drive, such activity is selfish, anti-social and totally unacceptable, it is moreover illegal

and I can assure you that the police will continue to pursue and prosecute anyone drives under the influence of either alcohol or drugs. There is never any excuse to place the lives of other road users at risk because of your selfish activity.

I am urging all residents to remember to drive safely, legally and to the conditions of the road as we head in to winter – we all want to get home safe to our families so let's work together to make sure this is the case. Report any dangerous driving to 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency."



I want to eat your brain Bee
by
Ryan Wise
from
Holme St Cuthbert School

League of Friends

Report by: Jean Day

As we still cannot go into Silloth Nursing Home en-masse for a coffee morning the League of Friends decided to hold one in St Andrews Hall, Silloth, on Wednesday 13th October.

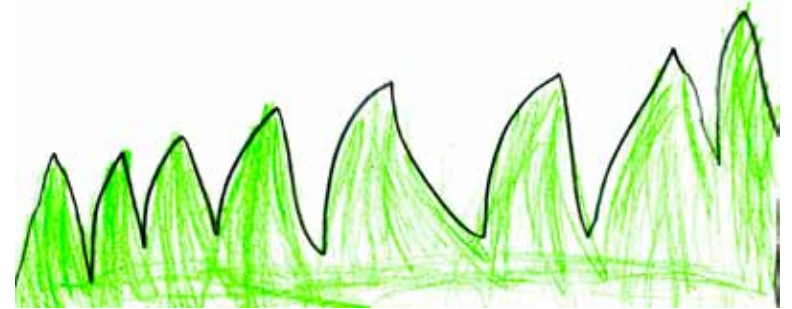
This was the first after more than 18 months and although we were very sorry not to be able to see our residents it was lovely to see so many old and new friends come to give us their support.

The cake stall did brisk

business as did the raffle.

We plan to hold our coffee morning, once a month, in St Andrew's Hall for the foreseeable future - dates for your diaries: Wednesday 15th December and Wednesday 12th January 2022, all 9:30am - 11a.m.

Thank you once again for the great support from our local community and St Andrew's for the use of the hall (the facilities are second to none).



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by Heather St Quintin from Silloth Primary School



Cowboy Bee
by Tommy Reid from Silloth Primary School

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Silloth RNLI Lifeboat Reports

Casualty Stuck in Mud at Bowness



A casualty stuck in mud up to their knees near Bowness on Solway, was rescued on Tuesday 12th October, by Silloth RNLI lifeboat.

The lifeboat was launched at 1:58pm and reached the casualty at approx. 2:20pm, although due to the lack of water it could not get close to him. Two crew got off the lifeboat and made their way through the mud to aid the casualty.

The tide was coming in rapidly and the casualty was very

vulnerable.

The rescue helicopter from Prestwick was involved along with Burgh by Sands and Maryport Coastguards and Cumbria Fire and Rescue.

Silloth RNLI lifeboat crew accompanied the casualty back to the boat as it was impossible to get him safely onto the beach. The lifeboat then made its way back to Silloth with the casualty on board, arriving at 3:15pm.

An excellent outcome to a very difficult situation.

Casualties Rescued from Flooded Road at Silloth Marsh



Silloth RNLI were called out on 30th October 2021 to a car that had got stuck in the flood water along the Marsh Road, in between Skinburness and Calvo. The BMW had five passengers in it, who were advised to remain in the car until help arrived, as it was impossible to see the edges of the road and the sides of the dyke.

The RNLI took their County Tractor up to the scene along with

the L200, lifeboat crew in dry suits and shore crew.

The lifeboat crew evacuated the BMW by carrying the casualties to the L200 and the tractor was able to then pull the car through the flood towards a recovery vehicle from Egertons which was waiting on the Calvo side of the flood.

Also in attendance were Cumbria Fire and Rescue,

Maryport Coastguard and Paramedics.

The five people, all of whom are here on holiday, were all safely taken to dry land by the RNLI, where three of them were picked up and taken to Carlisle to catch a train and two were taken to the beleaguered car to await recovery.

The RNLI tractor was taken back to the lifeboat station, where it was made ready for service again.

New Rescue Vehicle for Silloth



Silloth RNLI lifeboat station are pleased to welcome a new (to them) vehicle to use as an aid to escort the lifeboat through the town; carry their equipment about and generally help with the movement of any necessary items, including their pop up shop in the marquee, wherever it is needed.

The Mercedes van was originally part of the RNLI flood vehicle fleet based at Workington before coming to Silloth.

Nith Inshore Rescue Thank Silloth for Their Support



Silloth RNLI were invited to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Nith Inshore Rescue on 22nd October. Malcolm and Alison Scott represented the station and travelled to Easterbrook Hall in Dumfries (which is part of the University of West of Scotland), where the occasion took place.

Silloth RNLI lifeboat has had a close connection

with Nith Inshore Rescue over the years and Mal and Alison had an excellent evening talking and reminiscing with colleagues.

During the evening he accepted a beautiful certificate on behalf of Silloth RNLI, which is now on display in Silloth lifeboat station, this recognises the support Silloth has always given to the Nith team.

Tyson Fury v
Anthony Joshua
Bees
by
Finn Armstrong
from
Holm Cultram
Abbey School



Carols & Songs

Report by: Margaret English

On Friday 3rd December come to an evening of Christmas Carols and Songs in Christ Church, Criffel Street, Silloth at 7pm for a chance to listen and join in.

Entry is £5 inc refreshments. There will be a raffle and an RNLI stall. Do come along and bring your friends.



Causewayhead WI

Report by: Jenny Stride

At our meeting on 13th October we were pleased to welcome a new member Joanne and a visitor Margaret.

Birthday wishes were extended to Jenny and Olga who have birthdays this month.

The raffle was won by Margaret and Marjorie Littleton.

Our speaker was Ros Downing on Cotton at Cummersdale, the Stead McAlpin Story.

This is the fabric printers known by workers as Steads.

The origins of the firm stem back to the 1780's but was not known by the Stead McAlpin name until 1835 when members of the Stead and McAlpin families took over. Although bought in 1965 by the John Lewis Group they and subsequent owners have kept this name because of its high regard across the world.

The original block printing has now been overtaken by computerised methods. The original processes were very laborious with one yard an hour being printed by hand to 1,000 yards an hour by roller. The hand process involved only one colour at a time whereas under modern methods up to 25 colours can be used.

Materials printed by the company have been displayed at the great Exhibitions in the 19th century in Paris and at Crystal Palace. Special designs were made for Queen Victoria's coronation.

The company has used designs by famous designers such as William Morris and Charles Voysey. One design in the 1960's by Pat Albeck was John Lewis's best selling design for 15 years with over 2.5 million metres being printed.

Take Care with Candles!

With winter fast approaching, a few candles scattered round the room can lend a warm glow to an evening in or add some festive cheer to the season's celebrations such as Bonfire Night and Christmas. But with candle fires resulting in around 300 casualties each year, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service is asking people to take extra care with candles this winter - around a third (32 per cent) of all fires started by candles attended by fire and rescue services result in a death or injury.

The most important step you can take to keep yourself and your loved ones safe is to ensure your home has working smoke alarms. To prevent candle fires from starting in your home, you should

make sure your candles are kept away from flammable materials like curtains and ensure candles are put out when you leave the room, even for a moment.

Will Richardson, Group Manager responsible for Community Safety said: "Left unattended, an open flame

scenting your home could leave a trail of devastation. Place your lit candles with extra care, away from curtains, pets and children and always remember to put them out when you leave the room, even for a moment. Working smoke alarms can give you the vital time you need to get out, stay out and call 999. Keep yourself and your loved ones safe by testing your alarm regularly and by practicing your escape routes."

Please always follow our advice to help keep you and your family safe: Never leave lit candles unattended. Put burning candles out when you leave the room, and make sure they're out completely at night.

Place your candles carefully. Make sure they are on a stable surface, out of the reach of pets and children, and keep them away from flammable objects like curtains, furniture, bedding and books.

Don't move candles once they are lit. Do not burn several candles close together as this might cause the flame to flare.



Burn candles in a well-ventilated room, out of drafts, vents or air currents. This will help prevent rapid or uneven burning, soot, and dripping. Always put scented candles in a heat resistant holder. These candles are designed to liquefy when heated to maximise fragrance.

Fit smoke alarms and test them now and monthly. A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time to get out, stay out and call 999. Make sure that everyone in your home knows what to do if a fire should occur- practise your escape route. For more home fire safety advice, visit: <https://cumbria.gov.uk/cumbriafire/services/safetyathome/default.asp>.



Bobby Bee
by Maddie Wise
from Holme St Cuthbert School



Olivia Bee
by
Olivia McGuire
from
Holme St Cuthbert School



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Silloth & District Pensioners

Report by: Jean Day

Another successful Coffee Morning was held on Saturday, 2nd October, in St Andrews Hall.

The cake stall did brisk business, Penny Stimson had a lovely display of knitted toys for sale and the raffle was very generously supported. Coffee, scones and biscuits were provided aplenty (we have a new Coffee Maker, please let us know if we are keeping up standards).

The Raffle winners were: Anne Fee, Freda Rumney, David Bell, Pam Blaylock, Marion Graham, Eileen Reeves, Pauline Mole, June Morton, Linda McCormick and Connie Anderson. Many thanks to all who donated prizes.

There will be no coffee

morning held in December.

St Andrew's Hall was packed for the last Coffee Morning this year for Silloth & District Pensioners. The "crack" must have been good (because it was a bit loud). But we hope everyone enjoyed being able to meet up with each other.

There was a well supported raffle and we are always grateful to those who bring us prizes. Winners were, Joan Bowe, Christine Worrall, Maureen Irving, Pam Blaylock, Freda Rumney, Moira Fearon, Marion Graham, and Margaret Gate.

Plans are well in hand for the Christmas Party at Stanwix Park on Saturday, 27th November and we look forward to seeing all those who have tickets.

Harvest Festival in Mawbray



Report by: Lynda Bailey

On Thursday 30th September the whole school and a good number of parents and governors attended their annual Harvest Festival in the adjoining Holme St Cuthbert Church.

Mrs E. and Mrs K. Sergeant lead the service, with all the children thoroughly enjoying singing traditional harvest songs, with some of the younger children telling us how much they liked and the benefits of different fruit and vegetables,



Children from the newly formed nursery were excited to be there, though a little overawed, enjoyed the event along with everyone else.

All the produce was auctioned in the Church Hall on the following Monday evening for

church and school funds.

Mrs Carini, the Headteacher would like to thank the staff for their hard work organising the event, the church for hosting the event and all the parents for donating produce and attending the Harvest Festival.



Flash Bee
by
Connor Scott
from
Silloth Primary School

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The Solway Buzz Needs YOU!

Several of our long term volunteers have recently had to hang up their delivery bags
Can you help your community?
We look forward to hearing from anyone who can help in the following areas just ten times per annum.

Lawn Terrace Silloth 25 properties	Edderside approximately 20 properties	Links Close & Bridge View 25 properties
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Peter Gilmore Steps Down as Leader

Peter Gilmore said: "After over twenty years, I have had the Honour and have been proud to be a small part of such a great team that is "Silloth First Responders"

It was back in November 2000 when a small group of us had our first open meeting and we agreed to set the team-up.

The team started training in January 2001 with the help of Andy Dalton and Steve Cremin (who helped with the team's training in our early years) and after everyone passed their assessment's, the team went live at the start of February and their very first call out not long after.

In the team's first year on call, they had attended 74 call out's and with the help of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and skills gained we had two very good outcomes for two patients.

I have been the team's Chairman/team coordinator from the start and was to be on call for the first ten years or so. This was alongside some very special people who gave up their time to volunteer and to be on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week or whenever they could help and give cover to the people and visitors to Silloth and the surrounding area

I would like to say a "MASSIVE THANK YOU" to everyone that has played a part in the team from day one to now. Be it large or small you have all played such an important part in the team.

In our second year, the number of calls started to go up and now the team can have anything from one call-out in a few days, to having four or five call outs in an hour. One after the other and can have well over 300 call-outs a year and have attended well over 2,500 since going live.

Since 2001 the team has used



the AED and all the skills gained through the team's training and all of the advanced skills of the excellent Paramedics and the Technicians that we have worked alongside to help thousands of patients and their families.

The team has been a very large and important part of my life from when we set the team up to now.

I cannot thank everyone enough that's on-call now or has been on-call, also everyone that's played a part in the team and it's setting up, also thank you to everyone that's raised or donated money to help keep the team running.

Sadly, due to my health. I had to stop responding on call outs around ten years ago and was a proud dad when my son Paul became a First Responder but gutted that I never got to respond on call out with

him, but I'm pleased to say he's still Responding now when he's home and not working away.

I cannot believe it's nearly 21 years since we set the team up and went live. Also, that I have had the honour to be part of such a great team and its members and to be its Team Leader.

My time in the team has been made easier due to the help of my wife Lorna who has just retired from the team after twenty years on call and has put up with me using our home as the team stores room and my family Paul and

Hannah for their help.

Again thank you to everyone that's been a Responder or part of the committee, you have all played a massive part in such a great team.

I would like to thank Owen Martin for taking over as Team Leader. He's done a great job since the start of Covid in covering and responding to call-outs when possible, and he's made my decision to finish as Team Leader all the easier as I know he will do a great job.

Thanks to Nicola and Angus for all their help over the last few years as Secretary and Treasurer. Thank you all past and present and all the very best of luck and stay safe to all of the team now and in the future.

If you are interested in becoming part of the team, please contact Owen or Nicola on the teams Facebook page or if you would like more information, please have a look on the NWS Responders page.

Owen Martin said: It's a very sad day for the team as we lose Peter as Team Leader. Without him Silloth wouldn't have any Responders and their 21 years of dedication to the people of Silloth and surrounding areas.

We all have so much to thank him for, over the years he has helped save countless lives and helped so many others. We will now carry on his legacy and continue to support the community.



LJ Cheers Travel to Wakefield and Bring Back 44 Trophies!

On Sunday 26th September, L J Cheer, Silloth's local cheerleading group, travelled to Wakefield to compete in a nationwide Urban Cheer UK competition.

This was their first competition since February 2020 and the first time at an Urban Cheer event so they were really excited.

After a very early morning departure with Spencer Graham Coaches, they arrived safely ready for their youngest dancers to hit the dance floor. The first section was amazing, everyone got on the dance floor and gave it their all. It was an amazing start to the day with many younger dancers getting trophies and it didn't stop there.

The second coach arrived around lunch time and the older girls were raring to go. After finding out how well the younger dancers did, they couldn't wait to dance. The nerves started to kick in as many dancers were out of their comfort zone but that didn't stop them giving it their all. More trophies in the second section, we were over the moon.

The third coach arrived and the oldest girls were amazed by our results so far. The pressure was on for the older dancers but that just made them more determined and the trophies just kept coming. Each and every one of the dancers danced

their hearts out and had an amazing day.

With an outstanding end result of 44 trophies in total taken home. This is a fantastic result for L J Cheer. They managed to get 8 first place, 8 second place, 8 third place, 8 fourth place, 4 fifth place, 7 sixth place and 1 seventh place.

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

After such an amazing first

competition back, everyone is looking forward to the upcoming competition in November at Blackpool Tower. This is a larger competition and is close to our hearts as they have dedicated an award for Team Spirit to our Jodie Frith, who we sadly lost in 2019.

L J Cheer has been running since March 2017 and is run by coach Laura Sutcliffe at Caldew Hall.

Starting off small, classes used to range from 4 years to 16 years on Wednesday nights but after a huge amount of interest classes have grown massively and now run over two days, Monday's and Wednesday's for 2 years up to Adults.

If you would be interested in joining our Cheer family, please get in touch with Laura on 07538 223636 or via our Facebook page - L J Cheer.



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Holme Cultram Abbey

Christmas Munch Lunch

Our famous Christmas Munch Lunch will be available to eat in or as a takeaway

On Thursday 2nd December 2021

Takeaways: **£12.00**
please collect between **11am - 11.45am**
(local delivery available please state when ordering)

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To order or for more information please contact:
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(orders to be placed by Monday 29th November)
Please support us if you can and we look forward to seeing some old and new faces. Thank you

Christmas Fayre

At **Holme Cultram Abbey, Abbeytown**
On Saturday 27th November 2021
10.00am - 4.00pm
and
Sunday 28th November 2021
12.00pm - 4.00pm

Admission £2.00
(includes tea/coffee and mince pie/shortbread biscuit)

Various stalls, tombola, raffle and refreshments

Please note: Unfortunately there will be no Santa this year, but children will be able to write and post a letter to Santa.

MAWBRAY VILLAGE HALL
MONTHLY QUIZ

QUIZ!

Due to popular demand, we are bringing back the Village Hall Monthly Quiz Nights.

Our first quiz is a pre-Christmas event with complimentary mince pies for all and traditional novelty prizes.

Wednesday 8th December 7.30pm
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Your Buzzing Letters & Poems

Dear Buzz,

We would like to thank all the people for their support and very kind messages, cards and donations on the passing of our mam Isabel Gilmour.

A special thank you to Dr Stalhlschmidt, also Beckie and Emily.

From the family of
Isabel Gilmour

Dear Buzz,

I want to thank everyone who helped me when I had a bad fall recently.

Thank you all for your kindness and much needed help.

Special thanks to Owen, for his quick response and care.

Thanks also to the paramedics and A&E also district nurses for their aftercare.

Thanks to Lorna and Joan for their help, also friends for cards, flowers, fruit and soup. I am grateful to you all.

Thank you again, and a special thank you from Billy.

Jean Milroy

Dear Buzz,

I am writing to say how much I enjoyed reading "Those were the days" report by Mike Faulkner in the September edition of The Buzz.

I can relate to all that he says, and can add a thing or two - I can remember doing P.E. as he describes and would add that we did not have any P.E. shorts, we were expected to do these exercises in just our underwear (in the case of we girls our knickers!!)

I certainly got the cane a few times - once I remember - for singing in the corridor! When I arrived home my father knew that I had been caned as my hand was still very red, and he would proceed to clout me again, saying "you have obviously misbehaved, so here is another one to teach you a lesson" and I am convinced that

it did!

I also have vivid memories of sweet rationing which allowed us to have three quarters of a pound of sweets per month (around three bags of sweets) and, as I lived very near to our local sweet shop my coupons were always used up long before the end of the month! Bread was rationed by B.U.'s (bread units) and we never ever saw any cakes!

I did not see my father for around six years, apart from odd days when he came home on leave from the army. All this applied to other children, and I don't remember anyone saying that we were missing a "father figure" - it was just accepted. We were happy enough in those days however, and I am sure many of your readers will be able to relate to what I can remember as a child of the war years.

As Mike says, I do not remember any need for anger management classes or group therapy, but we were raised to behave ourselves and respect our elders and people in authority - although we could probably be described in modern terms as "deprived children".

Mrs June Wilkinson

The Earth Quake
by Penny Stimson

*There's a hole in our road
where John lay,
he decided to hit it
when walking on day.*

*His mind was somewhere
we cannot dare to tell,
when up went his leg
and down he fell.*

*Now being rather roundish
one would be inclined
to think he would have fallen
straight on his behind.*

*But no, not our John
he had to be great
and fell onto his nose
with all of his weight.*

*Now his nose is a Shiner
for all to see,
which makes stories to tell
to all and me.*

Sea Glass

By Sophia Lodhi

*I have no ruling over the seas which take me...
Nor the endless, moody waves which shape me.
Where once, rays of light shone through perfection,
I am opaque - dimmed and bevelled - blindly seeking connection...
As I become smaller, smaller, I have been to many shores;
But there is always the dull ache within to see more.
In the constant tossing of the ocean, my essence still glints
Through an outer shell much blistered, with only a hint
Of what I once was, years ago, in the past:
Now.....I am sea glass.*

Jim's Photographs
by Joan Bennett

*Jim Smith is excited of that there's no doubt.
He's taking his family on a special day out.
I'll take some nice photo's while we are away.
They will give us all memories of our happy day.*

*His very first camera was his birthday treat.
A happier man would be so hard to meet.
He bundled his wife and sons into his car.
Now all settle down he said it's not very far.*

*His wife in the front and his sons in the back.
Jim travelled some miles, then came to a track.
We'll stop here for a while and have a short rest.
I'll take a few snap shots give the camera a test.*

*Now all of you smile as you stand round the car.
That's lovely now hop in it's not very far.
Jim has a great day as he focused and clicked.
Took pictures of family at the beach that he'd picked.*

*When he arrived home he swore and said drat.
This camera is useless the batteries are flat.*

Bobby Bee
by
Joe Taylor
from
Holme St
Cuthbert
School



Do you have a poem or letter
for the buzz?

We welcome all submissions,
there is no charge.
Please remember to include
your contact information.

Dew
By Sophia Lodhi

*She throws tiny globes of liquid light
Over leaves and flowers, when they wake from night -
Gifts of opal...pearl...chrysolite:
Never unnoticed, as we absorb the sight
Of a dazzled morning: crystal, bright -
Dew: our muse of diamond light.*

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Masthead Bee Winner

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

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

You don't have to be at school here to send a bee to us. If you are here on holiday we would love to have your bee drawing. Or send it to us, our address is on page 14.

This month the
winner is Annie
Scott from Silloth
Primary School
with a bee
drawing called
"Football Bee".

Well done!



If Only We Could All Achieve This!

Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant, they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself to others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let not this blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the council of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be, and whatever your labours and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham drudgery and broken dreams; it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Can You be a Vaccine Community Champion?

Do you want to make a big difference in your community?

Become a Vaccine Community Champion and help get trusted information about COVID-19 to your community.

We are looking for people who want to support their friends, family, neighbours, and community by sharing information and talking about Covid-19 and the vaccine in a way that helps people feel supported, make informed choices, and stay safe.

What will a Community Champion do?

Receive regular updates on the latest COVID-19 guidance and vaccination information from trusted sources.

Support friends, family, and the wider community to remain informed and up to date on the latest information.

Engage with identified priority groups living in Cumbria which include; people with disabilities, older people, younger people, and Black, Asian, and minority ethnic communities, to help people make informed decisions around keeping safe.

Feedback any local issues or concerns relating to COVID-19 and vaccinations.

What support will I get?

Vaccine Community Champion training
FAQ Document on the COVID-19 vaccine:
<https://cumbriacvs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Vaccine-FAQ-v2-October-2021.pdf>

Regular updates and access to COVID-19 resources including posters and videos in a variety of formats.

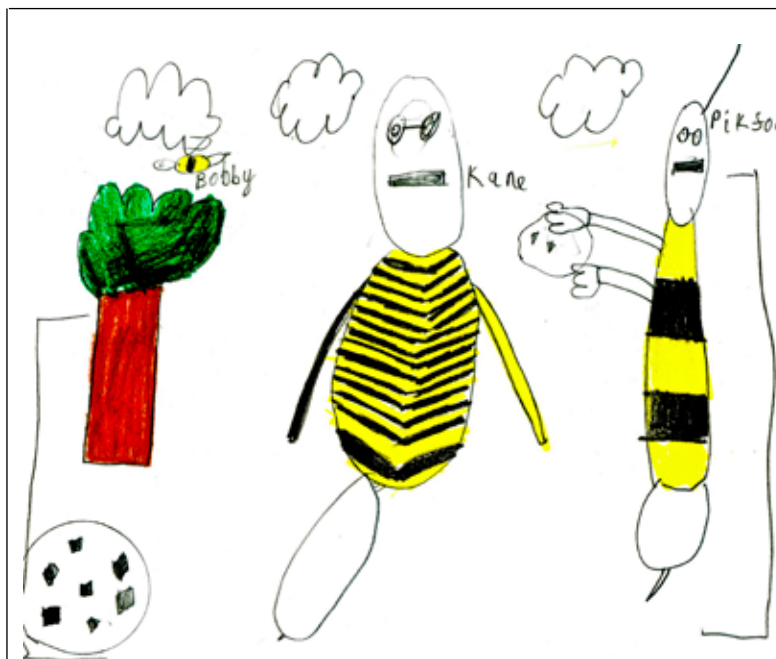
Opportunity to develop the Community Champion approach.

How do I sign up?

Register online for the

Vaccine Community Champion training on 25th November: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/201527824147>. Sessions are held between 2pm - 3:30pm and will be held on Microsoft Teams.

To help us with administration, please complete the supplementary questions about your organisation or community group, your role and which district you are from.



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by
Bobby Sharp
from
Silloth Primary School



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Copy date for the January issue is: **1st week December**
If you have an event to promote or you have something to say, please note the next copy date.

Please let us know of any changes within this section

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Silloth RNLI Shop

SHOP OPENING HOURS

Monday to Thu 1pm-3pm
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Sunday 10am-3pm

We close for Winter on Sunday 12th December
Our Shop is staffed by Volunteers and may not always be open. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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For baptisms and other church related business please contact: Rev Bryan Rothwell
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Silloth Tennis Club

For coaching information call David Wise on 07742 547767

Please tell us when your group starts up again so we can let everyone know

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Doors Open Lunch

'Our Doors Open' meets in St Andrews Church every Tuesday from noon to 1pm for a light lunch with good fellowship for a donation only.

First Responders

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

NatWest Mobile

The NatWest Bank mobile van will be here on Fridays only outside Silloth Community Centre from 9:45am - 10.45am
Queen St Car Park, Aspatria from 11:15am -noon
Market Hill Car Park, Wigton from 1pm - 2pm

Cash Machines

Are available on Solway Street at both the Spar and CO-OP supermarkets. Cash is also available at Winters Post Office

Causewayhead WI

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday in each month at 2pm in the Community Hall and visitors are welcome

Miramar Lodge

Miramar Lodge of Freemasons based in Station Road Silloth meetings every third Thursday of the month. You will be made welcome.

Art Group

Meet in the Golf Hotel from 2nd Feb 2022, 10am to 1pm. Then every first Wednesday. All welcome

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

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Send Your Bees to the Solway Buzz
There is a Bee Shortage, we Need Yours!

Dates for Your Diary

November

21st Table Top Sale in Blencogo Village Hall, 10am to 2pm, free entry
27th Christmas Fayre in Holme Cultram Abbey 10am to 4pm, admission £2, see advert
27th Silloth Pensioner's Xmas Party in Stanwix Park, tickets £8 at Coffee Mornings
28th Christmas Fayre in Holme Cultram Abbey noon to 4pm, admission £2, see advert

28th Christmas Lights Switch-On 3pm to 5:30pm at Christ Church, Santas Grotto

December

2nd Christmas Munch Lunch in Holme Cultram Abbey see advert
3rd Christmas Carols & Songs in Christ Church at 7pm in aid of RNLI, Entry £5
4th Christmas Fayre in St Matthews Church, Westnewton at 2pm in the Village Hall. Takeaway afternoon tea boxes orders taken: 016973 20944, or 23172, or 22442
6th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm
8th Causewayhead WI meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 2pm, all welcome
8th Monthly Quiz in Mawbray Village Hall @ 7:30pm
11th Christmas Craft Fair & Tea in St Andrews Church Hall 10-2pm, To book a table call 016973 32185

December cont'd

12th Mawbray Village Hall Film Club, Christmas Matinee, The Grinch @ 2pm, see advert
15th League of Friends coffee morning in St Andrews Hall 9:30 to 11am
18th Mawbray Village Hall Film Club, Love Actually @ 7pm, see advert
29th Christmas Panto A Lad in a Manger, in Mawbray Village Hall at 2pm & 7pm see advert

January 2022

1st Allonby Bay New Year Swim in the Solway with Allonby Bay Dookers
11th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm
12th League of Friends coffee morning in St Andrews Hall 9:30 to 11am
28th Quiz Night in Mrs Wilson's in aid of RNLI

February

2nd Silloth Art Group meets in the Golf Hotel 10am to 1pm, all welcome
5th Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am
7th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

March

5th Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am
7th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

April

2nd Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am
4th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm
12th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

May

7th Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am
9th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm
28th Silloth Green Day
29th Silloth Green Day
30th Silloth Green Day

June

4th Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am
11th Silloth Vintage Rally on Silloth Green
12th Silloth Vintage Rally on Silloth Green
24th Silloth Pride on Silloth Green
25th Silloth Pride on Silloth Green
26th Silloth Pride on Silloth Green

July

2nd Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am
23rd Solway Truck Show on Silloth Green
24th Solway Truck Show on Silloth Green
30th Soul on the Green starts at 11am

Have You Sent in Your Dates yet?

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The Mawbray Film Club presents
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The Dr. Seuss GRINCH
SUNDAY
12 December
The film starts at 2:00pm

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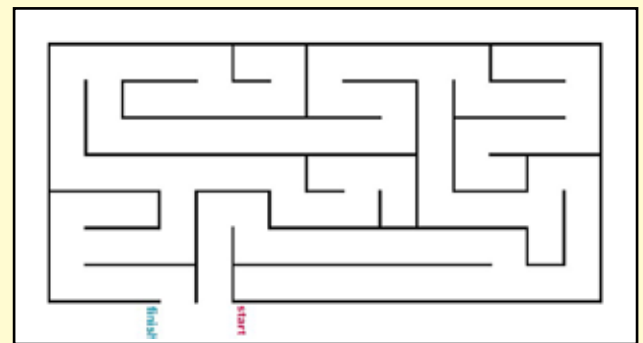
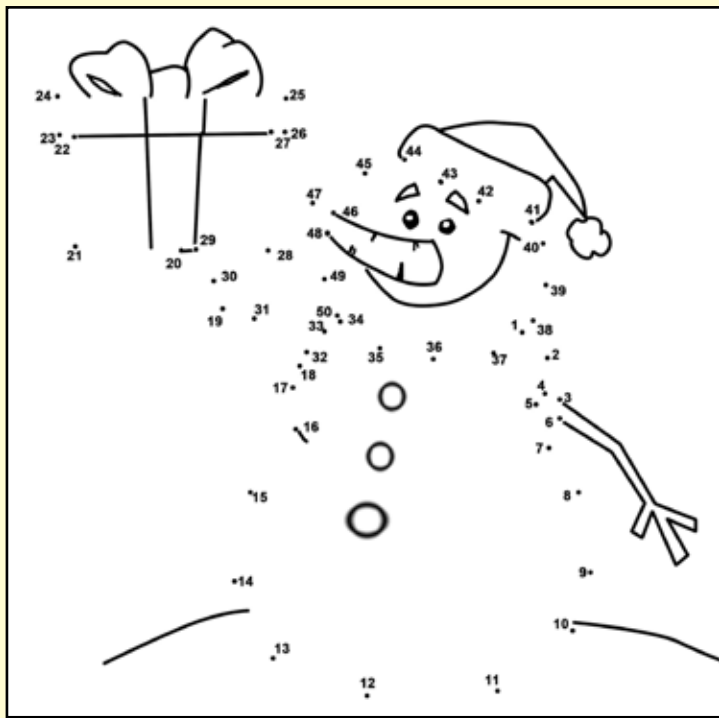
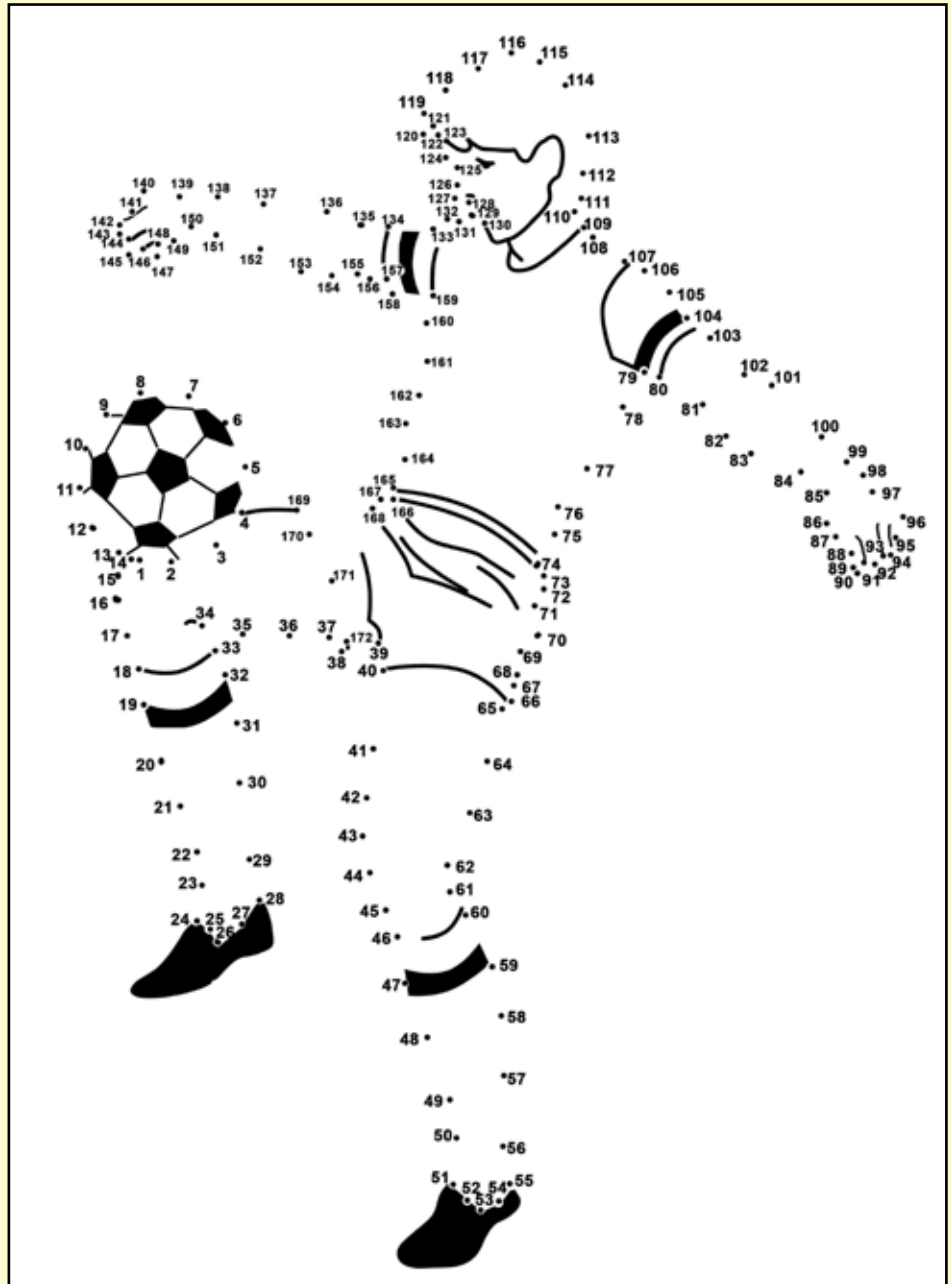
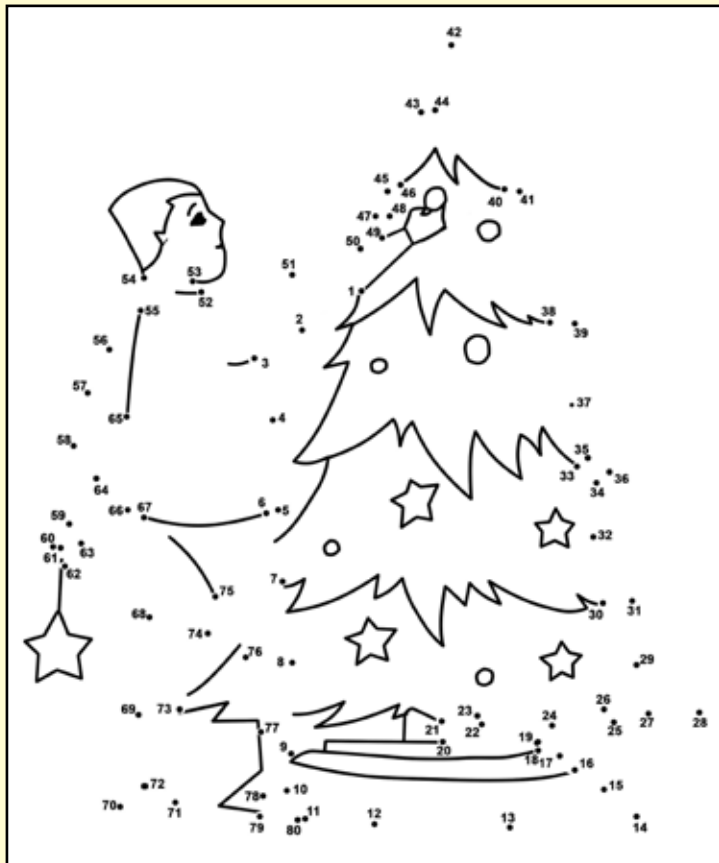
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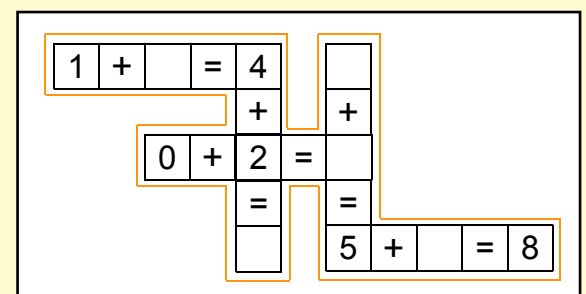
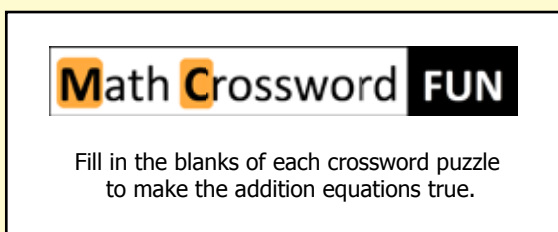
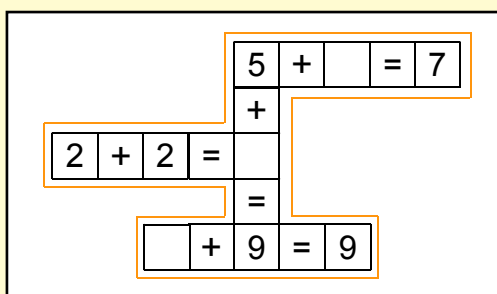
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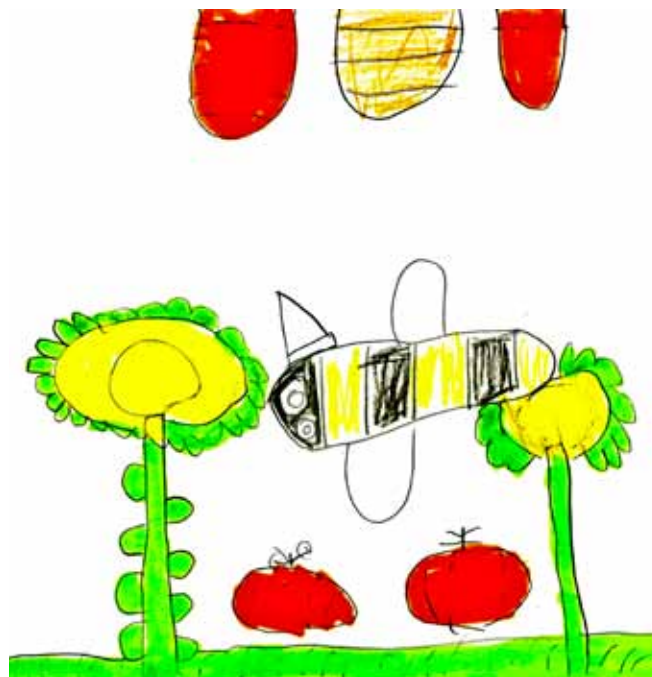
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River and Sea Passage to the Port of Silloth

Report & Photos by:
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More coverage of shipping at
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With a quiet start to autumn at the dock, a chance to look back at some visitors from the busier summer months. August saw the arrival of two ships from Germany. Both had begun their sailing along rivers, one bringing potash from a major port, and the other salt from a minor one. The ships had both been built to the same design and begun life as part of the same fleet.

RMS TWISTEDEN had set off from Hamburg along the busy River Elbe towards the North Sea before heading west along the Channel to the Irish Sea. The ship arrived off Silloth a few minutes before high water and was able to make a direct approach to the dock without waiting for greater depth. It was a well-executed manoeuvre as the ship passed the outer pier

towards New Dock. The logo of operator 'Rhenus Maritime Services' was prominent along the hull. The German company has been in business for more than seventy years, and it seemed appropriate for their motto 'Together with Passion' to be painted on the wheelhouse. TWISTEDEN has been a long-serving member of the 'RMS' fleet of eleven.

Our second ship, AMADEUS AMETHIST, started life as a sister ship to TWISTEDEN named LAGONA. Both were built in Romania and fitted out in the Netherlands. With a change of owner and new name, AMETHIST now looks very different in her green livery.

AMETHIST had loaded her cargo at the small Rhineland town of Wessel which serves the Borth Salt Mine, the last active mine on the Lower Rhine. On departure, the ship was faced with an eleven-hour sailing along the twisting river before reaching the sea at the Hook of Holland. Three days later she was making her approach to Silloth after picking up the pilot off Workington. Photos of the evening arrival were a little different from usual with the ship illuminated by the setting sun. The owner of the ship, 'De Bock Maritime', is a company in its infancy specialising in sea-river operations. The names of its small fleet all include precious materials such as emerald, sapphire and gold. It was a short stay at Silloth with AMETHIST outbound for Coleraine the following day.



Silloth Tide Table

DECEMBER 2021		SILLOTH							
		DEPTHS ON NEW DOCK GAUGE (1.8m ABOVE CD)							
		High Water				Low Water			
Date		Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	W	08 56	6.4	21 13	6.7	03 20	-0.3	15 38	-0.1
2	TH	09 44	7.0	22 00	7.3	04 17	-0.6	16 35	-0.5
3	F	10 29	7.4	22 48	7.6	05 09	-0.8	17 28	-0.8
4	SA	11 14	7.6	23 35	7.7	05 59	-1.0	18 20	-1.0
5	SU	11 59	7.7			06 47	-1.0	19 10	-1.0
6	M	00 22	7.7	12 45	7.7	07 34	-1.0	19 59	-1.0
7	TU	01 13	7.4	13 36	7.5	08 20	-0.8	20 51	-0.9
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Times shown in UTC. Add 1 hour for British Summer Time.

September and October Shipping at the Port of Silloth

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

Silloth had a poor September, only two vessel calls, our old faithful, Zapadnyy and the Anja with CAN Fert for Origin fertilisers.

The port seems to be very quiet now that we are coming out of lockdowns, isolations and various other restraints placed upon us.

October was a poor month for Silloth when we were expecting a good series of fertiliser vessels and

possibly some grain too. We are looking forward to a few vessels in November and with the weather picking up and winds and rain driving hard, we have been experiencing some build-up of sand in the entrance again. This will limit the access to the port for vessels with any decent draft until such time as we can obtain permission from the licensing authorities to remove the sand and allow full access once again.

September

8th Zapadnyy with a cargo of Molasses from Amsterdam then on to sea for orders.

26th Anja with a cargo of Fertiliser from Vyborg the on to Belfast.

October

During the month of October, only one vessel entered the port, The Camm Alert, a small trawler owned by TN Trawlers of Annan. No cargo arrived.

New Cycles at Watchtree



The cycling industry is enjoying a boom in enthusiasm recently as people dusted off their trusty old steeds for something to do during lockdown. At Watchtree, cycling has been high on the agenda since the launch of the Watchtree Wheelers project in 2009. The project has recently secured funding to replace and improve a large selection of their varied cycle fleet.

The Watchtree Wheelers specialise in providing adapted equipment for people with disabilities; their fleet boasts

bikes of all imaginable shapes and sizes. Project Leader Matt Wind recognised the need to increase and improve the equipment and used the downtime enforced by Covid 19 to define the project and appeal for charitable grants;

Matt said: "most of our existing fleet have been part of the project since we launched in 2009, some of the bikes were second hand then. The popularity of the project and the uniqueness of our service means that all of those bikes have been really well used. We regularly service and maintain all of our bikes but we were undoubtedly due a refresh!"

We started identifying which bikes we would like to replace and looking at new cycle technology which might benefit our riders in 2019, but it wasn't until lockdown 2020 that we really had time to focus on the project and make it happen."

The Watchtree Wheelers have been awarded a total of £33,500 toward the project from Allerdale Sports Fund (£10,000), Reece Foundation (£5,000) and British Cycling (£18,500).

The money will be used to improve the projects range of companion cycles where two riders can pedal side by side, recumbent cycles and hand propelled trikes.

Matt added: "We are really grateful to our funders for the opportunity to make these improvements. The companion cycles are a new addition for us, they are great fun for any rider but are particularly useful for accompanying less able or mobile riders who require assistance or support while they ride. The

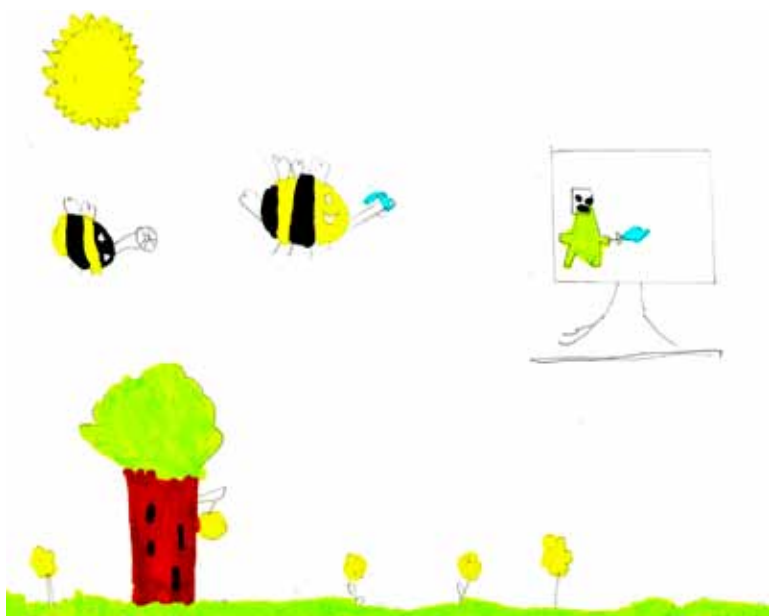
recumbent cycles will replace our popular fleet of KMX karts, these are trikes with very low centres of gravity making them ideal for any rider with balance or confidence issues. The new hand-cycles are much lighter and more adaptable for different sizes than our current models, these will allow a great range of users to benefit."

The team continue to work on future improvements and are currently hosting the Solway Cycle Challenge to raise funds for an additional wheelchair carrying bike called a Veloplus. The existing Veloplus in their fleet is very popular and demand often outweighs availability.

The Watchtree Wheelers Project is part of Watchtree Nature Reserve, visitors can hire cycles to explore the reserve which features a network of specially constructed trails weaving through meadows, wetlands and woodlands. The reserve also has a café and visitors centre as well as offering education and wellbeing services.

Ryan Dobson, manager of the reserve added: "Watchtree is a wonderful, unique place for all ages and abilities to enjoy. We pride ourselves on our accessibility and these upgrades to our Wheelers project will allow even more people to enjoy nature by bike! 2020 was a terrible year for many including us, but through focusing on what we can do and not what we can't, we have been able to make some huge improvements which help to secure our future."

For more information about Watchtree and to book cycle hire, please visit www.watchtree.co.uk.



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Orienteering in Silloth

Report by:
Liz Elliott

The West Cumberland Orienteering Club (WCOC), have a club evening event almost every Thursday throughout the year. On 23rd September Silloth Dunes at West Beach was the venue.

Courses are planned to cater for all, experienced orienteers as well as beginners.

The Silloth Group of Solway Network Youth Church also meets on a Thursday evening and came along to have a go at something different.

The winners were Simon Hunter of WCOC on the long course, Becky Shelford of LOC the short course and on the novice Sola Holmes of WCOC with Millie Mae Thompson of the Silloth Youth Group only a few seconds behind. But you do not have to be a winner to get a buzz from orienteering. Navigating your way round a course without making too many mistakes or choosing a good

route avoiding the thick gorse on the dunes can also give you a great sense of achievement.

If you would like more information about the Orienteering locally visit the WCOC website www.wcoc.co.uk or any young people 10+ who would like to join the Silloth Youth Group look at fb Solway Network Youth Church or email Yvette. ladds@carlisle-diocese.org.uk



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Macmillan Coffee #1 £615



Report by:
Margaret & David Spence

Silloth Bowling Club was the setting for our Macmillan coffee morning on Wednesday 20th October.

It was very well attended with everyone enjoying cakes and scones washed down with plenty of tea & coffee. We had a sellout at the tombola stall, also raffle tickets went as quickly.

We would like to say a big

thank you to everyone who came, the family, friends, neighbours and visitors who donated prizes.

Special thanks go to local businesses for donating raffle prizes they were: Hagans Leisure, Winters, Fairydust Emporium, Royas Pizza, No: 17, Clives Shape & Style, Davison ice cream shop, Mrs Wilsons, Silloth Cafe, JB's and the CO-OP.

Our final total was £615.

Macmillan Coffee #2 £630



Report by: Tracy Graham

A Macmillan coffee morning was held on Saturday 25th September in Caldew Hall.

The amazing amount of £630 was raised via entrance fee, cake sales, tombola, raffle, name teddy and guess weight of cake games,

also donations from people too!

Thanks to all who helped on the day and donations from everyone of prizes and cakes

This was an excellent day with an excellent amount raised, many thanks to all who supported it.

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