

# Solway Buzz

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## Cumbria in Bloom Winner!

The Cumbria in Bloom Awards took place at the Sands Centre in Carlisle on Saturday 13th September. A strong contingent from Silloth attended hoping that Silloth would be successful in its entries for several categories.

The competition for all entries was fierce but the team attending were rewarded by the news that Silloth had been placed first in the Coastal Town Award. Furthermore, Silloth's Community Garden was awarded runner up in the Special Category of Continental Landscapes and the town was runner up in the Town Centre Awards. A Certificate was presented to the town for each.

These awards demonstrate what can be achieved when different groups from the community work together to achieve a common goal. Acknowledgements go to Silloth Town Council and its Green staff and



Photo by: David Siddall

Anna Malina, Community Engagement Officer for all their hard work in the run up to the judging.

Special mention goes to Friends of the Green and its volunteers. Chairman, Owen

Martin and Anne Winter have dedicated much time to ensuring the Community Garden continues to look its best. Anne spends at least two mornings a week weeding and tidying

the garden, a huge civic contribution to the town. Some businesses in Silloth also made a contribution by putting up hanging baskets and displaying troughs and tubs. All of this helped the town look its best on the day of judging.

In their remarks, the Cumbria in Bloom judges for the Coastal Town Category noted "The WI ladies showed a beautiful herbaceous border at the entrance to the TIC/Library. The scale of the Green and open space, around 45 acres, the quality of upkeep and the various leisure activity sites make a most impressive impact for Silloth - its Unique Selling Point."

This is the first time Silloth has entered the Cumbria in Bloom

competition. These awards are an incredible achievement and a much deserved feather in the cap for the town. They can only help in promoting Silloth as a place to visit and we should maximise the fact that we are Cumbria in Bloom competition winners.

The judges have provided useful feedback, highlighting what is being done well and also outlining areas for further improvement in future. Building on the success of this year, while taking account of Cumbria in Bloom's valuable advice, we look forward to next year's competition in the hope that through team work and further involvement from businesses and local people, we can do even better.



L-R: Chris Graham, Anna Malina, Owen Martin, Tony Markley and Anne Winter

## Help Save Our Events!

This year has seen another successful season of events and festivals on Silloth Green. Silloth-on-Solway Town Council really appreciates all the work that has gone into organising all the events which have taken place over the years but hope that volunteers from

the community will come forward, so that we don't lose any of these very popular annual events.

Working with Silloth Tourism Action Group, the Town Council intends to organise a public meeting in October. Anyone interested in getting involved in any

way or simply wanting to find out more information is welcome to come along. The meeting will be advertised locally and on Facebook etc. You can also contact the Town Clerk on 016973 31128 or 0777 5686857 or email townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk.

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## 2014 Events

12th October  
Family Santa Dash

24th October  
Bonfire & Fireworks on  
Silloth Airfield

21st November  
Silloth Lights Switch-On

## Silloth Lifeboat Call-Out



Report by: Sue Kent  
Volunteer Lifeboat Press  
Officer

Silloth RNLI lifeboat got a call out at 15:38 on 14th August. The casualty vessel was close to Southerness heading back to Silloth when

it got into difficulty with engine control problems. Silloth lifeboat quickly arrived on scene and towed the vessel back to the slipway at Silloth. The two persons on board the vessel were safe and well after their ordeal.

Darren Irwin, helmsman, said "even though the weather was favourable, it was better not to take any chances on an ebbing tide and to communicate with the Coastguard if you have any problems".

## No Hair - If You Care!

You may remember Jaymie Greig announced in the June edition of the Solway Buzz that she was going to shave her hair off to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Jaymie has been working hard to reach her target of £2,000 by having a small raffle and cake sale, collecting at local carnivals and festivals and collecting at local holidays parks and pubs.

So far she has been doing well, raising over £700!

Jaymie has now arranged to shave her hair off on 29th November at Silloth Rugby Club! Tickets are on sale for only £5 in the Co-op and Spar in Silloth. Tickets are also available to buy from her at jaymiegreigx@gmail.com. There are a limited number of tickets and they are selling fast! All sale money from the tickets will go to Cancer Research UK. On the evening there will be a live singer, DJ, karaoke, raffles



and of course there will be Jaymie shaving her hair off!

Jaymie would like to thank all the local businesses and tradesmen that have supported her by donating amazing raffle prizes. She would also like to thank everyone who has donated money so far!

She still has a long way to go and you can still donate by texting JLGS96

followed by the amount you want to sponsor her with to 70070. Example JLGS96 £5 to 70070.

Jaymie hopes to see you all in November for a top fun filled evening for a good cause

## Coffee Morning

Report by: Pat Froggatt

On Saturday 6th September the first monthly coffee morning after the summer break was held at the Recreation Hall off Eden Street.

We were pleased to see so many members of the community and also a number of visitors attending. Coffee and tea, if required, was served by members of the committee, and scones, jam and biscuits were already on the tables.

The usual stalls of books, bric-a-brac and cakes were available and most visitors took advantage of

the opportunity to make purchases. The raffle was also well supported with a number of prizes available.

Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and meeting up with friends for a 'good old gossip'.

The lucky winners of the raffle draw were as follows: Mrs Story; Mary Murphy; John Hope; Linda Anderson; Mary Eccles; Diana Shaw; Joan Bowe; Margaret Mattinson; Margaret Gates; Eileen Barton; Jean Clifford; Pat Froggatt.

Thanks go to all who supported us.

Princess Bee  
by  
Lexi Hagan  
from  
Silloth Primary School



## Arthritis Support Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

Twelve members attended the Arthritis Support Group at Loveday House in September.

Apologies were received from Chairman Mary Piele, Vice-Chairman Margaret Armstrong and Lilian Gordon. Best wishes were sent to Lilian after her shoulder replacement.

Gladys introduced Shirley Pitman from The North Lakes Clinic who gave a very interesting talk about allergies. There are 25 different Therapists at the Clinic but Shirley treats allergies, they need to be treated through the immune system which has been compromised. Stress or hormones can upset the

balance of your body which then react to different items in different people. Some people react to just one thing, for example yeast extract but if you read the ingredients of everything you buy it can be in lots of different foods. Sunflower oil is the safest to cook with. Shirley uses a Vegatest Machine and has been doing her work for 15 years now getting great job satisfaction from getting good results helping people.

There was a great deal of discussion which

went on even through the refreshments served by Joan Armstrong and Catherine Cheetham.

Gladys thanked Shirley for a really enlightening talk. There will be a talk by Nutritional Therapist Katie Sheen on Female Health and Hormones on Tuesday 30th September at North Lakes Clinic Cocker mouth at 7pm.

The raffle was won by Gladys Temple.

The next meeting at Loveday House at 1:30pm will be Norman Godfrey with Slides to Music.

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# Rotary Dialect Competition

The Annual Silloth Rotary Dialect Competition is being held again in the Golf Hotel at 2pm on Saturday 11th October.



Cumbrian dialect, this presentation must be written by yourself. For further information please call Tim on 016973 31246.

Admission is free. You can enter on the day with a talk of up to 5 minutes in the

The judges are Mrs Esther Fisher and Mark Green from the Cumberland News.

# Causewayhead WI

Report by: Pat Froggatt

On Wednesday 10th September, Causewayhead WI held their monthly meeting at Trinity Methodist Church, Solway Street, Silloth. President Margaret Durham welcomed members and introduced our speaker and introduced our speaker for the evening Mr Norman Godfrey, who gave a slide show with music and commentary on Iceland - a Land of High Drama.

He explained the journey he took with his future son-in-law around the Island on cycles after travelling by ferry from Aberdeen, stopping at the Faroe Islands on the way.

They began their journey from near Reykjavik, we were then given a detailed tour with music which suited the scenes we were seeing. It is an island of contrasts and beautifully shown by the slides. In places extremely barren but also majestic as depicted by the beautiful slides of the mountains and volcanoes. The glaciers were spectacular as was the geyser which rose to a tremendous height. The beaches were covered in black sand from the fall-out of volcanic eruptions. Norman also gave us an insight into the life and people of the island, particularly how friendly they were.

When they had completed the journey they had covered about 900 miles and on one occasion cycled up to 2,000 feet. They had

also seen a variety of birds and animals and the largest ice sheet. At the end of the journey they enjoyed their time soaking in one of the hot pools before returning to the ship and the journey home. A most memorable evening.

The vote of thanks was given by Fred Garner who expressed everyone's delight at the evening.

After the break the general business took place.

Competition for a Fridge Magnet was won by Freda Garner and second was Shirley Sharp. The flower competition was won by Mary Johnstone who also took second prize. The raffle was won by Freda Garner and second was Val Lodge.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th October at Trinity Methodist Church, the subject 'Chinese Whispers' (the life of Gladys Aylward) and the speaker will be Carol Purves (author).

# Waver Wine Circle

Report by: Jan Jones

Following our summer break - yes one whole month! - our September meeting commenced with a minutes silence in memory of our Vice Chairman, George Graham, who sadly passed away on 4th July. George was a founder member of the Circle and without a doubt its favourite character. His enthusiastic involvement will be sadly missed.

The programme for the evening was a 'blind tasting' of red wines. Entries came from Australia, France, Chile and Spain, the favourite being the Chilean red entered by Chris and Sue Russell. Chairman Bill Henderson presented the trophy to Chris for safe keeping until next year.

Bill also displayed the superb cup he won at the recent Cumberland Show, winning first prize for his entries of Elderberry and Parsnip Wines. This cup was donated to the Cumberland Show by the Waver Wine Circle in 2003. Many congratulations Bill!

Arrangements for the next meeting on Wednesday 9th October will be decided at the 'last minute' as they will be weather dependant.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining us please contact Stella Graham on 61393 or Stuart Jones on 61006.

# Cyclists Raise £1,832



No order: Mark Smith, Brian Story, Peter Brough, Gary Winter, Ian Ramsey, Derek Wallace, Barry Matthews and Tim Carr

Report by: Mark Smith

Silloth Pro Cycling Team would like to thank everyone who sponsored them on this year's charity cycle ride which took place between Morecambe and Bridlington (Way of the Roses).

The final total raised came to £1,832 all of which is going to the Thyroid Cancer Butterfly Trust.

One of this year's highlights saw their support driver David 'I'm just round the corner' Lightfoot tender his resignation, however, following an extraordinary

committee meeting it was decided to decline David's request and instead the decision was taken to sack him. Silloth Pro Cycling Team would like to thank David for the limited support he has given them and wish him well as he starts his preparations to compete in the Annual Crab Fair at Egremont.

They are also pleased to announce that following a first day fall the new Sheriff of Blitterlees Tim Carr has made a full recovery. It was however touch and go for a while with the local Vicar

in attendance just in case his services were required. They would however ask that members of the public refrain from 'ribbing' Tim over his fall as he is still suffering from flashbacks.

Finally they would like to thank Glen, Debbie and the team from Solway Private Hire for their continued support. They helped by providing a support vehicle and transport to and from the start and end points, none of the teams efforts would be possible without your support and it is much appreciated.

# Harvest Festival and Vintage Implements

Holme St Cuthberts Church near Mawbray is hosting a Harvest Festival Weekend celebrating sowing and harvesting in years gone by.

On show will be Vintage Machines, Photos, Tools and Harvested Crops. Viewing is on Saturday 4th October from 1pm till 4:30pm.

On Sunday 5th enjoy the Harvest Festival Service from 9:30am till 10:30am. Followed by viewing from 10:30am till 4:30pm, there will be light refreshments. The harvest sale of produce is on Monday 6th at 7:30pm.



Queen Bee by Willow Armstrong from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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## North West Coast Connections

### Public Consultation – 4 September to 28 November 2014

National Grid's North West Coast Connections Project is about connecting Moorside, the proposed new nuclear power station near Sellafield in West Cumbria, into the existing electricity network.

We are holding a 12 week consultation to find out what you believe we need to consider when deciding on the route the new connection could take so we can transmit the electricity Moorside generates to the places where it is used.

#### Get involved

Our consultation runs from 4 September until 28 November 2014 and includes 33 public events. The feedback we receive will help us decide how and where we propose to build the connection in the North West.

To learn more about the Project, what we're consulting on and how you can take part, come along to one of the events listed below, go to the Project website or contact us directly (see below for details).

Members of our Project team will be on hand at events to answer questions and discuss the Project in more detail.

#### September

- Thurs 18 Sept, 1pm–8pm**  
**Dalton-in-Furness** – Dalton Drill Hall, Nelson Street, Dalton-in-Furness, Cumbria LA15 8AF
- Fri 19 Sept, 1pm–8pm**  
**Rampside** – Rampside Village Hall, Rampside, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria LA13 0PX
- Sat 20 Sept, 10am–3.30pm**  
**Cartmel** – Cartmel Village Hall, Cartmel, Cumbria LA11 6QB
- Weds 24 Sept, 2.30pm–8pm**  
**Lindal-in-Furness** – Buccleuch Hall, The Green, Lindal-in-Furness, Cumbria LA12 0LX
- Thurs 25 Sept, 1.30pm–8pm**  
**Seascale** – Seascale Methodist Church Hall, Gosforth Road, Seascale, Cumbria CA20 1PU
- Fri 26 Sept, 1pm–8pm**  
**Beckermet** – Beckermet Reading Room, Sellafield Road, Beckermet, Cumbria CA21 2XN
- Sat 27 Sept, 10am–3.30pm**  
**Workington** – Workington Bridge Church, Central Square, Workington, Cumbria CA14 3BG
- Tues 30 Sept, 1pm–8pm**  
**Kendal** – Friends Meeting House, Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4BH

#### October

- Weds 1 Oct, 1pm–8pm**  
**Fletchertown** – Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 1BS
- Thurs 2 Oct, 1pm–8pm**  
**Egremont** – Egremont Market Hall, Market Street, Egremont, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA22 2DF
- Fri 3 Oct, 1pm–8pm**  
**Maryport** – The Wave Centre, Irish Street, Maryport, Cumbria CA15 8AD
- Sat 4 Oct, 10am–3.30pm**  
**Whitehaven** – St James' Community Centre, High Street, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA28 7PY
- Weds 8 Oct, 1pm–8pm**  
**Rockcliffe** – Rockcliffe Community Centre, Rockcliffe, Carlisle, Cumbria CA6 4AA
- Thurs 9 Oct, 1pm–8pm**  
**Ravenglass** – Muncaster Parish Hall, Main Street, Ravenglass, Cumbria CA18 1SQ
- Fri 10 Oct, 1pm–8pm**  
**Morecambe** – The Platform, Station Buildings, Marine Road West, Morecambe, Lancashire LA4 4DB
- Sat 11 Oct, 10am–3.30pm**  
**Millom** – Millom Network Centre, Salthouse Road, Millom, Cumbria LA18 5AB
- Weds 15 Oct, 1pm–8pm**  
**Grizebeck** – The Community Hall at Grizebeck, Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria LA17 7XH
- Thurs 16 Oct, 1pm–8pm**  
**Gleaston** – Gleaston Village Hall, Main Street, Gleaston, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 0QA
- Fri 17 Oct, 1pm–8pm**  
**Barrow-in-Furness** – The Forum, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria LA14 1HH
- Sat 18 Oct, 10am–3.30pm**  
**Roosecote** – Roose Community School, North Row, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria LA13 0HF
- Weds 22 Oct, 1pm–8pm**  
**Cleator Moor** – Cleator Moor Civic Hall, Market Square, Cleator Moor, Cumbria CA25 5AR
- Thurs 23 Oct, 1pm–8pm**  
**Carlisle West** – Morton Community Centre, Wigton Road, Carlisle, Cumbria CA2 6JP
- Fri 24 Oct, 1pm–8pm**  
**Distington** – Distington Community Centre, Church Road, Distington, Workington, Cumbria CA14 5TE
- Sat 25 Oct, 10am–3.30pm**  
**Cockermouth** – Cockermouth Town Hall, Market Street, Cockermouth, Cumbria CA13 9NP
- Tues 28 Oct, 1pm–8pm**  
**Ulverston** – Ulverston Victoria High School, Springfield Road, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 0EB

#### Weds 29 Oct, 1.30pm–8pm

**Wigton** – Wigton Market Hall, Church Street, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 9AA

#### Thurs 30 Oct, 1pm–8pm

**Aspatria** – Aspatria Rugby Club, Bower Park, Station Road, Aspatria, Cumbria CA7 2AJ

#### Fri 31 Oct, 1pm–8pm

**Heysham** – Heysham & Mossgate Community Centre, Townson Way, Heysham, Lancashire LA3 2AW

#### November

#### Sat 1 Nov, 10am–3.30pm

**Askam-in-Furness** – Askam Community Centre, Duke Street, Askam-in-Furness, Cumbria LA16 7AD

#### Weds 5 Nov, 1.30pm–8pm

**Drigg** – Drigg & Carleton Parish Hall, Drigg, Holmrook, Cumbria CA19 1XF

#### Thurs 6 Nov, 1pm–8pm

**Bootle** – Bootle Village Hall, Bootle Station, Cumbria LA19 5UY

#### Fri 7 Nov, 1pm–8pm

**Broughton-in-Furness** – Broughton Victory Hall, Station Road, Broughton-in-Furness, Cumbria LA20 6HN

#### Sat 8 Nov, 10am–3.30pm

**Dalston** – Victory Hall, The Green, Dalston, Cumbria CA5 7QB

There are lots of ways to contact us and find out more information:



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# Silloth Airfield Project

A new website for Silloth Airfield has been set up at <http://sillothairfield.wordpress.com/>

The Heritage Lottery granted funds for STAG to complete a project on Silloth Airfield and the part played by servicemen and women, civilian workers and local townspeople during WWII. Collecting memories is crucial and members of STAG will be carrying out interviews with local people who have a story to tell about the airfield.

The website is very new and content will be added as time goes on and the project develops. However, it is beginning to build a profile of the airfield during the War Years and a bank of memories from stories collected in Silloth and elsewhere in the world. It also points to current use of the airfield by commercial companies and the Sunday market, and it will be providing some educational resources for youngsters.

STAG are aware that a lot more work needs to be done to complete the project and are asking for anyone of any age with a little interest and time to spare to help complete the project. Among things people could help with are taking photos, searching for new information and helping with organising the end of project exhibition. Help is also needed with video and audio editing and uploading clips to YouTube. Anyone with any interest, skills or knowledge in these areas are asked to come forward.

In addition, the current project may only be the beginning, so if you can bring new ideas and help STAG organise events related to the heritage of the airfield or help with fundraising to ensure on-going development, that too would be a huge contribution both to the project and to the appeal of the town.

Importantly, you can also help the project by donating

anything you think may be of interest, for example, artefacts from the Airfield, eg. pieces of planes or equipment from the airfield; also perhaps any photos/ images/maps of Silloth airfield, or notes or memoirs from or about someone who was in Silloth or based at the airport during WWII. You may have old letters related to the aerodrome or stories about the airfield and WWII that have been handed down the generations. All of this information would be hugely beneficial and will add new interest to the project. It will also help commemorate the part played by people in the War. Anyone who wants to help in any way, please get in touch with a member of STAG or contact [anna.malina@silloth-on-solway.co.uk](mailto:malina@silloth-on-solway.co.uk).

# Walk Raises £1,400



A group of locals and holidaymakers did the walk on the August bank holiday led by organiser and holidaymaker George Payne.

They started from Stanwix Holiday Park then went up to Solway Holiday Village where more walkers joined them. Then up to Skinburness, and back along the coast to the lifeboat station. They then went to the Balmoral Hotel who generously provided chip butties for all the walkers. After that it was on to the Bowling Club, then the Albion and on to the Cumberland and finished back at Stanwix Park where

they held a raffle at night in the Dunes bar.

The money was collected from sponsors, buckets on the walk, collections in the pubs and the raffle at night. George Payne organises an annual walk for different charities and the last four walks have raised an amazing £6,700. Previous walks have been for Breast Cancer at the Whitehaven unit and for the Cumbria Air Ambulance. George is looking for suggestions for next years walk. It's got to be a local charity.



George thought that it will be nice for Elizabeth Brough to read about where she had been from 4 o'clock onwards on the day of the walk.

# RNLI Race Night

The ever popular RNLI Race Night is on Friday 31st October at a new venue in the Golf Hotel. The entry is free and the doors open at 7pm and the first race is at 7:30pm.

Our grateful thanks go to our sponsors who are ABP Silloth, Jaybees, Carrs Coaches, D. A. Harrison, Winters Newsagents, Last of the Summer Wine and we hope the Dirty Dozen.

During the evening the Annual Draw will be held.

Everyone is very welcome, come and join in and cheer along the race winners and maybe have a few bets on those winners!



# Tim at Stobart Fest

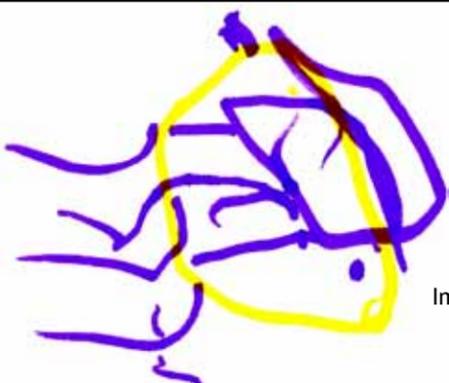
Our local artist, author, cartoonist and Stobart driver Tim Stead again this year

had the honour to be invited back to run the children's workshop at Stobart Fest.

It was a great success over the weekend with the workshop full all the time. They even ran out of seating spaces and some children came back two or three times to enjoy colouring in sheets and free sweets provided by Stobart! Tim was also allowed by the Stobart Group to sell his Fat Bat book and also Ted needs



Tim with young fans some space!! book. It was possible for him to sign them for the children personally which made it even better.



Imy Bee by Imogen Hoodless from Silloth Nursery

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# WWI Centenary Exhibition



Above: Tony with the Trench display  
Below: Tony with Guard

Silloth's World War 1 Centenary exhibition was opened on Saturday 9th August by Mayor Tony Markley at Soldiers in Silloth Toy Soldier Experience.

People who had lent items for display were invited, along with the volunteers who keep the museum running.

There are many photographs, pieces of equipment, letters home, etc from local people along with toy soldiers (of course) and a reconstruction of part of a trench to give something of the experience of war.

The exhibition aims to be Silloth's contribution to the national commemoration of the Great War and the emphasis is on local involvement.

The Soldiers in Silloth steering committee are indebted to local people who have lent family memorabilia to enrich the display and will welcome more contributions.

The exhibition is in an extra room in the museum on Caldew St and will remain open at least till the end of 2014. Entry is free and the building will be open every weekend and holiday period.

(Visitors who want to see the rest of the toy soldier collection will be asked to pay as usual).



# County gets more Defibs

Life-saving capability will be available at the push of a button for communities across Cumbria thanks to a new initiative by the county council's fire and rescue service.

Defibrillators are being fitted to the outside of twenty fire stations around the county where they can be used by members of the public in the event of somebody in the area suffering a cardiac arrest.

The first defibrillator is already in place at Penrith fire station and the other nineteen will be installed over the next two or three months.

Stored in a locked box the defibrillators are accessed by calling 999, asking for the ambulance service, and getting the code to open the cabinet door.

Modern defibrillators provide verbal instructions on how to operate them and will only deliver a shock if they don't detect a heartbeat –

thereby ensuring they are not used in the wrong situations.

With rapid treatment critical to the survival chances, these defibrillators could literally mean the difference between life and death for heart-attack victims.

As well as Penrith, defibrillators are being installed at the following 19 stations: Alston, Ambleside, Appleby, Aspatria, Barrow, Brampton, Carlisle East, Carlisle West, Frizington, Kendal, Kirkby Stephen, Longtown, Maryport, Patterdale, Shap, Ulverston, Whitehaven, Wigton and Workington.

Councillor Barry Doughty, Cumbria County Council's Cabinet member for the Fire and Rescue Service, said: "Quite simply, defibrillators save lives and making them publicly accessible at our fire stations puts life-saving capabilities in everybody's hands. A modern

fire and rescue service does far more than putting out fires and attending road traffic collisions – we're committed to making Cumbria a safer place in a variety of ways and the installation of defibrillators highlights that commitment."

Cumbria's Chief Fire Officer Ian Cartwright said: "For more than 10 years Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service has been teaching basic life-support and the use of defibrillators to members of the public across the county through our HeartStart courses. All our frontline fire engines also carry defibrillators and installing them at fire stations is an extension and enhancement to that service and the HeartStart sessions we deliver."

To find out more about HeartStart, including how to book a course, visit <http://www.cumbriafire.gov.uk/community/HeartStart/>

# What's On at the Library

## October Events

Look out for children's events and activities taking place throughout October and November.

These may tie in with National events such as National Poetry Day or even a Halloween or Half Term activity, with quizzes and competitions too. Contact your local library for further details.

## Scrabble Club at Silloth Library

Scrabble is not only a great mental exercise, but it's a social game too. Most of all, Scrabble is fun to play! Join us at Silloth Library every Friday from 2 – 4 pm. All welcome.

# Are You Eligible to Vote?

Reminder letters are being posted to encourage Allerdale residents to make sure they are eligible to vote.

Instead of the 'head of the household' registering everyone in a property, every individual is responsible for registering themselves. This is the biggest change to the electoral registration system for a century.

Many Allerdale residents have automatically moved on to the new electoral register, and many more have responded to the first postal campaign. However, there are still others who remain unregistered.

Andrew Seekings,

Allerdale Borough Council's Electoral Registration Officer, said: "If you have not been transferred, the letter will tell you exactly what you need to do."

A door-to-door canvas of those addresses who have not signed up to the Individual Registration System is also

due to take place in October. Those who do not respond could be at risk of an £80 civil penalty.

To register, visit [www.gov.uk/yourvotematters](http://www.gov.uk/yourvotematters). Contact Allerdale Borough Council Democratic Services team on 01900 702550 or email [elections@allerdale.gov.uk](mailto:elections@allerdale.gov.uk).

# Rottweiler Bella Missing

Caroline Morgan is desperate to find rottweiler Bella who went missing on the beach between Mawbray and Beckfoot on July 29th.

Following an appeal, they have had two possible sightings and hope others may be able to help piece together the jigsaw.

A dog matching her description was seen on the grass banks of the coast

road between the outskirts of Beckfoot and Blitterlees on or around that date.

It is believed the dog may have been put into a vehicle.

The family are urging anyone who has information to contact them on 01900 881461.

Bella ran off towards some sea birds during a routine dog walk near her home and never returned.



Candy Floss Bee by Liberty Hagan from Silloth Primary School

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# Fun in the Sun in Silloth

Report by: Jennifer Bailey

Anoushka Jennifer Milosavljevic and her BFF Dystiny Lazslo (flying through the air), both from Nottingham and on holiday in Silloth, had fun on the Bouncy Castle outside the arcade on the Green.

They were photographed by Anoushka's mum Kate Dean, after spending time swimming in the sea at West Beach and visiting the Water Park on the Green. Both girls also enjoyed the weekend of the Craft fair and Carnival Day.



# Cycle Ride Raised £1,363



On Sunday 27th June some staff members of Silloth Group Medical Practice cycled 52 miles in aid of Breast Cancer UK, a charity which is very close to our hearts. We would like to say a massive thank you to all

of our patients and everyone else that contributed towards the staggering amount of £1,363.80. We had a great day and finished it off nicely with a celebratory glass of bubbly on the green. It was certainly worth all the

training and effort that we went through to help towards finding a cure for cancer.

Thanks again, the girls and boys of Silloth Surgery. Next year who knows what the challenge may be....

# Volunteers Action Plan

## The Need for Planned Tourism Action in Silloth

### Silloth Tourism Action Group (STAG)

**Why Now?**  
Silloth has for many years been supported by small teams of dedicated volunteers, who have given their time to organize popular annual events on Silloth Green. Their contribution to the town is immense, both in bringing more tourists to Silloth and enriching the local culture and economy. Inevitably however, as time goes on, some of these people will be retiring from the volunteer sphere. The Vintage Rally and Carnival committees



have already announced intention to dissolve their groups at their AGM's. It is possible other large events organisers may do the same in due course.

STAG recognizes the huge part played by volunteers in the town over many years. The town needs to continue its upward trend of attracting tourists in order to stay economically and

socially vibrant. With the realization that the town will suffer if long established events groups disband, the glaringly obvious need is to recruit new people from the community to make sure these long established popular events continue to be organised and new ideas for additional diverse events are implemented.

Silloth Town Council have asked STAG to create a plan of action to address the problem and ensure on-going tourism developments for the town. STAG are, therefore, in process of devising a 3-stage Action Plan. First the plan is to utilize a number of different methods of recruiting more volunteers, ie. run a Volunteer Campaign. Second is to encourage closer joined-up working within the town, ie. internal partnership between all the different groups in the town. Third, the plan is for volunteers to gain and then utilise new skills from training and generate a joint marketing framework, able to build widespread awareness of what the town offers and promote tourism.

STAG considers this to be a cohesive way forward and hopes everyone in the town will support the plan. So please get in touch with a member of STAG or email [info@sillothonsolway.com](mailto:info@sillothonsolway.com) if you would like to help in any way or if you would just like to find out more.

# Silloth Town Council Thanks Cumbria County Council

At a Full Council meeting Cllr Tony Markley, county councillor and Mayor of Silloth, awarded a plaque from Silloth Town Council to former CCC Chairman Cllr Alan Barry in recognition of all the work he did while Chairman for the regeneration of Silloth Green (attending various openings and supporting the cause).

Cllr Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth said "The town council wanted to recognise and thank Alan for all the hard work and effort he put in when he was County Council Chairman in supporting and attending a number of events celebrating the regeneration of Silloth Green. The Heritage Lottery Funding and work of partners including the county council has had a really positive impact on the town and those involved should be congratulated for helping to create this lasting legacy".

Cllr Alan Barry said "I am proud and humbled to receive the plaque. I'd like to give my thanks and best wishes to Silloth Town



Council for working closely with us throughout this project."



Jessica Bee by Isla from Yewdale School staying at Moordale Caravan Park

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# Silloth Carnival 2014



On behalf of the Carnival Committee we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended this year's carnival. We were extremely lucky to have missed the rain, but even though it was cold, the spirit of the participants made up for this. We would especially like to thank the children and parents who dressed up and participated in the carnival spirit!! Thank you to Emily Graham for being Silloths'

Carnival Queen 2014 and for her sister Ruby for being her attendant. Emily and Ruby's stunning dresses were hand made by their Nanna Mrs Eileen Jones. We must say a Huge thank you to our retiring Queen Lana Maddison.

Our main attraction this year "Jive Pony" display show was enjoyed by thousands! We enjoyed seeing so many people dancing along to the entertainment by "Spot On"



This year our Best Dressed Shop Window was in honour of '100' years since World War One and was won by Fairy Dust Emporium, 2nd Winters, 3rd Knox Wood. We must say that all the windows looked fantastic.

Our Best House Frontage was won by Ivy Mattinson 2nd Mary and Ian Jackson, 3rd George and Helen Holden. Once again thank you for participating.

The lucky number from the carnival brochure was number 10.

# End of an Era?

Unfortunately this is the current committees last year as organisers of this event. We would firstly like to thank everyone who has supported the Carnival Committee over the past 20+ years and we will all be extremely sad not to be part of this amazing day, but unfortunately it is now time to hang up our hats and hand this over to a new committee.

We will be holding our last AGM on Friday 3rd October at 7pm in the Golf Hotel.

If you feel that Silloth Carnival should not cease, please attend the AGM. We urge the community of Silloth to pull together to continue this fantastic day!

If anyone would like to know any other details before the meeting, please phone John Hope on 016973 31873.

THANK YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN.

More pictures on the Buzz website



# Treasure Island on the Green

The audience of several hundred who turned out on a dry but chilly evening on 15th August to watch Treasure Island on Silloth Green were captivated.

The Rain or Shine Theatre Company put on a spirited and enchanting performance which was all provided free of charge by STAG for the pleasure of Silloth residents and holidaymakers.

For a full 150 minutes we were thoroughly entertained and enthralled by this sparking performance.

Quite a few of the audience had brought picnics as well as camping chairs and made a right night of it.



Vicky Hope with the cup for Best Dressed Shop Window



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# Silloth Beach Challenge



More pictures on the Buzz website

Nice weather and twice as many runners contributed to a wonderful second Silloth Beach Half Marathon.

The winners of the half marathon in the above picture are: 1st 39 Julian Hatcher (1:21:53), 2nd 15 Ross Anderson (1:24:23), 3rd 26 David Daniels (1:29:50). 1st female 13 Dawn Pritchard (1:53:57).

The winners of the 10K race are shown on the right, the first female was 518 Rosie Thompson (55:33).

The organisers were assured that this is the most challenging race in the whole of Cumbria, the runners loved it and are certain it will grow and grow.

Above: Start of the Beach Half Marathon  
Below: 10K winners 1st 526 Josh Dillon (42:59), 2nd 524 Kevin Scott (45:35), 3rd 528 Chris Nichol (45:42)



# Music & Beer Festival



More pictures on the Buzz website

What a weekend, scorching weather, big crowds, great music, nice food and lovely atmosphere.

It all came together for the hard working volunteers at this years festival. People came from all over Britain, many for the first time, hopefully to return again.

Everyone is saying they ere impressed by what we have to offer in this hidden gem of a town. The festival showcased many local as well as national bands with a wide range of styles to suit every taste. In addition, there were local and other ales and

ciders which by Sunday were sold out.

Thanks go to Sarah for the Kids Zone, it went down well with the families. Also to all our sponsors but most of all to the fantastic crowd.

Plans are already afoot for the 2015 festival on the 10th to 13th September, put it in your diary now!

This will be our 15th

year and we will try to do something extra special.

The Silloth Music & Beer Festival AGM is on the 27th October at 7pm in the Bowling Club, please come along.

Also - lookout for other events planned through the winter months keeping music alive in our wonderful gem of a town.



## Silloth Group Medical Practice

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Suffer from MS or other diseases of the central nervous system.  
A carer for the elderly or disabled, or a patient in a long stay residential home. Immunosuppression

You are invited to attend either the surgery or one of the following clinics:

**Silloth Church Hall — Monday 6th October 9am to 12pm**

**Abbeytown Hall — Friday 10th October 10am to 12pm**

**Silloth Surgery — Friday 17th October 9am to 12pm**

**Silloth Surgery — Friday 24th October 9am to 12pm**

**NO APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED**

Please let us know if you require a home visit for your vaccination (Even if we visited you last year)

If you are over 65 also ask about having a pneumococcal vaccination at the same time

**Please note that we are unable to give the flu vaccination to anyone who does not meet the above criteria**

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Because feedback from patients improves healthcare across the UK we would like to invite you to complete a quick on-line questionnaire to share and rate your experience as a patient of Silloth Group Medical Practice.

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This year we are extending the cover of the standard seasonal influenza vaccination programme to include primary school aged children with a date of birth from: 01/09/03 to 31/08/2010.

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for Tots n Toddlers

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wish to use the Centre please  
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Contact Numbers:  
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**Arthritis Support**

Wigton Area Arthritis Support  
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Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in  
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**Dates for the Diary**

**October**

1st Parkinson's Group  
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2nd Silloth First  
Responders Open Evening in  
the Fairy Dust Emporium, Eden  
Street, Silloth from 6-7pm

3rd Arthritis support  
Group meet at 1:30pm at  
Loveday House, Wigton,  
subject: Norman Godfrey

3rd Silloth Carnival AGM  
in the Golf Hotel at 7pm

4th Coffee Morning in the  
Recreation Hall with Silloth &  
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4th Harvest Weekend  
at Holme St Cuthbert Church,  
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Tools and Crops, viewing  
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refreshments

6th Silloth Town Council  
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

6th Harvest Weekend  
at Holme St Cuthbert Church,  
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6th Abbeystown Indoor  
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11th Rotary Dialect  
Competition in the Golf Hotel  
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12th Silloth Santa Dash  
from Discovery Centre at 1pm  
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30th Children's Halloween  
Party in Silloth Rugby Club from  
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31st RNLI Race Night in  
the Golf Hotel

31st Woolsty Crafts  
Yarnathon from 3pm for 24  
hours in aid of Wigton Cancer  
Support Group

**November**

1st Coffee Morning in the  
Recreation Hall with Silloth &  
District Pensioners

3rd Silloth Town Council  
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

4th Criffel Tea Dance in  
Westnewton Village Hall from  
1:45pm to 3:45pm, all welcome  
Tel: 016973 31528

5th Parkinson's Group  
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel from  
11:45am to 2:30pm. Farming  
past present & future,  
all welcome

7th Arthritis support  
Group meet at 1:30pm at  
Loveday House, Wigton,  
subject: Mary Watson

11th Holme Low Parish  
Council meeting in the  
Community Hall, Silloth at  
7:30pm

12th Causewayhead WI  
Ideas For Christmas by Judith  
Butterfield (from Rainbow  
Flowers), Comp: A Christmas  
Bauble

15th Crunch Service in  
Skinburness Road Car Park  
from 8am to 9:45am

15th Nations Top Ten  
Hymns in Christ Church, Silloth  
featuring the Salvation Army  
Band, Whitehaven Male Voice  
Choir and Silloth Men's Choir at  
7:30pm, tickets £5

16th Christmas Craft Fair  
at Culterham Hall, Mawbray  
from 10am to 4pm

18th Criffel Tea Dance in  
Westnewton Village Hall from  
1:45pm to 3:45pm, all welcome  
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18th Christmas Sales in  
Silloth Convalescent at 2pm,  
Entry £1.50, tel: 31493

19th Awards Evening at  
Solway Community Technology  
College at 7pm

21st Silloth Christmas  
Lights Switch-On from 5pm

22nd Pre-Christmas  
Afternoon Tea in Christ  
Church, Silloth from 2 to 4pm,  
refreshments and stalls

29th Christmas Bazaar in  
St Andrews Church Hall 10am to  
4pm, crafts, cakes, etc. Santa  
in his Grotto - Admission FREE

**November**

29th Jaymie Greig shaving  
her hair off in Silloth Rugby  
Club in aid of Cancer Research  
UK, tickets £5. Live music

**December**

1st Silloth Town Council  
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

2nd Criffel Tea Dance in  
Westnewton Village Hall from  
1:45pm to 3:45pm, all welcome  
Tel: 016973 31528

3rd Parkinson's Group  
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel from  
11:45am to 2:30pm. Christmas  
songs & Cumbrian tales, all  
welcome

5th Arthritis support  
Group meet at 1:30pm at  
Loveday House, Wigton,  
subject: 'All Sorts'

5th Harlequin Choir in  
Christ Church, Silloth at 7pm

10th Causewayhead WI  
AGM

12th Men's Choir Christmas  
Concert in Christ Church Hall,  
Silloth at 7pm with pie & pea  
supper plus Trifle beverages  
and Grand Draw

13th Crunch Service in  
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from 8am to 9:45am

**January 2015**

14th Causewayhead WI  
Members Night, Competition:  
Smallest Book

17th Crunch Service in  
Skinburness Road Car Park  
from 8am to 9:45am

**February**

7th Coffee Morning in the  
Recreation Hall with Silloth &  
District Pensioners

14th Crunch Service in  
Skinburness Road Car Park  
from 8am to 9:45am

**Do you have an event  
in the area bounded by  
Abbeystown, Mawbray,  
Silloth, Skinburness, if  
so please let us know.**



Rainbow Bee  
by Isla Stevens from Holme St Cuthbert School



Evil Vampire Bee  
by Liam Keaveney from Holme St Cuthbert School

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# Poem

*An Hour On Mawbray Beach*  
by Pauline Mole

*A group of us tootled along on to Mawbray beach,  
We had notebooks and pens, and a lady to teach.  
I wasn't sure that morning, if I really wanted to be there,  
But I had promised I would join them, so I needed to be fair.*

*Driving along, I was thinking of each job I could be doing,  
Like planting up my new fuchsias, not by the seaside viewing.  
Now I'm pleased with myself for turning up at all,  
Enjoying everything, including the seagull's call.*

*At the start of my walk, I stopped by a field to chat --  
To a friend there, who told me lovingly that --  
Her Shetland pony I could see, was arthritic and old,  
But is a darling pet, and is NOT to be sold.*

*I used to spend childhood holidays at Mawbray, by the sea,  
But on this day, the beach was very different to me.  
Now, as an adult, I noticed much more than as a child,  
Now I wrote notes, as I walked along, in weather dry and mild.*

*The sea was a quiet, rippling, swishing, outgoing tide,  
Leaving a curvy, wriggly shoreline extremely wide.  
At the edge of the waves were bubbles and white foam,  
And I began to feel glad that I hadn't stayed at home.*

*I noticed the colours and sizes of pebbles and stones,  
Could see the far distant windmills, but not hear their drones.  
Observed the brown lines of seaweed, and odd bits of litter,  
Heard the busy skylark, chattering their own kind of twitter.*

*There were broken shells, curly shells, a feather from a gull,  
A battered old barrel, slowly bobbing, no longer full.  
What was once in it? How far will it reach?  
It's owners never knowing it would visit Mawbray beach.*

*Much further along the shore, a lady sat alone,  
Is she sketching, reading, or thinking thoughts of home?  
Who can tell her musings, my adult mind was going wild,  
Questions such as these, I never wondered as a child.*

*My eyes lifted to across the Solway Firth,  
To Scotland's coast, but has the same sea and surf.  
Criffle Fell, like a giant, prominent and wise,  
It's fellsides hues, against glorious blue skies.*

*Now we meandered up to the dunes, away from the sand,  
I was amazed how time flew, it had been just grand.  
I caught sight of bright butterflies, dashing as in play,  
Caterpillars lazily crawling, in their special unique way.*

*Yes my childhood memories still happily exist,  
Remembering sand castles and paddling wont be dismissed.  
Yes I'll go again one day, on to Mawbray beach,  
But I wont take my notebook, nor a lady to teach!*

# Letters

Dear Buzz,

*I would like to say a great big Thank You and Good Luck in the future to Heather Collingwood and Adele Wood who have finished their placements at Jelly Tots Nursery and gone on to do other things. You will both be sorely missed by all the children and staff. Also congratulations to you both and to Nicola Brough for finishing your courses, you have all done so well. Thank You as well to all the parents of the children who are leaving us now to go on to school. You will all be missed but know where we are if you need us in the future. We provide wrap around care for children 6 months to 11 years, from 7:30am to 6:30pm Monday to Friday. We are open 50 weeks of the year and are providing special prices during school holidays. If you wish to contact us please ring 07584 057 942 or Jackie on 07769 225050.*

Jackie McCormick

Dear Buzz,

*Concerning my article on the last train to Silloth, on which I was privileged to travel 50 years ago last month (Solway Buzz, September 2014). One point was omitted by error on my part. As our train of about twelve carriages started to leave Silloth Station, very suddenly we came to a shuddering halt! On examination being made it was found that a stout rope had been fastened to the end carriage and the other end tied around a capstan on the new dock. This had to be disentangled before we could move off. The last 3 ticket on sale at Silloth Station were*

*bought by Ronnie Wise of Abbeystown, until 1963 a Head Shunter at Silloth for over a decade. I might add that I travelled with members of the 'Solway' not Silloth group that evening. The late George Gordon our Locomotive Inspector that night told me that this day was the saddest spent in his railway service. I learned in August that the driver of that last train Jimmy Lister a regular on the Silloth road is now aged about 97 and lives in his own house in Carlisle.*

John N.M. Charters

Dear Buzz,

*A huge thank you to the kind gentleman of 'senior years' and the white van man who stopped to help push my car on Skinburness road. It was just before the very high tide on Tuesday 12th August and it goes to show what a great community spirit there is in Silloth. My 13 month old stayed asleep the whole time! Many Thanks,*

Anja

Dear Buzz,

*National Citizens Service - Sponsored Zombie Walk I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me on my seven mile Zombie walk at the start of August, it was great fun and I raised a total of £127 for Cash for Kids. Thank you again for your generosity.*

Poppy Rumney



# Cumbrian Reads

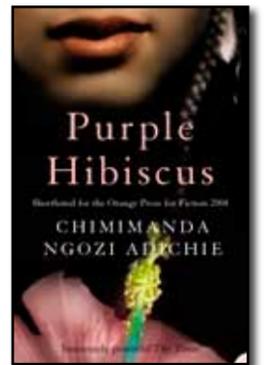
*Why not relax with a good book?*

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## October is Black History Month

A collection of titles to help promote the understanding of black history, culture and heritage

**Purple Hibiscus** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
When Nigeria begins to fall apart under a military coup, Kambili's father, involved in mysterious ways with the unfolding political crisis, sends Kambili and her brother away to their aunt's. Here she discovers love and a life – dangerous and heathen – beyond the confines of her father's authority.



**A Bit of Difference** by Sefi Atta

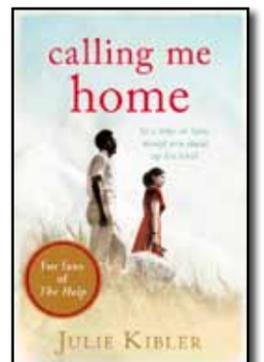
Deola Bello, a 39-year-old Nigerian expatriate in London, is dissatisfied with being single and working overseas. Deola works as a financial reviewer for an international charity, and when her job takes her back to Nigeria in time for her father's five year memorial service, she finds herself turning her scrutiny inward. In Nigeria, Deola encounters changes in her family and in the urban landscape of her home, and her new acquaintances who offer unexpected possibilities. Whilst there, she must navigate both the expectations of others, and



the differences between foreign images of Africa and the realities of contemporary Nigerian life.

**Calling Me Home** by Julie Kibler

Shalerville, Kentucky, 1939 – a world where black maids and handymen are trusted to raise white children and tend to white houses, but from which they are banished after dark. Sixteen year old Isabelle McAllister, born to wealth and privilege, finds her ordered life turned upside down when she becomes attracted to Robert, the ambitious black housekeeper. Before long Isabelle and Robert are crossing extraordinary, dangerous boundaries and falling deeply in love. Many years later, 89-year old Isabelle will travel from her home in Arlington, Texas, to Ohio for a funeral. With Isabelle is her hairstylist and friend,



Dorrie Curtis - a black single mother with her own problems. Along the way, Isabelle will finally reveal to Dorrie the truth of her painful past: a tale of forbidden love, the consequences of which will resound for decades.

## PCSO Drop-in Sessions at Silloth Library

Cumbria Police are committed to working with local residents to stop anti-social and criminal behaviour in your area. Please feel free to drop in and have a chat with PCSO Peter Nichol if you have any questions, concerns or problems.

Friday 24th September from 3.30 – 4.30 pm

Wednesday 29th October from 3.30 – 4.30 pm

You can also call Cumbria Police on 101.

## Family Learning Festival 2014

The National Family Learning Festival takes place from 18th October - 2nd November 2014 and is co-ordinated by the Campaign for Learning - this year's theme is entitled "Out of this world".

This is an annual awareness campaign that aims to draw attention to the importance of our families and friends in forming our attitudes towards learning. Looking to encourage and supporting us to learn throughout life. This can be hugely beneficial for both adults and children.

Activities are delivered, in a variety of our libraries, throughout the year - ask a member of staff for details or take a look on our events pages at <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/events/libraryEvents.asp>

For adults looking to expand their skills - pick up the new Adult Education brochure from your local library - find out the details for courses in your area.

### Letters: Please Note:

We have received several letters recently with no contact information.

While we do not print the contact information we do require this and will not publish your letters without it. An email address or your initials are not enough. Please supply your full

name, address and telephone number. This is required in case further clarification is required. Also, please ensure the hand-writing is legible.

**Portraits and Commercial Photography**  
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# Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie 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. Send them in to the address on page 10 and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie 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 receive your bee drawing. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to us, our address on page 10.

This month the winner is **Jake Stevens** from **Holme St Cuthbert School** with a bee drawing called **"King Bee"**.

Well done!



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# On the Water Front

Report by: Captain Slog  
(Assisted by David at John Stronach Shipping Agency)

**August 2014**  
14th. LINNAU from Antwerp with fertilizer, then in ballast to Belfast.  
18th. ORANESS from Bremen with molasses, then in ballast to Monitor.  
19th. ICELANDICA HAV from Hamburg with wheat, then in ballast to Belfast.  
26th. KENTO from Antwerp with fertilizer, then in ballast to Belfast.  
31st. LADY ALEXANDRA from St Nazaire with wheat, then in ballast to SFO.

**The Solway Viaduct**  
You may ask what this subject has to do with the port of Silloth, but the building of this viaduct had a profound and detrimental effect on the regular cross-Solway paddle-steamer services and day trips between Silloth and the Scottish ports of Annan, Dumfries, Carsethorn and Glencaple, with those services declining and finally ending around 1878.



Cross-Solway paddle steamer 'Carsethorn'

In 1836, it was first proposed that a railway viaduct across the upper Solway estuary would facilitate the movement of haematite ores, from the mineral mines of West Cumberland, to the iron ore furnaces and shipbuilding yards on the River Clyde in Scotland. The new viaduct would link the Maryport - Carlisle railway to the Caledonian railway and create a short-cut, avoiding the longer, slower route via Carlisle.



MAP OF THE SOLWAY JUNCTION RAILWAY AND CONNECTING LINES.



Solway Viaduct, showing the piers, each consisting of 5 interlocked piles

In 1865 and following the design of engineer Sir James Brunlees, work began on the construction of the impressive 5,790ft long viaduct. The single track railway would be carried 34ft above the Solway waters at high tide, on 193 tubular iron piers, driven into the estuarial mud and clay. Progress was slower than expected, making less than the 'bay per day' as had been planned. By 1866, progress on the sandstone embankments linking the viaduct to the shoreline on each side, were well in hand.



Solway Viaduct, from the Scottish side

In February 1867, it was thought that a further six weeks would see the work completed, but it wasn't until June 1868, that Company Chairman, Mr Brogden, was able to lay the final two girders and the Solway Viaduct was officially declared open, at a total cost of £25,000.

It took another six months before the first test engine was run across the structure, from Brayton in Cumberland, to Kirtlebridge in Scotland. The first freight train crossed in September 1869. Built originally to be a mineral railway, the line opened to passenger traffic in March 1870.

All went well, until the winter of 1875-76, when it



Solway Viaduct, from the English side

was found that several of the hollow piles had cracked and had become waterlogged. Freezing temperatures caused the cracks to worsen. This was followed by a really severe winter in 1881-82.

The edges of the upper Solway froze over, becoming several feet thick in places, whilst the rivers Esk and Eden carried a number of large ice floes down into the estuary. During smaller neap tides, the flow of fresh water from the rivers caused a great



The ice damaged viaduct

expanse of ice to form right across the upper estuary. When the larger spring tides occurred, the ice broke into large floes, reportedly several feet high and up to forty yards wide. These large and heavy pieces of ice were carried downstream on the ebb tides,

crashing into the already weakened viaduct piles.

As a result, two wide sections of the viaduct eventually collapsed and in total, 45 of the



193 supporting piers were lost. This important industrial railway link between Cumberland and the Clyde was shut.

Following a Parliamentary Grant of over £30,000, repairs were undertaken and the line re-opened in May 1884, but by then, cheaper imports of Spanish ore into the Clyde meant that the demand for

the West Cumberland ore was much reduced.

The outbreak of the 1st World War in 1914 saw an increase in shipbuilding on the Clyde and consequently a revival of that demand and the viaduct was busy again. But the lack of available

manpower, as a result of the war, drastically cut the vital ongoing maintenance requirement during those years to keep the viaduct serviceable.

In 1921, following a detailed engineering inspection, the viaduct was condemned as unsafe and immediately closed to all rail traffic. Pedestrians were unofficially still able to walk across and did so quite routinely, mainly those living on the Scottish side who crossed to take advantage of the more relaxed alcohol licencing hours in England!



Photo by: John Forrester

It wasn't until 1930, that the decision was taken to demolish the viaduct and then another four years before demolition work began, being finally completed in 1936.

Evidence of the viaduct can still be seen today, at Bowness-on Solway and Annan Waterfoot, where the old red sandstone embankments still jut out into the estuary and at low water spring tides the pile stumps are sometimes exposed.



Oraness discharging molasses on 18th Aug. Along with sister ship Orateca, they have made three visits in the past 2 months.

# Phone Book

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- Please, let us know what you want included, also any changes to numbers.

# Silloth Craft Show Winners

Report by: Lesley & Audrey

This was the shows 20th year and once again we would like to thank everyone who entered, visited, judged or supported the show in any way. Special thanks to Mrs Gilmour and Mrs Maxwell who on behalf of the SOSCS presented the Cross Stitch trophies which were purchased with the kind donation we received from the shop. Many thanks again to our stalwart Graham Wilkinson for kindly presenting all the other trophies. We are very grateful for the donation we received from SOSCS which paid for new medals, trophies, tables, rent for the hall and the class prize money.

We would like to stress the main emphasis of the day is to show and share your exhibits. It can't be stressed

enough, how many people enjoy seeing the exhibits, it often leads to someone starting a new hobby or friendship. Although, the entries are judged, it is primarily a small friendly show with a fun element of having some winners, but the exhibits that don't receive a prize are still worthy and admired.

The most frequent comment heard is 'Next year I'm going to enter.' This year we welcomed some new local faces as well as some regular holidaymakers to Silloth entering for the first time.

Let's keep it growing and next year, when the schedule appears in your local Solway Buzz and in the Library, come along join in the fun and make our 21st birthday show the biggest and best ever.

## Silloth Community Craft Show Winners 2014

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
A Picture of a butterfly	Nicole Bell	Lacey Jayne Hope	-
A decorated disposable cup	Harry Stewart	-	-
Children's section Trophy Winner	Harry Stewart	-	-
Decorated wellington boot	Harry Stewart	-	-
4 Dropped Scones	Tracey Wood	-	-
4 Shortbread Rounds	Tracey wood	Ben Stoddart	-
4 Squares of Gingerbread	Anne Winter	Tracey Wood	Paula Stewart
4 Decorated home-made buns	Natalie Wood	Tracey wood	Robbie Stewart
4 Pieces tray bake	Natalie Wood	Tracey Wood	Robbie Stewart
Victoria Sponge	Tracey Wood	-	-
Loaf made using a machine	Tracey Wood	Natalie wood	Sandra Bradley
Loaf made traditional way	Tracey Wood	-	-
Bramble Jam	Molly Lomas	Sandra Bradley	Tracey Wood
Marmalade	Ann Wishart	Paula Stewart	Tracey Wood
Chutney	Ann Winter	Les Stewart	Paula Stewart
<b>Baking Section Trophy Winner is Tracey Wood</b>			
Item Crotchet	Val Lodge	Molly Lomas	Tracey wood
Cross Stitch Picture	M Seymour	Molly Lomas	Barbara Strong
Tapestry Picture	Gillian Brizland	Molly Lomas	M Seymour
Piece of Hand embroidery	Barbara Strong	Molly Lomas	Judy Rochester
Homemade Xmas decoration	Molly Lomas	Janice Fell	Judy Rochester
Photo with caption	Michelle Hodgson	Jimmy Maddison	Natalie wood
Craft item- any medium	Judy Rochester	Barbara Strong	Molly Lomas
Watercolour Picture	Margaret Hobson	Sandra Bradley	Janice Fell
<b>Handicrafts Section Trophy Winner Molly Lomas</b>			
Single Rose	Beatrice Henderson	J Maddison	Audrey Maddison
3 Dahlias	M Seymour	T Wood	J Maddison
6 Sweet Peas	Tracey Wood	Beatrice Henderson	Jimmy Maddison
'Happy Holiday' Arrangement	Judy Rochester	Tracey Wood	-
Foliage Houseplant	Audrey Maddison	J Maddison	Pat Harding
Flowering Houseplant	Molly Lomas	Pat Harding	J Maddison
<b>Floral Trophy Joint Winners Jimmy Maddison &amp; Tracey Wood</b>			
3 White potatoes	Sandra Bradley	J Maddison	Tracey Wood
3 Coloured potatoes	Tony Reid	J Maddison	David Wood
3 Carrots	Tracey Wood	Tony Reid	David Wood
3 Beetroot	J Maddison	Tony Reid	Tracey Wood
3 Onions from setts	Tracey Wood	Sandra Bradley	J Maddison
3 Leeks - trench grown	Tony Reid	Tom Osowski	J Maddison
5 Cherry Tomatoes	Sandra Bradley	Tony Reid	J Maddison
5 Tomatoes	J Maddison	David Wood	Tony Reid
A Cucumber	J Maddison	Tony Reid	Sandra Bradley
6 Runner beans	Sandra Bradley	J Maddison	David Wood
5 diff Veg in a box	Tony Reid	Tom Osowski	M Seymour
Unusual piece of veg or fruit	Tony Reid	Sandra Bradley	Audrey Maddison
<b>Garden Produce Section Trophy Winner Tony Reid</b>			
<b>Overall Most Points in Show Trophy Winner Tracey Wood</b>			

# Don't Waste Your Waste

The warmer weather this summer with the occasional almost tropical rain storm has encouraged Cumbrian gardens to flourish, creating an abundance of surplus garden waste.

With autumn almost upon us, the time has come to prune, trim and prepare the garden for next year. But what should you do with all the debris? Take it to the tip? Overfill your green waste bin? Instead of seeing it as waste, why not see it as something that, with very little work, can be recycled to give you a free supply of top quality compost.

Simply throw garden waste into a compost bin and over the winter months it will rot down to produce environmentally friendly compost that when added to the garden will suppress weeds and retain moisture in the drier months.

Home composting has many benefits:

- It's easy to make and easy to use.
- Produces a free continual source of the very best compost.
- Improves soil structure.
- Maintains moisture.
- Helps the soil PH balance.
- Suppresses plant disease.
- Reduces the need for polluting bonfires.
- Reduces carbon emissions
- Helps to divert organic waste from requiring treatment.
- Reduces refuse collection

and treatment costs.

To encourage residents to get composting, Cumbria County Council is offering Home Compost Bins at special offer prices from only £11 (with £5.99 delivery).

There is also a Buy One Get One Half Price Offer, adding extra value to residents with larger gardens or those who team up with a friend or neighbour to buy a bin.

Typically, one third of all household rubbish and garden waste is organic matter which can be recycled at home in a compost bin. Home composting not only provides people with an endless supply of nutrient rich compost which can be used in their gardens but it is also an effective and sustainable waste management method helping to reduce the amount of waste requiring further treatment.

Cllr John McCreesh, Cabinet member for Environment, said:

"Composting is one of nature's miracles: turning kitchen and garden waste into a wonderful food for your garden. I've always had a bin or two in my gardens, and this is a tremendous opportunity for households throughout Cumbria to get involved."

To order your discounted compost bin or more information and advice on how you can reduce your rubbish visit [www.recycleforcumbria.org](http://www.recycleforcumbria.org).

# Tide Tables

OCTOBER 2014		SILLOTH							
Date		DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE							
		High Water				Low Water			
		Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	W	03 33	6.1	16 07	6.0	10 29	0.1	23 01	0.2
2	TH	04 40	5.6	17 25	5.6	11 32	0.4		
3	F	06 10	5.4	18 53	5.7	00 16	0.3	12 58	0.4
4	SA	07 37	5.6	20 07	6.2	01 44	0.1	14 22	0.1
5	SU	08 49	6.3	21 09	6.9	03 01	-0.3	15 33	-0.3
6	M	09 45	6.9	22 01	7.5	04 08	-0.7	16 34	-0.6
7	TU	10 32	7.4	22 48	8.0	05 07	-1.1	17 28	-1.0
8	W	11 16	7.7	23 31	8.2	05 58	-1.4	18 18	-1.2
9	TH	11 57	7.8			06 45	-1.4	19 04	-1.4
10	F	00 13	8.2	12 36	7.8	07 27	-1.4	19 46	-1.3
11	SA	00 55	8.0	13 17	7.6	08 07	-1.2	20 27	-1.1
12	SU	01 37	7.5	13 56	7.2	08 45	-0.9	21 06	-0.7
13	M	02 18	7.0	14 35	6.7	09 19	-0.4	21 45	-0.3
14	TU	03 01	6.4	15 19	6.2	09 54	-0.0	22 27	0.1
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17	F	06 15	4.9	18 52	5.1	00 35	0.6	12 51	0.9
18	SA	07 37	5.0	20 04	5.3	01 54	0.6	14 14	0.8
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21	TU	10 07	6.4	22 20	6.6	04 34	-0.3	16 45	-0.1
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23	TH	11 11	7.1	23 25	7.2	05 50	-0.7	18 02	-0.6
24	F	11 43	7.2	23 57	7.3	06 26	-0.8	18 40	-0.8
25	SA			12 15	7.3	07 03	-0.9	19 18	-0.8
26	SU	00 30	7.3	12 49	7.3	07 39	-0.9	19 55	-0.8
27	M	01 07	7.2	13 28	7.2	08 15	-0.7	20 35	-0.6
28	TU	01 47	7.0	14 10	7.0	08 53	-0.5	21 13	-0.4
29	W	02 32	6.6	14 58	6.6	09 31	-0.2	21 58	-0.2
30	TH	03 27	6.2	15 58	6.3	10 18	0.1	22 54	-0.0
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Times shown in UTC. Add 1 hour for British Summer Time.

NOVEMBER 2014		SILLOTH							
Date		DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE							
		High Water				Low Water			
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6	TH	10 57	7.5	23 12	7.7	05 34	-1.0	17 56	-1.0
7	F	11 37	7.6	23 54	7.7	06 19	-1.1	18 42	-1.0
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12	W	02 35	6.4	14 50	6.3	09 24	-0.0	21 59	0.1
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# Indoor Bowling Season Starts

Short Mat indoor bowling starts on Monday 6th October at Abbeytown Village Hall and runs throughout the winter until the end of March.

We meet almost every Monday from 7pm to 9:30pm with a half time break for refreshments. Eight to Ten friendly fixtures against local clubs adds to the variety and enjoyment.

Even if you have never bowled before, from teenagers to senior citizens,



come along and 'have a go'. We have club equipment so there is no expense to you.

You might just surprise yourself and have a good time too.

# County Champions!

Alia & Anna Are County Champs! Silloth Tennis Club's players came back from the annual County Championships with an impressive haul of trophies and medals.

Amongst the collection was the under 8 singles title won by Alia Brooks, who remarkably beat sister Zaynab in the final. The under 8 singles title has a special place at the club with past winners including Reece Blake, Gareth Davenport, Greg Ramsay and Emily Wise and Alia's success came the week after she won the Maryport Open.

Another successful player at the county champs was Anna Fisher who, having come runner up in the under ten event proceeded to win the under ten doubles title with her partner Caitlin Almond. In the under 12 singles older sister Eve won the consolation singles event and was also runner up in the under 16 doubles final.

For her part Emily Wise was runner up in the open age singles and doubles finals.

### Club Now Recruiting For Winter Season

Tennis at the club is an all year round affair and with many local events in



County Champions Alia & Zaynab Brooks

the pipeline it's essential that players continue to train towards their goals. Outdoor coaching resumes this month and will stay on the Skinburness Courts until October after which we continue in the Sports Hall. Times are:

4:30: under 8  
5:30: under 10  
6:30: 10 and over  
7:30: Cardio Tennis/Multi Sports (indoors only from October).

For further information please contact David Wise on 07742 547767.

# Join the Big Tidy Up!

Allerdale Borough Council is calling on people across the area to support this year's Big Tidy Up - England's biggest-ever litter pick.

Taking place throughout October, the campaign aims to unite neighbourhoods by getting everyone out and about to help clean up their communities and transform their public spaces. Council Street Scene Officers will be offering their support to any local schools, community groups, and volunteer groups who sign up.

The Council has a zero-tolerance approach to littering and officers are out regularly cleaning up streets and public areas across Allerdale, as well as working to deter persistent offenders. In recent months, one of

the Council's Street Scene Officers, Peter Haley, has been visiting local schools to educate youngsters on why littering along with other types of environmental crime is such an issue and how much it costs.

He said: "I've spoken to more than 2,000 children from 20 schools and if even just a small percentage of those kids pick up after themselves as well as encouraging their families to do the same, it has the potential to make a big difference to our streets, paths and parks. The children, and some teachers, were shocked to hear how much the Council spends cleaning up our streets every year."

It costs Allerdale Borough Council over £1.16 million

each year to clean up more than a thousand tonnes of rubbish, litter and dog mess generated by just a small number of irresponsible people.

Michael Heaslip, Allerdale Borough Council's Executive Member for Locality Services, said: "Not only are these large scale clean-up events great for team building and improving morale, but even the smallest efforts can start to make long-lasting and positive changes in our local environment. We hope as many people as possible - young and old - will sign up to take part in the Big Tidy Up next month"

There are a number of ways for people to report instances of littering or other types of environmental crime to the Council, including pinpointing the exact location on a smartphone, going online to the Council's website at [www.allerdale.gov.uk/report](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/report), scanning a QR code, or calling 01900 702702.

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# Tigers Still Unbeaten!



Report by: Mark Orchard

Silloth have had a good solid start to the season with many influential players missing due to prior commitments.

Silloth started the 2014/15 season in the Cumbria Cup at home to newly reformed Netherhall, it was a big ask from the Maryport side who despite never giving up eventually went down 54-0 as Silloths forwards were in dominant

Dan Yeoman scoring another try against Cocker mouth

form. Silloth now host Keswick in the quarter finals.

Next up for Silloth was Moresby, one of the surprise teams last season and the only team to beat Silloth. Yet again Silloths' powerful forward pack proved too strong and Silloth won the game 34-5 securing a bonus point for scoring four or more tries.

Silloth's first away game was to City side Carlisle

who like Silloth were also unbeaten. Silloth started the game strongly and their early dominance led to a solid 41-15 bonus point win, putting Silloth joint top of the Cumbria league with title rivals Keswick.

Silloth v Cocker mouth Silloth went into the game with no less than nine players unavailable. Silloth's quality and strength in depth was shown from the start when they took the lead within the first five minutes As half time approached Cocker mouth caught Silloth out and crossed over in the corner 24-5 at half-time.

Silloth started the second half like they did the first. Finally, Prop Dan Yeoman crashed through their defence to touch down giving a final score of 50-15. This was a great result with a depleted squad keeping Silloth unbeaten this season and joint top of the Cumbria league.

# New Sponsor Caltech



1st team Captain Danny Barker (left) receiving the strip from Caltech manager David Wood. It was quite strange as David Wood played centre (number 13) for Silloth many years ago and he handed the no 13 shirt to Danny who also plays no 13 for Silloth and it was the first shirt pulled out the kit bag!

# New Archery Club with Taster Sessions

One of the oldest sports in English history is now growing faster than ever before, especially it seems in Cumbria. Archery clubs are being created in villages and towns to cater for the amazing interest in the sport.

With an emphasis on safety and fun, these clubs are providing an environment where whole families can go and enjoy shooting with a Bow and Arrow, and now a new club has just been started in Abbeystown.

The Abbeystown Archers had their first meeting on Thursday 18th September in the village hall from 6 - 9 pm. It is hoped that this will be a weekly event, so come along and give it your support.



For the last six weeks there have been 'Have-a go' sessions run by Mr Jim Skivington (County Association) in conjunction with the local youth club led by Mr Graham Little. The attendance at these sessions was so good that the idea of a club was formed to meet the interest shown.

Many differing bow styles can be seen, with the majority of people beginning with a Recurve bow matched to their particular strength.

Other experienced archers were shooting Compound Bows, LongBows, FlatBows, Recurves and even a Korean Horse Bow.

This is an opportunity for Mam and Dad to go along with their family and experience the thrill of being Robin Hood or Maid Marion.

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