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## Monthly Munch at the Abbey Raises £1,161



Photo by: Alastair Bryan

Holme Cultram Abbey November Monthly Munch raised the grand total of £1,161 towards the upkeep of the Abbey. As Donny says: "food tastes better when you eat it with friends".

**Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all our Readers Contributors & Advertisers**

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## Peter McCall Visits Mawbray School

Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall attended a presentation at Holme St Cuthbert primary school in Mawbray on Wednesday 14th November to raise awareness of National Anti-Bullying Week.

Throughout the year young people are taught to respect one another, have tolerance of each other's differences, and in doing so provide positive communities, classrooms and friendships.



Peter McCall said: "We should all take a stand against bullying and help to raise awareness that

bullying will not be tolerated. By respecting each other's feelings, wishes and rights, we need to remember that while we are all different, we are all equals. We can all stand up to, challenge and refuse to accept bullying in any form. By spreading the message I am hopeful that awareness will be raised and that anyone witnessing or affected by bullying will feel comfortable enough to go forward, talk to an adult and get support. It is important to encourage young people to think twice about what they say and how being mean to others, can hurt them very deeply."

PCSO Izzy Roberts said: "Young people are given the message to be kind to each other and stand up to bullying throughout the year, and Anti-Bullying week reinforces the message to be supportive of each other and kind every day."

This year's anti-bullying week's theme is to 'Choose Respect', organised by Anti-Bullying Alliance. It promotes that bullying is a behaviour choice, and by choosing respect for others, even when we disagree with them, we can create a positive atmosphere where we can all grow, play and learn.

## Blencogo Art Group



Report by: Jennifer Bailey

The Blencogo Art Group's latest "masterpiece" - a copy of a picture by Beryl Cooke "Street Market" has at last been completed and is on show in the village hall.

This was a superb effort made by all members and the whole picture was assembled by Janet and Graham.

The group choose a 'Big Picture' each year and everyone who wants to be involved, paints sections of the picture which are

then all fitted together to form the whole, the resulting picture is surprisingly good and usually very amusing.

The group meets on a Monday afternoon from 1:30pm - 4:30pm and, although untutored, there is a wealth of experience and advice available for anyone who needs it.

There are sketching outings throughout the year which usually involve a visit to a suitable eatery and a very friendly and convivial atmosphere abounds.



Alex and Friends  
by  
Willie Paisley  
from  
Holm Cultram Abbey  
School

## Get Your Free Flu Vaccine

People with long-term health conditions urged to have free flu vaccine

Cumbria County Council and local NHS partners are reminding people with long-term health conditions that flu increases their chance of serious health complications and a hospital visit and getting vaccinated is the best protection. The flu vaccine is offered free of charge on the NHS to people who are most at risk, including:

- those aged 65 years and over
- pregnant women
- people who have certain medical conditions
- people living in a long-stay residential care home or other long-stay care facility
- those who receive a carer's allowance, or are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill

Colin Cox, Cumbria County Council's Director of Public Health, said: "The cold weather that winter brings can make people more likely to catch a winter illness that could become very serious. If you start to feel unwell, at the first signs of winter illness, get advice from your pharmacist before it gets more serious. For people with underlying or long-term health conditions, for example those with respiratory and cardiovascular conditions, we would advise getting the free flu vaccination now by contacting their GP practice or pharmacist."

Flu is a highly infectious disease and can lead to serious complications for people with underlying health conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), bronchitis, emphysema, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease or a chronic neurological disease like multiple sclerosis or cerebral palsy.

Across England and Wales an average of 8,000 deaths occur annually due to flu related complications. Of these deaths, it is estimated that around 2,500 are people with a heart disease and 3,500 people with a respiratory

disease.

Dr David Rogers, Medical Director at NHS North Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group said: "We are encouraging people who are eligible to take a moment to plan when they can have the jab. Even if you had your jab last year, you will need to have one again, because flu changes every year. The flu jab is a simple procedure which could ultimately save lives. Don't wait until there is a flu outbreak this winter; get your vaccination as soon as possible, especially if you are in an 'at risk' category. Real flu can be debilitating and if you are already living with a condition, you are either very young or very old it can hit you harder. All NHS staff are encouraged to get the vaccination which will also help to protect patients, colleagues and their families."

This year, Public Health England are providing a 'quadrivalent' vaccine, which offers protection against four strains of flu, to those aged 18-64 with underlying health conditions. For people aged 65 and over, a more effective 'adjuvanted' vaccine will be offered which helps their immune systems develop protection against flu.

The most common symptoms of flu are fever, chills, headache, aches and pains in the joints and muscles, and extreme tiredness. Healthy individuals usually recover within two to seven days, but for some the disease can lead to hospitalisation, permanent disability or even death. People who are eligible for the flu vaccine, should get it now by contacting their general practice, pharmacist or midwife.

Visit [nhs.uk/staywell](http://nhs.uk/staywell) for more information.

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## Don't Let Fire Ruin the Festive Cheer

Christmas is a great time to get together with family and friends, and Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service is urging people to put fire safety at the top of their Christmas to-do list to help keep everyone safe.

While fire safety is vital throughout the year, the extra distractions of Christmas make it especially important to be vigilant during the festive season. This is why Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) is asking people to take extra care over the festive season to ensure that their families and loved ones are safe from fire.



This advice comes after there were 35 accidental fires in homes across Cumbria from 1st December 2017 to 11 January 2018.

The most common room where fires start is, perhaps unsurprisingly, the kitchen. Nearly 60% of all the accidental fires attended by firefighters in Cumbria around the Christmas period last year started in the kitchen.

Edward Burrows, CFRS Community Safety Manager, said: "We want everyone to celebrate safely and take fire safety seriously this Christmas. Many of the things we enjoy over the Christmas period, such as fairy lights, candles and decorations, can all be fire hazards when proper care isn't taken. We also need to be mindful that leaving cooking unattended can be one fire hazard that could be prevented, as could using the correct charging devices for items such as phones, laptops and torches."

Here are some simple tips from the National Fire Safety campaign to help you and your family enjoy Christmas safely:

Ensure you have working smoke alarms installed on all levels of your home. Working alarms can give you the vital time needed to escape in a fire. Test your smoke alarms regularly and never remove batteries!

## Bazaar Raises £510

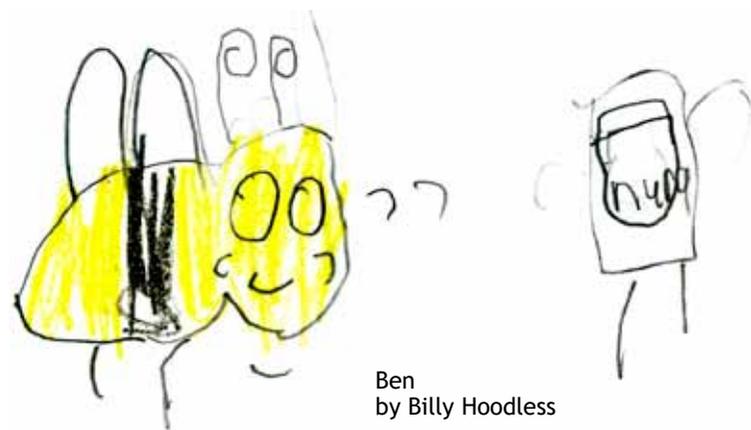
Report by: Penny Stimson

On Saturday 17th November the Hall at St Andrews was decorated with lots of Christmas trimmings and Christmas tree.

Tables were full to the brim, with lots of needed items all at £1, £2 or £5 for the new items.

In the middle of the hall tables were arranged with items for Kirstins wonderful teas. These

are a must and very popular with all our visitors. The Christmas Bazaar was open and the hall quickly filled, items were bought and then a lovely tea was had to complement the visit. At four when the Bazaar finished all were tired out, but very happy as we raised £510 towards the re-decoration of our Hall. A big thank you to all who attended and enjoyed themselves.



Ben  
by Billy Hoodless

Never leave cooking unattended. The majority of fires start in the kitchen so this is a high risk area. Many of us enjoy a tippie over the festive season but be sure to avoid cooking whilst under the influence of alcohol. Always turn off kitchen appliances when you have finished cooking.

Never leave burning candles unattended. Keep candles out of the reach of children, and away from decorations, cards and wrapping paper, fires, lights and heaters.

Put your cigarette out, right out. If you smoke, make sure your cigarette is fully extinguished and take care when under the influence of alcohol or if tired. It's very easy to fall asleep while your cigarette is still burning and set furniture alight.

Never use heaters to dry clothes. Heaters can start fires when things are placed too close to them. Keep them well away from curtains, clothing and furniture.

Don't overload sockets. Ensure only one plug per socket. Always turn off plugs when they are not in

use, except those that are designed to be left on, like freezers.

Ensure you switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the home. Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard (BS EN 60598) and are in good working order before use.

Always use an RCD (residual current device) on outdoor electrical equipment. This safety device can save lives by instantly switching off the power if there is a fault and can be found in any DIY store.

Do something good this Christmas. Test the smoke alarms of someone you know who may need help such as an older relative or neighbour to ensure their safety as they are at greater risk from fire.

Make sure that everyone in your home knows what to do in a fire – in the event of fire you should get out, stay out and call 999. This short video from the National Fire Safety campaign shows a Christmas tree fire destroy a living room in under a minute: <http://youtu.be/hMtjGfr0tYs>.

## Good Causes Charity Shop Annual Buffet



Good Causes Manager Denise Poland

Report by: Winnie Poyser

The Annual Buffet was successfully organised by Denise Poland, the manager of the Good Cause Charity Shop.

Yearly, Denise has been supported by her team of volunteers, Jane, Ann, Sarah, Francis, Leslie, Elaine and Carol to organise this annual free buffet for her supporters and donors. They all bring in a lot of buffet style food such as creamy black forest cakes, grilled sausages, biscuits, crisps and sandwiches. Varieties of drinks include glasses of white wine, tea

or coffee.

The raffle was very well supported. In all we raised £260 via a Tombola which was a good effort and so lovely to have so many local people supporting us.

On behalf of the Good Causes Charity shop we would like to send a **big thanks** to everyone who not only came along to make the day, but also we are very thankful and grateful to all the goods that have been donated. All the money raised goes to cancer charities such as HOSPICE at home and MARIE CURIE.



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# What Are They?



Stones found by Geoff Bland on the Solway coast. Report by kind permission of Ann Lingard and taken from her *Solway Shore Walker* blog.

Loom stone weights for a weaving loom or weights for fishing nets? They are made of clay with either one or two holes through them and are up to 2" long.

Ann Lingard recalls: I visited Mr Porter in Allonby who – when he was a lad – had helped his grandfather and father use fixed nets to catch herring from the shore, and has used a hand-net to catch brown shrimp all his life. During Mr Porter's wanderings on the shore he has found and collected a large number of red or yellow clay weights. He is certain that the 'stones' were used to weigh down fishing nets that were – like the herring nets – anchored on the shore; his family's nets were attached to an anchoring post and the bottom of the net was weighted with a line of lead weights while the top of the net

floated free, buoyed up by corks.

Once, after the big tides had uncovered a new scour on the shore, he found a line of 'about eight' of these clay weights amongst the newly exposed rocks and pebbles – and one can easily imagine how they might once have been attached to a rope at the base of something like a gill net.

They could date from Roman times or earlier: the website for the British Museum's 'Portable Antiquities Scheme' has several photos of similar fishing-weights found along the coast from Maryport to Beckfoot, dating from Neolithic through Roman to the Medieval period.

Weights for warp threads or for fishing-nets? If you are going to the trouble of finding and then moulding clay into balls that are perforated by a hole, why use them for just one purpose?

# Waver Wine Circle

At the November meeting of Waver Wine Circle held in Blencogo Village Hall, nine members met for a red wine tasting.

Apologies were received from Ann, Greta, Margaret and Nick who were unable to join us and from Bill, Linda and Stuart who were indisposed. The members sent them best wishes for speedy recoveries.

It was decided that as we were so reduced in numbers that the Red Wine Trophy would not be awarded.

Wines tasted were an Australian Pinot Noir; Chilean Merlot; Argentinian Malbec; British Reserve Red, with an Australian Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon being the most liked.

The drawing prize donated by Stella, was won by Stephen.

Thanks to Stella for organising the room and for providing the nibbles which, as usual, were enjoyed by all.

The next meeting is our Christmas Dinner at Wheyrigg Hotel on Friday 14th December at 7pm for 7:30pm.



# Carers Coffee Mornings

At West Cumbria Carers a lot of the feedback we receive is about the positive effect of spending time with other carers.

To help local carers in doing this we are introducing our new Carers Coffee Mornings. These will start in January and be held monthly at a variety of venues across Allerdale and Copeland.

We'd love it if you could join us for a cuppa!

As well as meeting other carers it will be a great opportunity to take a break from your caring role, have a chat with one of our Adult Carer Support Workers and listen to a variety of guest speakers.

If you would like to know more about these events contact the office on 01900 821 976 or keep an eye on the activities calendar on our website: [www.westcumbriacarers.co.uk](http://www.westcumbriacarers.co.uk).

There are many reasons why taking some time to meet other carers is beneficial. Caring for someone can feel isolating. You may struggle opening up to friends and colleagues thinking they are unable to understand



your situation fully. Meeting other carers can help reduce that isolation, they understand how you feel, the emotions and pressures that caring can bring.

Sharing knowledge, tips and tricks can be very positive and empowering. Being able to pass on what you have learned or experienced can also make someone else's caring experience a little easier.

Taking some time to step away from caring and focus on your own well-being is invaluable.

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# Annual Christmas Fayre in Abbey Raises £2,538

Report by: Jean Armstrong

Holme Cultram Abbey held their Annual Christmas Fayre over two days on the last weekend in November.

The Abbey was buzzing with many stalls, all stocked with lovely handmade gifts to tempt the Christmas shoppers; Of course Santa's arrival ready to speak with the children in his beautifully decorated Grotto is always a great success; also available was face painting and Christmas crafts for the visitors to Santa. The Elves and helpers were kept very busy all day!

Many thanks to all who supported this event, the Stall holders, Visitors and Helpers all contributed to a £2,538.00 profit to help with the Abbey's running expenses.



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# Silloth Lights Switch-On Friday 30th November



Pictures clockwise from top left:

Face Painting in Frankie & Millie's.

Santa was kept so busy in his wonderful Grotto in Silloth Cafe.

Santas Grotto looked great.

Who is that funny man with the shiny head enjoying the lights switch-on.

Owen Martin and friends having fun in the Fairydust Emporium.

Santas Sleigh and Welcome Sign seem to get brighter and better each year.

Crowds in the Silloth Cafe waiting to get into Santas Grotto



# Co-op Donates £4,809 to Hall

# Pointon Family Donate £460 to Silloth RNLI



Report by: Penny Stimson

With St Andrews Hall full of diners enjoying their light lunches and warm fellowship at our Tuesday OUR DOORS OPEN, on 20th November, the Silloth Co-op presented us with a much valued cheque for £4809.12.

This was awarded from their Community Charity Fund which they run each year and co-op

members have the option to chose to donate to whichever of the charities put forward by Silloth Co-op they wish to support.

We are so grateful for the overwhelming support we received from all members.

Co-op Manager Mr David Lomas presented the cheque to the elders of St Andrews, Edith Kerr, Kirstine Proud and Peter Stimson, to the delight of all

diners present.

This wonderful donation will go towards much needed renovation of our community hall with new windows and doors desperately required.

A big thank you to all at the Silloth Co-op and to all the Co-op members who voted to give their support to St Andrews Hall.

Silloth RNLI Mr E Studholme and lifeboat crew were presented with a cheque for £460 by Mr Alf Pointon and family and friends of his late wife Audrey Pointon [nee Davenport] formally of Silloth.

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If you receive a call of this nature or similar please do not engage with the caller or anyone who may come to your property.

Cumbria Trading Standards and Cumbria Police advice is simple; don't hand over any money or personal information to any cold callers whether on the telephone or on the doorstep. Often these companies prey on the most vulnerable so please look

after those in your community.

Consumers can register their details with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS) to reduce the number of unsolicited sales and marketing calls. More details can be found at [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk) or contact the TPS registration line on 0345 070 0707.

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## 30 Years of Service to RNLI



Silloth RNLI Lifeboat Crew with John Crouch, Mayor of Allerdale

Report by: Julie Emary  
Silloth RNLI Press Officer  
Photos courtesy of Silloth RNLI

Silloth RNLI lifeboat station celebrated on Friday 16th November, one of their most loved and respected volunteers' service, which surpasses thirty years.

Senior Helmsman Steven Henderson was presented with his medal, on this special occasion by the Mayor of Allerdale, John Crouch.

Steve was accepted into the RNLI at Silloth less than a month after his seventeenth birthday and apart from a short break in the 1990's has been with the RNLI ever since.

Steve has been called out on emergencies countless times and has received many accolades, letters of thanks and awards from the RNLI for the rescues in which he has been involved.

In 2004 Andrew Ashton, the Divisional Inspector of Lifeboats for the RNLI's North Division, chose Steve to represent the North of England as one of six men selected from around Britain to act as a Guard of Honour for Her Majesty the Queen, when she opened the Lifeboat College at Poole in Dorset.

Called out in all weathers Steve has pushed the Silloth RNLI inshore lifeboat to its limits many times in gale force seas; he has instilled confidence in the crew and safely negotiated the boat through the constantly changing and treacherous Solway Firth, while rescuing people from a huge variety of situations.

Although remaining as the Senior Helm for the RNLI lifeboat, Steve has now also taken on the role of Station Training Assessor - passing on his knowledge and a lifetime of seamanship skills at Silloth, for the young and upcoming crew.



Senior Helmsman Steve Henderson of Silloth RNLI lifeboat receiving his award for thirty year service from John Crouch Mayor of Allerdale

Recently starring in Saving Lives at Sea on BBC 2, when Steve and the crew rescued a member of the public trapped on the roof of her car, when surrounded by sea; the video of which has achieved worldwide coverage. When asked by the television team, what was the most scary thing he has done, he replied 'being interviewed by you'.

Over fifty people were at the

celebration for Steve's incredible achievement, where the Lifeboat Operations Manager, Eddie Studholme spoke warmly and emotionally of his friend and colleague, before the Mayor made the presentation to Steve. Also there with Steve, was his wife Jen and daughter Erin and son Saul, who have obviously been a huge support to him over the years of his voluntary service in the RNLI.



## Rogue Fish Traders

Cumbria Trading Standards have received reports of fish sellers cold calling in the Wigton and surrounding areas. They may also be visiting other areas in the region. Please be wary and report any uninvited fish salesmen operating within Cumbria to Trading Standards.

Fish sellers visiting Cumbria are known to engage in cold calling activities asking residents to purchase large amounts of frozen fish on the doorstep. This fish is generally of poor quality, unrefrigerated and short weight. Doorstep sellers often demand a cash or cheque payment and can be very persuasive in their selling techniques.

Cumbria Trading Standards and Cumbria Police advice is simple; do not let uninvited

doorstep sellers of any kind into your home. Often these sellers prey on the most vulnerable who are less likely to refuse what may appear to be a bargain. For all your goods and services it is better to deal with reputable traders operating out of fixed premises who you know and trust.

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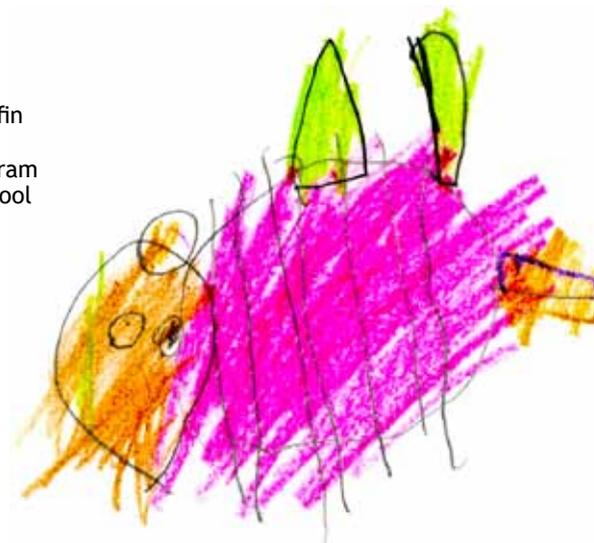
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Silloth Rugby Club 9am & 11am  
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Pink Bee  
by  
Robbie Tiffin  
from  
Holm Cultram  
Abbey School



# Solway Community School Annual Prizegiving Awards



Head Teacher Judith Schafer  
Report by: the School Council  
Media Committee

There was something of a glow, despite the bitter cold of the weather outside, within our school hall the night of our prize giving event. One could point to warmth of the Christmas tree, a stage full of festive decor, or the pride that comes with success and celebration of a hard fought academic year. Perhaps it was the hall itself - packed with students, teachers and seemingly the whole wider community. It may have been the earnestness with which the speakers celebrated Solway's endeavours both within the school and throughout the town. Peter Thomas, chairman of the National Association of Teachers of English, summed up the feeling that our school has a quality that "sets the standards for schools both throughout Cumbria and the nation". That quality, that glow, as he described it: "is beyond excellence", because while every school seemingly has excellence as a value, our school goes further. Even from the perspective of an outsider, Peter described the students of our school, as a community of earnest and courageous teens that stand apart within a current political world of adults that should know better.

The evening began with an emotive speech from Headteacher Judith Schafer



Head Girl Mollie & Head Boy Max

whose theme of a school moving through academic challenges, tragedy and great change to become a school recognised as making the fastest academic progress in Cumbria. This was followed by Peter Thomas's speech and the prize-giving - in which whoops and cheers could be heard as nervous students took their hard won prizes. Concluding the evening, Head Boy and Girl, Max and Mollie, stood out with their final remarks. Most touching was Max's story of how he came to Solway as a shy and quiet boy, and how he has grown into someone with the courage to deliver a speech to a packed room; with a clear vision of his future as a Royal Military Police Officer — someone who has had the chance to make a real difference throughout school life and within the community. It was a move that changed his life forever. This heart-felt speech makes one think — what other successful life changing stories will we be treated to next year?



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There are many more pictures to see on [solwaybuzz.co.uk](http://solwaybuzz.co.uk)

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## Letter

Dear Buzz,

We just want to say thank you so much to the Silloth Cafe Fish & Chip shop who looked after the two of us when our electrics 'cut off' one cold November evening. We enjoyed a meal in the cafe which they opened up especially for us - radiator turned on to keep us warm - large torch loaned to us to help us on our way - even my flask and hot water bottle filled! Thank you to all of the staff for your kindness.

Name withheld

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*My Friends*

by Niamh K Marshall aged 13

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Friends are always watching over you, just like a star  
Friends are always with you, to make sure you don't get hurt  
Friends will never bother you, or push you in the dirt

Friends will stick up with you, they will always take your side  
Friends will go back and forth, just like the tide  
Friends will always love you, no matter how close they are  
Friends will never forget you, whether they are near or far

Friends are always kind, they will fill you up with glee  
My friends make me happy, I'm so lucky to be me.

*Christmas Quandary*

by Penny Stimson

My mind is in a quandary  
whatever shall I do  
my husbands got everything  
so his Christmas presents making me blue.

Do I buy him something to wear?  
Or something he could use,  
or something he could give to me.  
Now! That's the one I'd choose.

What do you get an older man  
who has everything he needs,  
he's a terror for looking in shop windows  
and wanting everything he sees.

But I'm the one who puts it away  
when its left out for weeks.  
When the interest gone, he's walked away  
leaving everything where he sits.

No, I'll get him something I can wear,  
something skimpy and small.  
Oh! if only I could fit into it  
we could have a ball!

**Do you have a poem or letter for  
the buzz?  
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## Masthead Bee Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered Kids Rucksack to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and £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 the Discovery Centre, 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. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to us, our address is on page 14.

This month the winner is Olivia Branthwaite from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee drawing called "Queen Bee".

Well done!



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Thursday CLOSED  
Friday 10-1pm 2-4pm  
Saturday 10-1pm  
Sunday closed

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## Are You Winter Ready?

A campaign is being launched as part of Cumbria's 'winter ready' plans to support the county's residents and businesses during the coming months.

A wide range of information about all things winter related is available on the campaign's revamped website, [cumbriawinterready.org.uk](http://cumbriawinterready.org.uk). The campaign will also involve a programme of targeted social media activity helping to ensure that people are kept up to date with all the latest 'winter ready' advice and information.

The campaign seeks to ensure people have the right information, advice and guidance at their fingertips. It has been developed, and is supported by, a wide range of partners including Cumbria County Council, the six District Councils, NHS, Cumbria Community Foundation and the Environment Agency and is launching this week to mark the start of meteorological winter on 1 December.

The campaign provides advice and assistance on everything you need to know to help you be prepared and to get winter ready, including:

Emergency planning - advice on how to protect your home from flooding and find out if you are at risk.

Winter travel – how to stay

safe, keep up to date with road and weather information and make your vehicle ready for winter.

Health advice – staying well this winter.

Councillor Keith Little, Cumbria County Council Cabinet member for Highways and Transport, said: "Severe winter weather can have a huge impact on communities in Cumbria, as we saw with the Beast from the East snow storms last winter and the devastating floods in 2015. It's important we take some simple steps to prepare for winter, from getting a flu jab to checking over your vehicle. The county council is no different and we're ready to tackle whatever the weather throws at us this winter. For example, more than 2,000 of our staff have now had a flu vaccination, which helps protect frontline staff and ensures they can't unwittingly give flu to vulnerable service users they take care of. We're also geared up to keep the county moving this winter, our fleet of 38 gritters are on standby day and night to treat priority roads. The campaign has been well received in the county over the last two winters and we have now updated and refreshed the website."

For more information, visit the dedicated website [www.cumbriawinterready.org.uk](http://www.cumbriawinterready.org.uk).

## WI Garden is 'Outstanding'



Report by: Jenny Stride

Causewayhead WI Meeting during November started with Margaret welcoming John Crouch, Mayor of Allerdale and his wife Heather.

John had come to present the WI ladies who look after the Discovery Centre Garden, Ann Harrison, Frances Jackson, Jean Carr, Pat Bell, Maureen Irving and Pauline Parr, with A Britain in Bloom Level 5 outstanding Award for their work on the garden.

Following this it was appropriate that our speaker this month was Naomi Hewitt from the Solway Coast AONB. She manages a small team of people based in the Discovery Centre. The Solway Outstanding Area of Natural Beauty stretches from Rockcliffe in the north down to Maryport with a small gap at Silloth. This is one of 46 areas designated as AONB's in the UK and Northern Ireland. These areas are smaller and more sensitive than National Parks but also need conserving and enhancing in line with the needs of the local community.

Naomi and her team work with other agencies such as DEFRA, RSPB, Allerdale, Carlisle and Cumbria County Councils



to manage coastal sites, coastal erosion, flooding and wildlife conservation. They also work with their equivalent on the other side of the Solway to promote tourism to the area. The salt marshes are a very important part of the heritage of this area and are home to many rare species. 94% of peat bogs have been damaged since the 19th century by the extraction of peat for domestic heating and horticultural purposes. Some have been drained and planted with trees and crops.

Where possible the peat bogs are slowly being replanted and it is important to realise that every metre of peat removed for domestic or horticultural purposes will take a 1000 years to replace. So by not buying peat based compost

we will help to preserve these bogs for the future. The RSPB Visitor Centre at Campfield Marsh west of Bowness on Solway has more information on the work being done in the area and has areas showing how this is done.

More information can also be found at the Discovery Centre of the AONB website. [www.solwaycoastaonb.org.uk](http://www.solwaycoastaonb.org.uk)

After the talk we enjoyed a small buffet provided by the ladies of the committee.

Flower Competition: 1. Frances Jackson 2. Pauline Parr  
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Competition: 1. Frances Jackson 2. Margaret Peach  
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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 outside Silloth Community Centre on Fridays only from 9:50am to 11am

### Blencogo Art Group

Every Monday from 1:30-4:30pm in Blencogo Village Hall where members help each other. Refreshments provided, regular outings, tel 016973 61158 or 61327

### Silloth Tennis Club

For coaching information call David Wise on 07742 547767

### Abbey Monthly Munch

Holme Cultram Abbey Monthly Munch on first Thursday each month at 12 noon, only £4

### Abbeystown Library

Abbeystown mobile library will stop outside the Wheatsheaf Inn at 1pm for an hour every Monday

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# Dates for the Diary

## December

23rd Carol Service in St Matthews Church, Westnewton at 4pm, all welcome

23rd Carol Service at 11am in Christ Church

23rd Evening Service at 6pm in Greenrow Pentecostal Church

24th Crib Service & Nativity at 6pm in Christ Church

24th Vigil Mass at 6pm in Our Lady of the Assumption

24th Carol Service at 7pm in St Andrews Reformed Church

24th Midnight Communion at 11:30pm in Christ Church

25th Christmas Communion at 9am in Christ Church

25th Morning Service at 10:45 in Silloth Evangelical Free Church

31st Fellowship Meal & Party at 7:30pm in Silloth Evangelical Free Church

31st Watchnight Service at 11:15pm in Silloth Evangelical Free Church

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Are these entries all up to date, if not - please let us know

## January 2019

5th Silloth Tigers away to Wigton Wanderers

10th WI Meeting in Community Hall at 2pm

12th Silloth Tigers at home to Windermere

14th Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall 7pm

15th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

19th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

26th Silloth Tigers away to Aspatria Eagles

26th Take That Live in Stanwix Holiday Park in aid of Silloth Football Club at 7pm tickets £10

26th Burns Night in St Andrews Hall

## February

1st RNLI Quiz Night in Mrs Wilson's at 7:30pm

2nd Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Eden St Recreation Hall

4th Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall 7pm

9th Silloth Tigers at home to Moresby

16th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

16th Pancake Morning in St Andrews Hall

## Breast-feeding Group

Mondays 10am to 11:30am Wigton Bowling Club, West Road, Wigton  
Have a cup of tea and meet other breast-feeding mums. Support and advice is available from trained Breast-feeding Peer Supporters and from Health Visitors or Midwives. For more information call Wigton Health Visitors: 016973 66608

## Walking Football

Every Monday 1pm - 2pm at Silloth football pitch by the tennis courts. Followed by tea/coffee at Methodist church hall.

## Crafting Group

Interested in crafting? come along to Silloth Crafting Group on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm at St Andrews Church Hall.  
We are a well established group, friendly people with a variety of crafting talents-willing to share their knowledge. Enjoy the chat and learn from the other crafters, or just sit and chat.

## March

2nd Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Eden St Recreation Hall

2nd Silloth Tigers away to Furness

4th Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall 7pm

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

9th Silloth Tigers at home to Carlisle Crusaders

15th John Peel Theatre Old Herbageous, 7:30pm, £10

16th Coffee Morning in St Andrews Hall

23rd Silloth Tigers away to Egremont

## April

1st Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall 7pm

6th Silloth Tigers at home to Creighton

9th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

13th Silloth Tigers away to Workington

20th Cream Tea in St Andrews Hall

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

## Christ Church

For Christ Church baptisms and other church related business please contact:  
Rev Bryan Rothwell  
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## Dementia Cafe

To be held in WIGTON METHODIST CHURCH 1st Monday in month 10am - 12 noon  
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## Cancer Support

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Gill Edmondson  
Tel: 016973 71696

## May

13th Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall 7pm

26th Old Fashioned Jumble Sale & Yummy Tea in St Andrews Hall

26th Silloth Green Day

## June

8th Vintage Rally on Silloth Green all day

9th Vintage Rally on Silloth Green all day

## July

6th American Night with Ukulele Band in St Andrews Hall

## August

24th Cream Tea in St Andrews Hall

Have You Sent in Your Dates yet?

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

## Football Training

**Silloth Football Club**  
At Recreation Ground, Eden Street Playing Fields Silloth, CA7 4AX

**Mens Team**  
Tuesday 7pm

Men's Saturday team. Contacts Liam Wilson 07394 561704 and Brian Hayhurst 07717 532828

**U12's**

Wednesday 4.45pm at Silloth AFC Contacts: Martin Slack 07584 563683 and Paul Mulgrew 07526 665759

**U9's**

Tuesday 5pm at Silloth AFC Contacts: Dan Jeffrey 078367 78504 and Kerrie Irving 07880 360147

**U5's to U7's**

Sunday 10am at Sportshall CA7 4DD Geoff Grainger 016973 43370 and Paul Donald 07762 711999  
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**Abbeystown Girls**  
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## Silloth Tots/Toddlers

Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in the Children's Centre, Silloth and is open to all children aged from 0 to 4 accompanied by a parent/carer.  
Sessions are on Wednesdays: 10pm to 11:30am term time only. Entry is £1 per family and this includes refreshments  
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Call in for a friendly chat

## Civic Amenity Sites

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## Friendship Hour

Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Eden Street Friendship Hour is on alternate Thursdays at 1:45pm. Warm fellowship, refreshments, and good speakers. All welcome

## Coast Bus Timetable

60E Maryport to Skinburness the current timetable is available from Silloth Tourist Office or Winters Newsagents or [www.elenvalecoaches.co.uk/service-60e.html](http://www.elenvalecoaches.co.uk/service-60e.html)

## Arthritis Support

Wigton Area Arthritis Support Group meet on 1st Friday each month at Fair View Court, Wigton @ 1:30pm

## Children's Centre

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Other Room usage is subject to fulfilling certain criteria and must be arranged and pre booked.  
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Silloth 016973 31509  
Wigton 016973 43870  
Aspatria 016973 23401

## Badminton

Every Thursday 7:30pm - 9:30pm at Silloth Sports Hall.  
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## RNLI Shop

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The shop will reopen at Easter.

## Sewing Circle

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Not all dogs want the added attention or intrusion.

If you have no voice control over your dog off leash then keep them on.



# A Festive Christmas with the Monday Lunch Club



Report by: Lawrence Marshall  
Photo by: Elaine Johnston

We held our Christmas dinner at Wheyrigg Hall at lunch time on Friday 7th December. It was an enjoyable meal with twenty one of us diners along with the ladies who serve the food at our regular Monday lunch. The variety of food is supplied by the Solway Technology College. Angela Hoodless is the obliging manager of the school kitchen. When the school is on holiday we go to the Good Companions who also provide us with a good lunch.

We were saddened to hear that one of our loyal and popular members, Mrs Dorothy Ross had passed away

recently. She turned one hundred earlier this year.

Some members took their own cars to Wheyrigg and the rest of us were transported by Solway Private Hire.

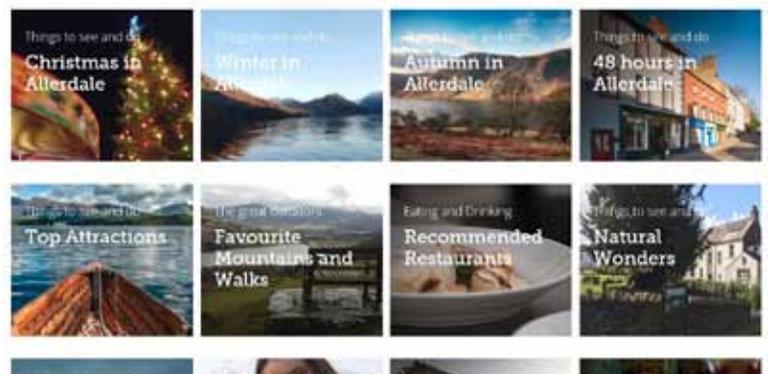
We are grateful for donations from the SOSCS and others, they allow us to have extra treats, like our Christmas dinner. Thanks also to Elaine Johnston who helps me to keep the Monday Lunch Club going.

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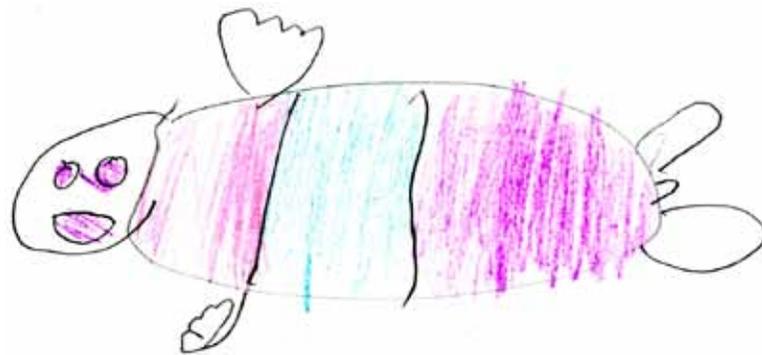
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# A Colourful Year at Silloth Dock

Report & Photos by:  
John Forrester

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Looking back over the year there have been some colourful ships visiting the port. Photographing cargo vessels with a splash of colour on their hulls is a refreshing change from the usual dark blue or grey liveries. On a sunny day at our attractive local shoreline they make excellent subjects to photograph. The arrival of three contrasting vessels is described below.

AYRESS was a new visitor to the port with a full load of timber from Loch Fyne. A floating pier on the loch at Ardcastle is used to load vessels in this remote part of Scotland. The Irish owned ship bears the 'TimberLINK' logo, a partnership with the Forestry Commission to transport timber mainly between the South of Scotland and Ireland. Imports via

Silloth, for use in a Hexham paper mill, saw a revival during the year with two deliveries from Ireland in addition to this one from Scotland. The stern of AYRESS shows the port of registry as Portsmouth; this is the Portsmouth on the Caribbean island of Dominica, once the capital of the island which was colonised by early British settlers.

The brightly coloured EMMA arrived on a hot June morning after a week's sailing from Estonia with fertiliser. Conditions were unusually calm on the final leg of her voyage off the West of Scotland allowing the captain to take a scenic route via Skye and the Sound of Islay. The vessel which was built in 2007 appeared in excellent condition judging by her immaculate red livery, an unusual

colour for a ship of the Dutch 'Wagenborg' fleet. The skill of crew and pilot could be appreciated as the ninety metre long vessel was turned in the restricted space of the dock before bringing her alongside.

MARIE-B arrived on a crisp winter's morning after a four day sailing from Antwerp with a regular delivery of fertiliser. This material accounts for the largest imported tonnage at Silloth. The yellow-green vessel was in the hands of a new private owner who had retained the livery of the previous one 'Lehmann Shipping'. In addition, the new owner had conveniently shortened her name from MARIE LEHMANN to MARIE-B. The ship was soon tied up at the quayside where her new off-centre name was displayed.



## November Shipping at the Port of Silloth

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

### November

13th Rodau with Fr Wheat from La Pallice then on to Belfast.  
21st Zapadnyy with Molasses from Zeebrugge then on to Kiel.  
25th Doonhamer dredging the Dock then to Fort William.

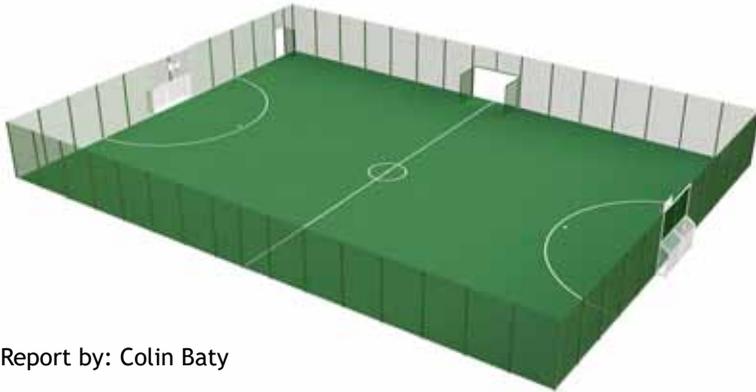
A very quiet month at the port with just two vessels arriving, the Autumn months have slowed the needs for fertilisers and people are not eating as much bread!

Ptarmigan has returned to fishing in the Irish sea and has

called in a few times this month with some good hauls of Scallops. The Doonhamer popped in for a couple of days to carry out some levelling work for us in the dock bottom as a lump had appeared in the mud causing issues with tuning vessels around in the port, hopefully all sorted now.

Before Christmas, we have a new arrival to Silloth coming in, the Blue Six. She will be the third widest ship we have had in the port and carrying the fifth largest cargo. Grain for the mill, the Christmas cakes are big this year!

# £11,118 Raised for New Silloth Sports Facility



Report by: Colin Baty

Silloth on Solway Sport's Association was reactivated in 2017 with elements of Silloth Football, Netball and Rugby teams to try and improve Sport facilities for Silloth and the surrounding area. The proposal was to seek suppliers of Multi Use Games Area's (MUGA) to gauge the overall price of what this project will cost. We were looking at the Community Asset Fund through Sport England to be the main grant supplier.

The application was formally submitted in April 2018 and in June we were somewhat surprisingly told that Sport England were interested in our idea and wanting further information regarding a sport development plan and an income and expenditure forecast as well.

Through a lot of effort we have been given a grant in principle from Sport England which isn't as much as what we asked for and they said we would have to raise at least £3,000 through the online donation scheme Crowdfunding UK.

We are looking to have

Football, touch Rugby, Netball, Basketball, target Golf and Volleyball especially during the dark winter months with Floodlights, Fence and 3G Astro Turf being installed too, on the grassed area between the Rugby pitch and Station Road industrial Estate.

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We have a Facebook page - Silloth on Solway Sport's Association and Twitter handle @On Solway which will have updates on the project and how it is getting on.

The fundraising campaign was started on October 29th on Crowdfunder, with a total of £11,118 now raised. Among the donations were £1,655 from Silloth Rotary Club, £500 from Carrs Mill, £500 from Silloth Music and Beer Festival, and £500 from Silloth Bowling Club. It is hoped that a large grant covering the rest of the costs will be secured before the end of the year, meaning work can begin early next year.

Belle Bee by Scarlett Milburn from Holm Cultram Abbey School



# Silloth Tigers cont'd

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Johnson at the start of the season this was his first time back at his old club. A tough forward battle was what Silloth prepared for and that is what they had. Local lad Pete Fearon scored his first hat trick for the club as the game finished 59-0.

Moresby away was next and for anyone who knows their local rugby, you will know this fixture is not one to be taken lightly and a place most visiting teams struggle to perform. A very tough game ended with the score at 12-36 and Silloth winger Ricki Sutcliffe stealing the show with a hat-trick and man of the match.

With the passing of former Silloth Tigers player Walter Whittell there was a minutes silence prior to the kick off against Furness and a performance Walter would have been proud of saw a

comfortable 57-5 win with the young home side proving too dominant. Joe Kirkup grabbed a hat trick and Pete Fearon grabbing a brace but the standout performance of the day was by local youngster Tommy Dixon proving his worth in the pack with strong carries and big tackles. It came as no surprise to anyone when he was given the man of the match award.

Next was the eagerly awaited top of the table clash with Carlisle Crusaders as both teams were undefeated. Silloth travelled with what most would agree the strongest squad to date proving to everyone what it means to get the win against their City rivals. The Game finished in favour of Silloth with a huge points margin of 7-46 with some great rugby played by both sides but and as they say "the cream rises to the top" and Silloth climbed 10 points clear at the top of the table. Standout man with a performance above all on the field marching his team around with his calm and collectedness was Jamie Baxter who was rightfully awarded man of the match by all.

Egremont was at home and with last seasons embarrassing loss at this fixture Silloth felt they owed themselves and supporters a show. With a dominant performance start to finish, the final whistle blew with a 62-0 score line and the job was done. New signing Gary Taylor getting his first hat trick as well as fellow centre Joe Kirkup.

The days sponsors (Shorty and the Dirty Dozen) awarded their Man of the Match to flyhalf Ellis Nixon for controlling the game from start to finish.

Our final game of 2018 was away to Creighton on a wet and cold afternoon. Standout performance by Luke Baker in the second row saw him grab a brace of try's. Both wingers Reece Blake and Ricki Sutcliffe were outstanding as were props Joe Smith and Josh Buckley but once again captain Jamie Baxter was awarded man of the match after the 0-72 victory

Coach Carl Phillips said "From the team finishing last year to the team this year there has been a vast change in terms of the pre season work the lads have put in, which has laid the foundation for this season and put us in great shape for the rest of the season to come.

We have some new faces which have fitted into our structure excellently as well as the guys who played last year really stepping the



commitment levels up and understanding what is expected of everyone from training to preparation through to our structure.

The half time report for the season shows us top of the league playing a brand of rugby which everyone can enjoy, from the players through to the supporters.

Players skill levels are developing week on week and we feel really excited about what this group can achieve, not only this season but also the up coming season where we will be looking to enter a second team which will provide the club with longevity going forward and give us a platform for new players to learn the game.

Overall we have ticked off all of our goals for the first half of the season. With lots of hard work coming from now until the end of the season to make sure we achieve promotion"

## Silloth Tide Tables

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2 W	09 03	6.1	21 26	6.2	03 23	-0.1	15 47	0.0
3 TH	09 54	6.4	22 17	6.4	04 21	-0.2	16 44	-0.1
4 F	10 38	6.6	23 00	6.6	05 10	-0.4	17 34	-0.3
5 SA	11 17	6.9	23 39	6.7	05 52	-0.4	18 16	-0.4
6 SU	11 52	7.0			06 30	-0.4	18 55	-0.5
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# Silloth Tigers are on Top



Reports by: Joe Kirkup & Mark Orchard

Silloth Tigers are now half way through their Cumbria league campaign and with a perfect 10 wins from 10 are the only unbeaten team in Cumbrian rugby.

Silloth are coached by local Duo Carl Phillips and Mark Orchard, they are currently 15 points clear of Workington, their closest rivals, and looking favourite for their second league title in recent years,

having last been crowned league champions for the first time in 2015.

The league opener saw Workington Zebras visit the Jim Brough memorial ground, and with a tough pre-season behind the Tigers the spirit amongst the squad was high. Many know that over recent years both teams have had some great games against each other and this was no different. It was to be Silloth's day taking a 5 point (bonus point) win with a 24-0 victory over a very strong promotion rival. A brace of tries apiece for Joe Kirkup and local youngster Tommy Newbury with Ricki Sutcliffe adding two conversions.

Away to Millom was the next job and with this being the

Joel Baker lifted high to collect Captain Jamie Baxter's long throw

	Cumbria Division Two									
	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	Bonus pts	Adjust
<b>Silloth</b>	10	10	0	0	459	63	396	<b>49</b>	9	<b>0</b>
<b>Workington</b>	9	7	0	2	263	122	141	<b>34</b>	5	<b>0</b>
<b>Carlisle Crusaders</b>	9	6	1	2	212	122	90	<b>29</b>	3	<b>0</b>
* <b>Furness</b>	10	6	1	3	361	170	191	<b>27</b>	6	<b>-5</b>
<b>Windermere</b>	9	4	1	4	189	204	-15	<b>22</b>	4	<b>0</b>
<b>Millom</b>	9	3	1	5	192	182	10	<b>20</b>	6	<b>0</b>
<b>Aspatria Eagles</b>	9	4	0	5	121	330	-209	<b>19</b>	2	<b>0</b>
<b>Moresby</b>	9	2	1	6	165	193	-28	<b>17</b>	7	<b>0</b>
<b>Egremont</b>	7	3	0	4	157	245	-88	<b>16</b>	4	<b>0</b>
<b>Creighton</b>	10	2	1	7	115	394	-279	<b>12</b>	2	<b>0</b>
* <b>Wigton Wanderers</b>	9	0	0	9	107	316	-209	<b>-7</b>	3	<b>-10</b>

\* Denotes points deducted in the right hand column

home sides opening fixture the Tigers knew they would be up against a tough and fit side, both Silloth's and Millom's structures were complimented with a close encounter which eventually ended with Silloth getting their second 5 point win with a hard fought 17-25 game. Silloth Veteran Captain Jamie Baxter was awarded man of the match by both sides.

Local rivals Wigton Wanderers travelled to the seaside with a far from full strength side but all credit to them as they never gave up, but no surprises when the final whistle blew as in form Silloth finished 61-7 winners, local flying machine Reece Blake being chosen as a worthy man of the match

Next up was a fixture targeted at start of season as a must win by

the coaching staff and the squad, as predicted it was a nail biting game with end to end rugby with both teams pressing hard. The game was finally decided with a last minute penalty awarded to the Tigers and in form flyhalf Ellis Nixon stepping up and slotting it between the posts from 30m out to clinch the game 15-17. On the day Ellis scored all of Silloth's 17 points (2 tries, 2 conversions and 1 penalty). There was also a superb solo performance by Ricki Sutcliffe that saw him edge the man of the match award.

Another local derby but this time Aspatria visited the Jim Brough memorial ground and with the exit of fan favourite Luke

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# Seagulls Gliding On

Report by: Mr C Gull

Only three games to report on this month.

First up was a league fixture at Whitehaven AFC Reserves, this game though would be defined by two red card decisions by the referee (one given, one not), both of which went against Silloth. Playing into the teeth of a gale force wind and driving rain the Silloth defence stood resolute. Silloth pressed hard for goals only to see a penalty smartly saved and then the keeper somehow deny a Nico Watt bullet header from point blank range. Into the second half and with the conditions in their favour the Seagulls dominated both possession and territory but the Whitehaven keeper was putting on a man of the match display. Down to ten men Silloth still pushed hard for an equalising goal but a player short left them susceptible to the counter-attack and so it proved as Whitehaven scored two more goals to win the match 3-0. Man of the match was Kieran Carr.

A trip to local rivals Aspatria in the Benevolent Cup was next up. As befits a local derby the game started off a cracking pace with chances at either end but it was Aspatria who showed that killer instinct to capitalise on the chances gifted them and Silloth found themselves 4-0 down at half-time. Mistakes proved costly and the home side scored 3 more. Their hard graft was justly rewarded when a great run and cross from Kris Nichol was bundled home by Philip Scott. One appearance, one goal for the over 35s and Silloth Tigers legend Lama Man! Final score was 7-1 to Aspatria. Man of

the match was Kris Nichol.

A visit to Crown Newlaithes was on the cards and the chance for another 3 points in their quest for promotion. In what has been the Seagulls' Achilles heel for most of the season an early goal was conceded. First of the three on the score sheet was the Kieron 'the Rocket' Little with a genuine goal of the season contender. Kris then gave Silloth the lead with a trademark finish. It wasn't long before Spencer was in on the act to make it three. When skipper Andy Hardman picked the ball up in the centre of midfield he had no hesitation in swinging a 30 yard pass out to Rocket on the left flank, who took one touch and then squared it for Spencer to side foot into the net. Another goal came when deep in his own half Kieran Carr produced a defence splitting 50 yard pass which Kris Nichol duly dispatched for his second and the Seagulls fourth. Into the second half and Newlaithes grew in confidence. The Seagulls' defence stayed strong in the face of this late onslaught with youngster Jack Winter proving to be rock solid on his debut at centre-half. A hard fought 4-2 away victory, a big three points and a fine way to sign off 2018 for the Seagulls.

When they return in 2019 the boys have a crack at the Division One title and a semi-final of the Conway Cup to look forward to. Your support of the team over the past year has been very much appreciated and from Liam, Brian and all the Silloth squad we would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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