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What's On During 2024

26th & 27th May

Silloth Green Weekend
11am to 5pm on Silloth Green

8th June

Silloth Cycling Festival
11am to 6pm on Silloth Green

28th, 29th & 30th June

Ragnarock IX
Silloth Rugby Club all day

29th June

Silloth Pride
11am to 6pm on Silloth Green

6th & 7th July

Firebird Festival
on Silloth Green

20th & 21st July

Silloth Vintage Rally
on Silloth Green

27th July

Soul on the Green
11am to 8pm

18th to 21st August

Circus Montini
on Silloth Green

25th & 26th August

Silloth Carnival
on Silloth Green

Well Done Silloth A.F.C. U13's Mixed Team Winning the League Trophy



Fantastic end to the season for our U13's Mixed team as they lifted the league trophy following an away win against St Bees.

The team is a truly mixed squad, only forming at the start of the season. This group of girls and boys have bonded as a team over the course of

the year, worked hard and played some great football culminating in becoming league champions.

A huge well done to the team and thank you to the parents for their continued support. We're already looking forward to next season!

Thank you to the West Cumbria

Youth League for another great season of grassroots football

and Aaron for taking the time to present the team with their trophies.

Thank you as always to Aspatria Farmers our kit sponsors.

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Opportunity to Become an On-Call Firefighter

CUMBRIA Fire and Rescue Service is on the look-out for new On-Call Firefighters to serve their communities.

The service has launched a rolling programme to recruit new Firefighters to vacancies within its 36 On-Call stations across the county.

An On-Call Firefighter provides cover for one or more stations in their local community; they have a primary

job and respond as and when there is an incident. Each station is different, and have varying degrees of busyness throughout a year, and an annual retainer is paid based on a On-Call Firefighter's hours of availability, in addition to an hourly rate when they attend incidents, training and community activity.

On-Call Firefighters receive the same training as their full

time colleagues, and there are opportunities to receive additional training to enhance their skills and knowledge, and potentially progress within the service.

Rick Ogden, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service's Chief Fire Officer, said: "Being an On-Call Firefighter is an incredibly fulfilling and challenging role, and we have On-Call stations across Cumbria, from very rural areas to highly populated towns. Our On-Call teams offer a highly professional service in responding to incidents and engaging with their communities to reduce

the risk."

Mike Johnson, Cumbria's Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, said: "This is a

fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in joining Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service. On-Call Firefighters are an integral part of CFRS, and the role is an incredibly rewarding one for those interested in keeping their communities safe. I would encourage anyone interested in joining to fill in an application to help keep Cumbria safe."

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The hub provides services for five different banks - Barclays,

TSB, NatWest, HSBC, and Halifax.

The rotation of the banks being offered on each day is as follows:

- Monday: NatWest
- Tuesday: HSBC
- Wednesday: Halifax
- Thursday: TSB
- Friday: Barclays

Our Own Personal Airshow



Photos by: Kevin Irwin

On 7th March we were treated to a display of aerobatic flying by our armed forces practising manoeuvres over our heads.

The following comments were made on 'Silloth Today'.

Richard Caves: it's a huge NATO exercise off the west coast, happens this time every year.

Lisa Smith: I was on the bloody roof at one point. Absolutely amazing to see it up there doing some loops.

Valerie Hough: Our very own air show Ha ha.

Catherine Carr: It were a noisy bugger lol.

Racheal Young: Was amazing.

Peter Partington: Lot of aircraft up tonight from Lossiemouth and Coningsby.

Hilary Cater: Loved the wing waggle after the first pass over Skinburness.

Sandy Hodgson: Then a low flying helicopter joined in... sounded like WW3.

Noel Williams: That's gotta be a display pilot enjoying some free practice airspace time.

Deborah Blair: Free display. Awesome.

George Payne: Stephen Stanwix just looking over Stanwix Park Holiday Centre in his new plane lol.

Dot Stewart: Brilliant.

Amanda Ratcliffe: they certainly were! It felt like a personalised air show!

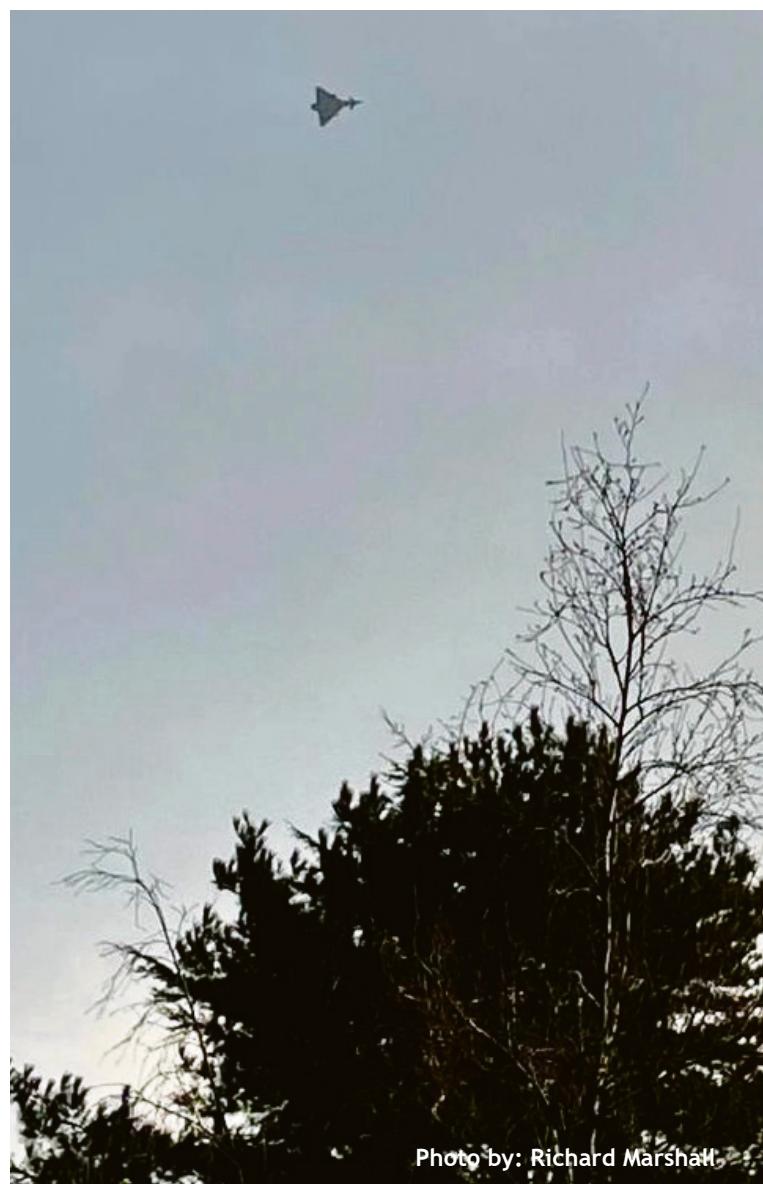


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Vintage Rally

Volunteers Needed

Role overview

Job Type: Volunteer

Hours: Flexible

Salary: Voluntary

Silloth Vintage Rally is organised and run by a dedicated group of volunteers. Without a team of volunteers, we cannot hold the event as they play a vital role. Every year 100's of hours are spent to ensure that the 2-day event in July is a success and enjoyed by thousands of visitors, whilst raising significant funds for many local charities and organisations, as well as supporting local businesses who benefit from the influx of visitors.

What's involved? There are many ways in which you can help this amazing event run successfully, from helping promote and organise the event during the year, helping to set up and dismantle the event infrastructure, to assisting our visitors on the day.

Marshalling: Positioned at key points around the site to ensure exhibitors and members of the public are heading in the right direction and assisting with enquiries.

Event setup and breakdown: Help setup the event site and take everything down at the end of the weekend.

Interested? If you have any questions, need more information about this role or would like to volunteer, contact Silloth Vintage Rally. Email info@vintagerally.co.uk



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Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning

Report by: Jean Day

Our first Coffee Morning since last year was well supported, even though we had to disappoint as we did not have cakes to sell or scones to serve. But there was plenty of coffee and biscuits and good company to enjoy.

Winners of this weeks raffle were: Ann MacKenzie, Sandra Gray, Peter Fearon, Maureen Irving, Mary Hoskins, Joan Wise, Janice Fell, Barbara Hampshire, Mary Jackson, Paul Hesketh, Jill Chatt, Eva Smith, Moira Fearon and Elizabeth Reeves. Many thanks to all who donated prizes.

We are a bit out of synch with changing the dates of our coffee mornings but you can check the dates in the Buzz Diary Dates.

Thank you again to all who attended.

Silloth Community Craft Show Needs You!

Lesley Hope has decided that after 23 years of organising Silloth Community Craft Show, many of those years with Audrey Maddison, the difficult decision has been made, that it's time to hand over to someone else. It is a great Community event that bounced back from Covid, held on the first Sunday in September.

It has always been a friendly show, good banter and jest between the competitors even with trophies involved. It would be a shame to let it slip away completely, it isn't a massive amount of work. To give an idea, I have written a rough account of the work involved. I will happily chat to anyone in detail, if you are interested in taking over the running of the show. A team of 4 would make the job much easier.

April/May - Put together the schedule (previous ones available for guidance) however there is always new crafts evolving, crafting and gardening are definitely gaining popularity. We did five categories; children's, baking, handicrafts,

floral and gardening. Set a closing date for entries.

July/August - Adverts placed in church magazines and Solway Buzz etc. Most banners can go up.

End of August. - Once you have the total entries, winner's money 1st, 2nd 3rd can be placed in envelopes and tickets written for the entries. The day before, set up the room (if possible) and have all the entry tickets ready with name and class number on.

On the day of show - TODAY banner put up and sandwich boards placed in strategic places around town to direct people to the venue.

All other finer details can be explained if you are interested in taking this Community Craft Show on. I urge anyone with an interest, to ask two or three friends to join you in being part of long standing Community town event and to develop it further, not to hesitate to get in touch. Telephone 016973 33071 (if its the answer machine I will get back to you)

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RNLI Chief Executive Visit



Report by: Rebecca Clark

On 20th February) RNLI Chief Executive Mark Dowie made a special appearance at Silloth Lifeboat Station to talk to the volunteer crew and take a look at the station.

Mark began the visit by talking to crew about their backgrounds and what their roles were within the station. Volunteer crew spoke about the station, the lifeboat and various call outs. Mark spoke about his role within the RNLI over the years, talking about when

he first joined as a volunteer.

Volunteer crew members then showed Mark around the station, showing him photos and articles from the archives. He then had a look at the station's Atlantic 85 lifeboat and the tractor.

Rebecca Clark, Silloth RNLI Lifeboat Press Officer said: "The visit was positive in the sense that we were recognised by Mark, he showed enthusiasm for the station and the hard work it does. He paid thanks for all the volunteers and the terrific job that they do to

keep the station running. All the volunteer crew that we have at the station give so much time and effort in what they do and I am proud to be part of it."

Mark is visiting RNLI stations and meeting volunteers before his departure in the late summer.

Everyone at Silloth RNLI Lifeboat Station would like to say thank you to Mark for his visit and we wish him all the best for his future endeavours.

Garry Ware RIP



Report by: Rebecca Clark

Silloth RNLI crew pay their respects for former crew member

On Tuesday 31st October 2023, Silloth RNLI crew members gathered at Carlisle Crematorium to pay their respects to the late Frederick 'Garry' Ware, who sadly passed away on Saturday 21st October 2023.

Frederick, known as Garry to those around him, volunteered at Silloth Lifeboat Station for many years. Members of the volunteer lifeboat crew stood together to pay their respects to Garry, they assembled themselves at the entrance of crematorium to give a guard of honour as the coffin entered the building.

Garry's grandsons Mark Ware, a Helm for Silloth RNLI, Daniel Ware a former volunteer crew member and Nathan Ware gathered with three other members of the family to carry the coffin dressed with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution flag into the building.

During the service the funeral officiant spoke about Garry's life, talking in depth about his love for the RNLI and the dedication and hard work he gave to Silloth Lifeboat Station in the many years he volunteered there as crew. They spoke about his passion for lifeboats and volunteering when he took part

in station visits, talking to the public about the important roles within the station and reminiscing about past events.

On Saturday 4th November, the volunteer lifeboat crew gathered at the station to scatter Garry's ashes at sea. Garry was always down at the sea front or in the lifeboat station talking to everyone around him about the memories he had of the station. Family, friends and other lifeboat crew members gathered on the sea front to pay respects once more, and to watch the scattering of the ashes which was one of Garry's wishes.

With the help of the RNLI's Launch a Memory campaign, Mark, Garry's grandson, has ensured that his memory will live on by inscribing his name on to a Shannon lifeboat.

Those who attended the funeral and the wake donated £246.22 to Silloth RNLI Lifeboat Station.

Silloth RNLI Lifeboat Press Officer, Rebecca Clark said: "From everyone at Silloth RNLI we want to say a big thank you for the generous donation received. That money will go on to save lives at sea just as Gary did through his dedication to our charity. Garry's presence will be hugely missed here at the station. Rest in peace Gary, you will be missed by many and will always be in our thoughts."



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The theme for 2024 is "Fair Futures for Young Carers".

Caring for someone should not be a barrier to learning,

earning or being able to participate and get on in life. But for far too many young carers and young adult carers, it is.

A shocking number are caring for fifty hours a week or more. This has a catastrophic impact on their ability to learn and ultimately to earn: young carers are significantly less likely to undertake higher education or enter employment than their peers without a caring responsibility.

Carer Support West Cumbria can provide help and guidance to Young Carers and their families around managing their caring role alongside education and learning. Our Support Workers can be someone to chat to in confidence as well as ensuring young carers are supported in school.

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Once Upon a Time



Both of these pictures were provided by Ann Harrison from Skinburness village. The as now Silloth Green was always the centre of activity when something was organised in Silloth.



Looking down Skinburness village towards Grune Point when the bridge was good enough for stock to be herded across it and when Marsh House was in all its glory, quite a change compared to now.

Days Gone Bye in Allonby



Report by: Trevor Grahamslaw

When Silloth was a mere hamlet the 18th Century fashion for therapeutic sea bathing had reached Allonby, transforming the small fishing village into an exclusive summer seaside resort.

For women bathing offered physical enjoyment and even liberation. So in 1794 Mary Yates aged 44 of Skirwith Abbey accompanied by her youngest child Henry and daughter in law Mary, the sister of Richard Matthews of Wigton Hall went to Allonby. Mary recorded her visit in a diary now deposited at Carlisle Archive, it is a fascinating insight into the social structure of this period and displays Mary's strong character Below are some extracts-

19th Sept: "got up between six and seven and set off for Mr Matthews". Unfortunately Mary's coach was late and breakfast was finished when they arrived at Wigton Hall. Collecting Mary they continued on a "very rough and uneasy road...calling upon a Mrs Wethrall" on the way. Allonby was reached "in a little more than two hours over the commons the road being "very good". However arriving at the "Younghusband House" beds were full "and after some altercations I was settled in a bed in the drawing room and Mary asleep in the next house. Mrs Harrington, Mrs Graves, Mr Mathers, Mr Thomlinson, Mr Duplay, a clergyman named Bird and Kitty Lowther were the company. Mr Salkeld, Mr Graves and Redman came just after played at cards and sparked a very disagreeable evening, left after supper and retired to write home by the servant who I am sending back in the morning".

20th Sept: "Breakfasted in my own apartment until eleven, when I went to bathe in a very great swell in the lea, which worked quite into the machine (bathing machine), then when I got out I was not knee deep, but the water was warm...walked a little on the land afterwards, but a little change in the wind drove me in".

21st Sept: "incessant storm, beat against the windows violently...no bathing".

22nd Sept: "windy and rain when I

went to bathe...the sea was unpleasant, spend the rest of morning in my own room".

23rd Sept: "violent storm ... prevented bathing...cards in the evening".

24th Sept: "Got up before 9am and bathed before breakfast...cold... attempted to get a walk but drove in by a shower. Had a present of a starfish and piece of coarse coral from Ruth. Wrote to Mrs Robinson. Mrs Harryman's came in the evening, stupid as usual, left the supper soon after 10".

25th Sept: "Bathed before 10am, the only day bathing has been good since I came. Henry and I took a long walk... and got among the tops just above the Old Salt Pans from whence we had a fine view...I was much fatigued and before sleep I was asked to dinner... with Captain Brown from Wigton and the Harryman's, the only tolerable cheerful day I have had since I came here, there was some singing and more cards than usual...eleven before I left the supper room".

26th Sept: Much of the company left leaving- "ourselves, Mrs Graves and her sister, Miss Lowther and Miss Bird...I fear we shall spend a most disagreeable week with them...bathed at 2pm when weather clearer".

27th Sept: "Mary unwell...walked about with Henry... a very sunshiny morning but a cold air from the north...bathed at 2pm sea beautifully clear and bright...Mr Bateman came and made the evening pleasanter, stayed up till 12pm there were cards after supper, he has taken the house at Linethwaite and is great raptures with it".

28th Sept: Mary better, and up for breakfast, but I believe more of a compliment to Mr Bateman than her own inclination...got a very pleasant walk with Henry in the afternoon...sat myself all the evening and attempted to read".

29th Sept: "Got a parcel of news from Ewanrigg (Ewanrigg Hall, Maryport) and saw the servant fall as he was mounting his horse, got a walk in the morning and evening, played Vintane after tea, bathed at 2pm".

30th Sept: Walked...played Vintane

till past eleven."

1st Oct: Did not get up until 10am went for a walk with Henry as far as Dubmill, read newspapers all morning, went to see a Manta Ray they follow the herrings and are taken by the fishers. Mrs Harrison of Whitehaven came in the afternoon".

2nd Oct: "Only Miss Harriman, Lowther and ourselves left... unpleasant in the morning did not bathe...played cards in the afternoon and again won money in the evening which I will return as soon as I have had supper".

3rd Oct: Called at Ewanrigg saw Mrs Curwen, Mr Stanley, Miss Fanny, Christian and the children...dined... went onto Flimby where we were received with open arms. Mrs Nelson and Miss Helen spend the day with us...Mary unwell at Ewanrigg and went to bed early".

4th Oct: "Spend the morning in conversation with Mrs Gaitson and Mrs Nelsons left them at 2pm for Ewanrigg... Mrs Curwen, John Christian (Curwen) and two Henley's there. Mrs Curwen very silent and reserved which made the visit unpleasant to me...returned to Allonby by moonlight...only three left to play cards...after 12pm when I got to bed".

5th Oct: "Sunday had intended to go to church but heavy showers prevented this. Left Allonby got to Wigton in less than two hours rain all the way, very glad to find myself off as the place had been very disagreeable, found Mr Matthews at home...left at between four and five pm and got to Carlisle by 6pm found a good fire and everything very comfortable".

The following year Mary went to Blackpool.

Note: Mary Yates's daughter in law Mary Matthews was married to Francis Aglionby MP whose statue stands in front of Carlisle Courts, Henry Bateman was Francis's cousin. Both changed their name to Aglionby in accordance with a bequest. John Christian Curwen MP and wife Isabella owned Workington Hall. Sadly Henry, Mary's youngest son died in 1801 at which Mary concluded her diary.

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Associated British Ports (ABP) today announces it has

reached an agreement with Fox Group (Fox) for the acquisition of its ports in Fleetwood and Silloth, subject to regulatory approvals. The acquisition provides a new, positive chapter for both ports, their users and the surrounding communities. For both ABP and Fox it represents a significant development in both companies' strengthening of their respective business strategies.

Fox Jackson Ports, established for the acquisition, is part of Fox Group, a fourth-generation, family-owned and northwest headquartered

construction services, logistics and property group. It is acquiring the two ports in order to continue its sustainable growth trajectory, and specifically to support the movement of more of its aggregates via sea.

The ports of Fleetwood and Silloth have played a crucial role in the region for a number of years and Fox ownership will bring new opportunities for growth and investment, delivering wider benefits for the region.

Having recently celebrated the first anniversary of Fox Maritime, the Group's stevedoring operations and shipping agency, based out of Lancaster's Glasson Dock, they are further expanding their services as well as continuing on their journey of carbon reduction.

Silloth Rugby Club



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Red Squirrel Grant Award



The Solway Red Squirrel Group has been awarded a grant of £1,500 by the operators of the Robin Rigg Windfarm to help support continued voluntary efforts to conserve local red squirrel numbers.

The grant was made by the Robin Rigg Community Fund which generously supports projects and organisations in the Solway area that benefit the environment or the local community. The fund is administered on both sides of the Solway by the Solway Firth Partnership.

The Solway Red Squirrel Group was formed in 2012 and oversees red squirrel conservation efforts across an area of approximately 200 square miles. Through a team of dedicated field volunteers working in collaboration with local landowners and communities, the Group undertakes an all year round conservation programme of camera monitoring, supplementary feeding, recorded sightings and grey

squirrel control. This is alongside educational talks and public events to raise awareness and support red squirrel conservation efforts both regionally and nationally. Their latest project aims to survey various pieces of woodland in and around the Silloth area to establish the extent of any squirrel presence and then hopefully create designated strongholds to provide safe areas for red squirrels to disperse to and become re-established. This follows on from a similar project which has already seen a small red squirrel population spread to woodland around Aspatria and Fletchertown.

Over the last 50 years there has been a dramatic decline in red squirrel numbers and the species is at serious risk of extinction in the UK if this continues. This decline is due to habitat loss and, in particular, competition from the invasive, non-native North American grey squirrel, first introduced to the UK in the late 1870's. The grey squirrel is larger and stronger than the red and better able to survive harsh weather and occasional food shortages. It breeds more successfully and can quickly out-compete the red squirrel for resources. The grey squirrel also carries a virulent disease (squirrel pox virus) to which the grey is immune but which is fatal to red squirrels and can rapidly kill whole populations. In addition to the devastating effect on red squirrel numbers, the grey squirrel is also responsible for extensive damage to UK woodland and tree planting by bark stripping. Figures show that grey squirrel damage costs the UK economy around £40 million a year.

Marion Grave, Secretary of the Solway Red Squirrel Group, said "We are delighted to be awarded this grant and would like to thank the Robin Rigg Community Fund for their generous support. Hopefully, with their help, we can protect our remaining red squirrels and encourage their return to the wider Solway area. Until about 2010 red squirrels were regularly seen around Silloth and Skinburness and we would love to hear from anyone who did last see a red in those areas."

Reported sightings of any squirrels (red or grey) are always extremely helpful to the Group so please get in touch. Likewise if anyone would like an illustrated presentation on red squirrel conservation or a visit from the Group to a coffee morning or similar event to chat informally about red squirrels please contact us for details. Email : solwayredsquirrel@hotmail.co.uk. Mobile : 07990 723986 or find us on Facebook at Solway Red Squirrel Group.



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Friends of Silloth Green Gardening for Wildlife

Text: Caroline Turner, Photographs: Robert Beaden, Tom & Irene Brown, Judith Scott

Have you noticed the blue hearts in the woodland area near the Edwardian Toilets and wondered what they are all about? The BLUE campaign, started in 2014, identifies an area that is intentionally being rewilded and 'gardened' for wildlife to help restore our biodiversity.



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Friends of the Green have been looking after this woodland area since 2019. The first task was to clear all the brambles and in the last five years we have gently managed the area for the benefit of insects and wildlife. We have installed bug hotels, a bird feeding station, a hedgehog house and a pond as well as planting native trees and shrubs all to support a wide variety of insects, beetles and small mammals. (Pictures 2, 3, 4 & 5)

Gardening for the benefit of nature doesn't mean a lack of colour. To support the naturally occurring plant life we have, over the years, planted a range of spring bulbs and flowers which provide an important early source of food for bees and other insects. We have sown wildflower seeds which will come back year after year and this Spring we have planted 100 Rosa Rugosa. An ideal shrub for a windy coastal area Rosa Rugosa has pollen rich flowers, provides shelter and habitat, has seeds for birds and makes a colourful wildlife hedge in Summer. (Pictures 6, 7 & 8)

The key to gardening for wildlife is not to over tidy. We leave plants to stand during the winter providing essential havens for insects and when we do tidy we leave the 'waste' stacked up making a perfect habitat for all kinds of wildlife. (picture 9)

Why not have a go at re wilding an area of your garden? The easiest way is to let part of your lawn grow and see what develops. For more information visit www.bluecampaignhub.com.

If you would like more information on our activities or would like to volunteer visit our Facebook page or come along to the Community Garden on Wednesday mornings at 10 o'clock.

Throughout the Spring & Summer we will be running Plant & Flower stalls, details of which will be posted on Facebook and on the Silloth-on-Solway Green notice board on Criffel Street.

Dolly Partons' Connection to Silloth part 1

Report by UK Superfan Joe Skelly who lives in Skinburness

It has been quite a vast journey! At 55 years of age, I look back to the time when I first started loving the music and work of country music luminary Dolly Parton.

Dolly has been entertaining the world for many decades and is still going strong.

The most recent of her releases is a steer away from country music and a daring, yet highly successful venture into Rock Music! More about that later.

As with any star, there are many stories, myths and tales about their celebrity. Here, I will give you the true picture. I have been lucky enough to meet the great Dolly Parton.

I remember being brought up in poverty, in a small coal mining town on the west coast of Cumbria. A religious cult was part of my background which I managed to break free from at 19 years old.

Like any other youngster, I had dreams and aspirations. Although at



Dolly in 1987

the early stages the cult life restricted these to nothing. The chance to break away and deprogramme was a challenge and rocky path. Part of that was to do things I would never have been allowed to. The adoration of a country music star was likened to idol worship in the eyes of a religion I needed to escape from.

The getting away or breaking away is another story and I think it will be great to share another time. The point here is, breaking away allowed me to follow my interests and rub shoulders in the future with music royalty.

In 1982, Dolly released a Greatest Hits album which intrigued me. Never had I heard such a crisp, stripped-down, angelic-like voice. I remember first hearing the song 'Old Flames...Can't Hold a Candle to You' and just thinking "wow". The album itself was re-issued at some point whereupon her fantastic duet with Kenny Rogers "Islands in the Stream" replaced another song from the original entitled 'Hard Candy Christmas' That's a song that's

become a firm favourite with me and

definitely features high in my top 10 Dolly tracks of all time.

'Hard Candy Christmas' is often referred to as a Christmas song. It's not. Taken from one of the movies and written with "hard times" in mind, it has made it a

firm favourite with myself and other fans alike.

Dolly had moved from the backwoods Appalachian Mountains of East Tennessee to Nashville. Meeting her future husband Carl Dean outside the local laundrette. They were married May 30th, 1966, and yes - have been totally devoted and together ever since.

The first album Dolly released was called 'Hello, I'm Dolly' in September of 1967 - some two years before I was born. There had been other demo style releases prior to this however, 'Hello, I'm Dolly' was officially No 1 release in the Dolly back catalogue.

Dolly signed with Monument records back in 1965 and they wanted to market her as a bubblegum pop singer. The squeaky, high pitch vocals became their focus for pop releases.

Dolly kicked back at this - Dolly Parton became country.

There was a syndicated TV show at the time called "The Porter Wagoner" show. Dolly was introduced as the new regular

girl singer on this show. The two became a heavily featured and highly regarded duo within the country music scene and released 13 full studio albums, 15 compilation albums and 21 singles during their recording time together. A very notable song 'Jeannie's Afraid of the Dark' came from the album 'Just the Two of Us' and is so haunting and moving - it gives me shivers even today.

Wagoner was quite a controlling character and even though Dolly had expressed her wishes to go separate and pursue a solo career, he was inclined to make it hard and put obstacles in the way.

Dolly did, indeed make the break and although the relationship had become strained, she still felt the need to express her appreciation for the man that had somewhat helped to fuel Dolly's career.

It was from this situation that the song 'I Will Always Love You' was born in 1974. Dolly wrote this to tell Porter Wagoner how she really felt - communication had broken down and this was the only way to get the message across.

The song was very much loved by Elvis Presley. Elvis wanted to record this and arranged a meeting with Dolly to start plans to do so. The project sadly never materialized because then Presley manager, Colonel Tom spoiled the chances. He demanded half the publishing rights to the song which of course Dolly declined. When telling the story today Dolly will liken her self-penned songs to her children - "she needs them to support her when she gets old". Therefore, Elvis was never allowed to record and release the song.

Dolly has never had any children herself.

Silloth RNLI Celebrates 200 Years of Service



Report by: Lesley Hope
Chair of Fundraising
Photo by: Arran De Mello

On the 3rd March, Silloth RNLI station held a church service, to mark 200 years of the RNLI. The service was to commemorate past volunteers, celebrate today's volunteers and inspire some new volunteers for the future of the station.

The service was led by Mrs Margaret Gate, our station chaplain. Margaret gave a reading by Sir William Hillary, the founder of the RNLI, and an account of the four local volunteer firemen who sacrificed their lives 67 years ago at Grune Point. There were readings by two of volunteers including an update of the station.

It was lovely to see family

members of those four men attend the service and in return for them to see a beautiful wooden carving of the four men in their boat, that the local woodcarving group have kindly made for the station. It is hoped to display the carving in the RNLI shop, for all to see. After the service, refreshments were served and people had time to chat and meet our crew and fundraisers.

Thank you Margaret, the Churches Together team and everyone who attended and supported us on the day.

More events will be taking place over the year to celebrate the RNLI's 200th birthday, these events will be advertised here in the Solway Buzz and posters around the town nearer the time of the event. We look forward to seeing you there.

Amazing Fine Art Prizewinning Drawing



'What the Cat brought in' by Julie Emary

Report by: James Bridges

Silloth artist Julie Emary has had a piece of her artwork selected as a finalist in a prestigious International Art Competition.

The Derwent Art Prize 2024 is organised by Lake District company Derwent Pencils who have been manufacturing high quality pencils in the Lakes for over 150 years.

The competition is now in its 7th edition and in this time has attracted internationally artists from 75 countries and over 20,000 entries, highlighting the very best of 2D and 3D artworks created in pencil.

Julie's entry is called "What the cat brought in" and is 1 of just 69 pieces that were selected out of thousands of entries.

All finalists will have their work on display to the general public from the 4th - 14th of April at gallery@OXO in London located in the culturally rich area of the South Bank. A private viewing will take place on the 3rd April when all the winners will be announced with prizes totalling £13,000.

You can view all the finalists

work and have you say by voting for your favourite artist in the category of the Peoples Choice award at www.derwentartprize-exhibition.com and follow all the news and updates on their social media links below:
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Good Luck Julie!



Joe with Dolly Parton

Easter Egg Hunt

Join our fun Easter Egg Hunt to get your family in the joyful Easter spirit!

Saturday 30 March

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2PM - 4PM

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Friday - 10am-1pm
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We meet on the 2nd Wednesday in each month at 2pm in Christ Church and visitors are welcome

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Every Thursday from 2 to 4pm in Culterham Hall, £4 per session includes refreshments. Just come along.

Wigton Theatre Club

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Production Team

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Silloth Library

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am to 4pm Saturday 10am to 1pm 0303 333 1234 cumbria.gov.uk/libraries

Abbeytown Choir

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Good Companions

Have a coffee morning / fundraiser on the first Monday each month from 10:30 to 11:30am. £2 entry for refreshments plus tombola, raffle and cake sale.

Monday Craft Club

Silloth Community Hall 10 - 11:30am every Monday. Bring your current project, exchange ideas, chat and have a cuppa

Family History Grp

Tuesdays at Silloth Community Hall from 6 - 8.30pm. Bring along your own research and meet fellow genealogists

Sewing Group

Every other Thursday at Silloth Community Hall. 12 - 4pm. All abilities welcome.

China Painting

Every Friday at Silloth Community Hall. 2pm to 4pm. All welcome.

Badminton

Abbeytown Badminton Club meet on Wednesday evenings, check details on their facebook page, £5 per night

Silloth RNLi Shop

Shop Opening Times Open weekends only until Easter when we will be open 7 days

Our Shop is staffed by Volunteers and may not be open at the advertised time. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Dates for Your Diary

March

20th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

26th Blencogo and District Garden Club AGM, in Blencogo Village Hall at 7:30pm, contact Linda on 07538 027936

27th Silloth Convalescent Home League of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

28th Mawbray Village Hall Monthly Quiz 7:30pm

30th Easter Egg Hunt at Abbeytown Church 2pm to 4pm

April

8th Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm

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

13th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

13th Mawbray Film Club presents The Painted Veil see advert

20th St Matthews Church Soup Lunch at Westnewton Village Hall, Noon to 2pm, £5

24th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

25th Mawbray Village Hall monthly quiz @ 7:30pm, £2 see advert

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Solway Woodcarvers

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Silloth Parkrun

Meet on the Promenade beside the Tennis Courts at 9am every Saturday morning

May

1st Silloth Convalescent Home League of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

2nd Wigton Theatre Club presents Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman. Details & times on Ticket Source

10th Soul & Motown Weekend at Stanwix Park see advert

11th Soul & Motown Weekend at Stanwix Park see advert

11th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

12th Mawbray Village Hall Annual Spring Plant and Craft Fair 10am - 4pm

12th Soul & Motown Weekend at Stanwix Park see advert

13th Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm

18th Mawbray Village Hall Film Club - Details to follow

22nd Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

26th Kirkbride Airfield Open Day and Fly-In

26th Silloth Green Day Weekend on the green see advert

27th Silloth Green Day Weekend on the green see advert

29th Silloth Convalescent Home League of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

June

2nd Wigton Theatre Club presents Bryony Griffith and Alice Jones. Details & times on Ticket Source

8th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

19th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

26th Silloth Convalescent Home League of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

28th Ragnarock IX at Silloth Rugby Club, see advert

29th Silloth Pride on Silloth Green

29th Ragnarock IX at Silloth Rugby Club, see advert

30th Ragnarock IX at Silloth Rugby Club, see advert



July

6th Firebird Festival on Silloth Green, see advert

7th Firebird Festival on Silloth Green, see advert

13th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

13th Holme Cultram Abbey Strawberry Teas noon to 4pm

14th Holme Cultram Abbey Strawberry Teas noon to 4pm

20th Silloth Vintage Rally on Silloth Green

21st Silloth Vintage Rally on Silloth Green

24th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

27th Soul On The Green 11am to 8pm, see advert

31st Silloth Convalescent Home League of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

August

14th Silloth Convalescent Home League of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

21st Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

25th Silloth Carnival on Silloth Green

August cont'd

26th Silloth Carnival on Silloth Green

September

5th Silloth Music Festival in a Giant Marquee on Silloth green

6th Silloth Music Festival in a Giant Marquee on Silloth green

7th Silloth Music Festival in a Giant Marquee on Silloth green

8th Silloth Music Festival in a Giant Marquee on Silloth green

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Have You Sent in Your Dates yet?

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MAWBRAV VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB



Saturday 13th APRIL
The film starts at 7pm

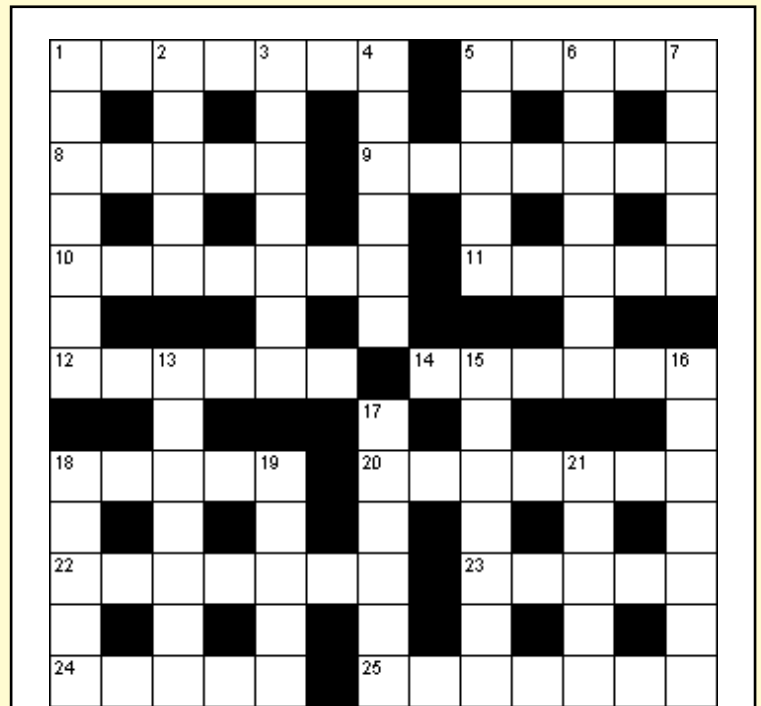
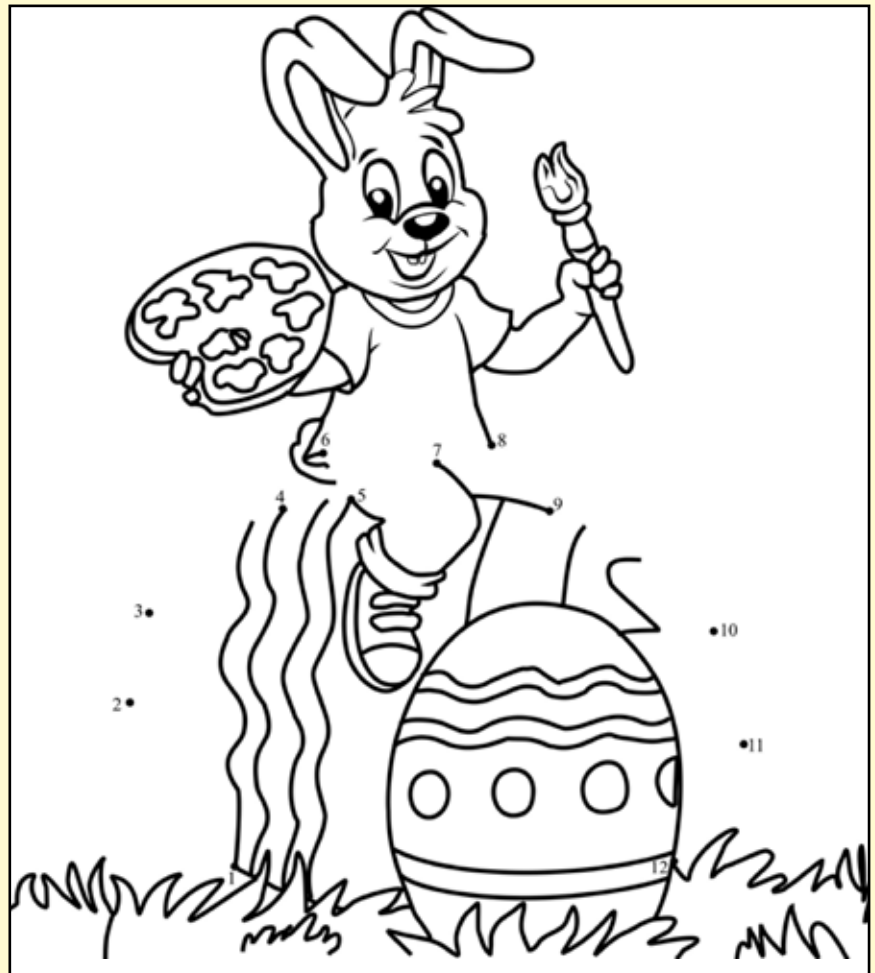
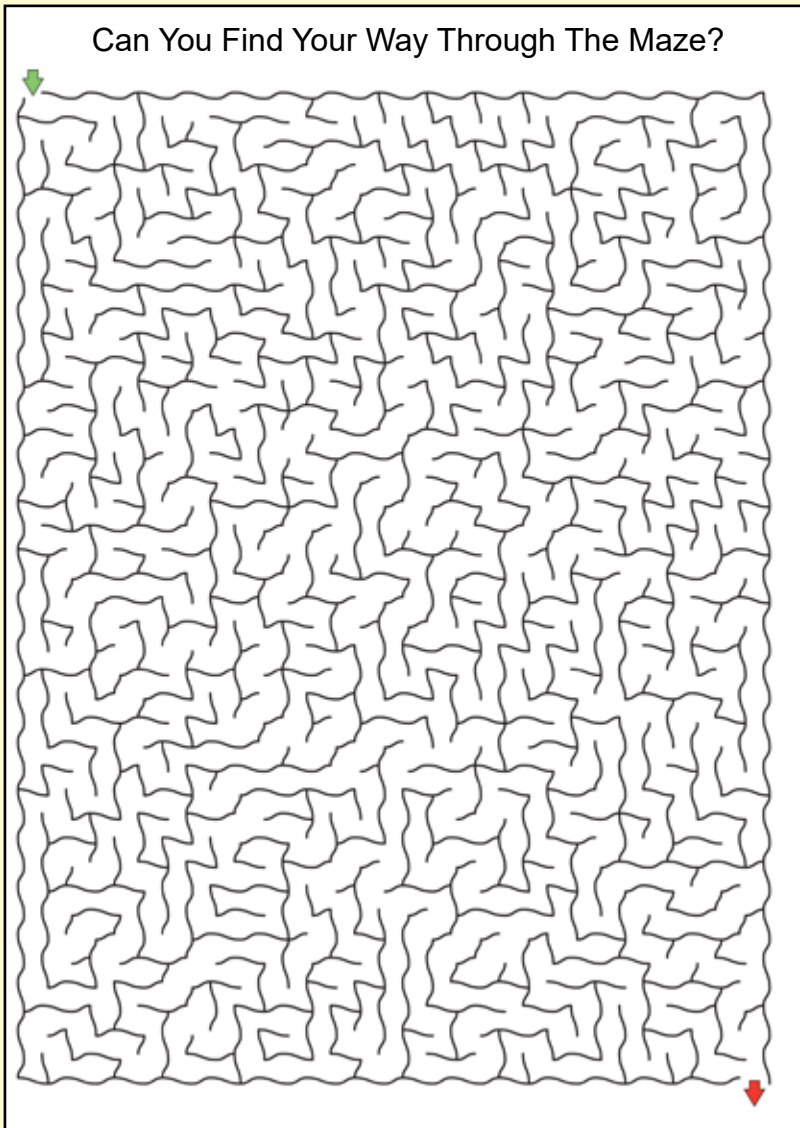
The Village Hall invites you to join them at this month's feature film.

You can bring your own drinks & snacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone must be a member Lifetime Membership - Adult £5, Couple £8, Family £10

Entrance on the night Adult £3, Child £1.50 Contact Lynda - 01900 881 737 / 07926810074

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- 23 Possibly (5)
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- 25 Fingerless gloves (7)

Down

- 1 Below (7)
- 2 Scare (anag.) (5)
- 3 Accomplish (7)
- 4 Song bird (6)
- 5 Thrills (5)
- 6 Remote parts of Australia (7)
- 7 Gain knowledge (5)
- 13 Exact (7)
- 15 Endeavour (7)
- 16 Perils (7)
- 17 Kidnapper's demand (6)
- 18 Unfortunately (5)
- 19 Owner of a Scottish estate (5)
- 21 Characteristic manner (5)

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Waver Wine Circle



Report by: Stuart Jones

Oh what a night it was - it really was such a night !
With four apologies (Neil, Becky, Terrance and Margaret) Bill welcomed all to our Valentine's Day evening of a DIY Wine and Cheese evening. It was so enjoyable to get the grey matter stirred with the endless supply of Graham and Janet's quizzes.
Laughter and merriment continued throughout

the evening which made an enormous change from the disasters being reported throughout the world. Let's have much more laughter !

Thank you again Graham and Janet for providing the lovely polyanthus as prizes. Even to the wooden spooners!

The draw prize gifted by Stella was won by Graham.

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First Wheat Cargo of the Year for Silloth

Report & Photos by:
John Forrester
More coverage of shipping at
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January saw a new ship visit the port carrying a cargo of German wheat. The general cargo vessel, TRUFFALDINO, with a name associated with a colourful Italian harlequin is one of a fleet of more than thirty vessels operated by a Lithuanian company. A sister ship, TROUBADOUR had called at Silloth last year. The fleet comprises several ships with names following the same theme, for example, MINSTREL and JONGLEUR.

TRUFFALDINO, carrying the first grain delivery of the year, had loaded in the Baltic port of Vierow in the far north of Germany. The 3,000 ton capacity ship was built in 1999 to a design typical of those calling at Silloth. The sailing took twelve days, much longer than would be expected for the route. Maybe she was ahead of schedule as, after passing through the Kiel Canal, she dropped anchor for four days before continuing towards her destination via the English Channel.

The ship is registered in

Kingstown, the capital of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, one of the Caribbean island chain. The colourful national flag flying from the ship's stern brightened up a grey winter's afternoon as the ship passed by.

Amongst the onlookers were a group who introduced themselves as regular readers of this page. Photographers were pleased to answer their queries about the approaching ship and its cargo. One local lady had included the dockside walk as part of her 60th birthday celebration - now that's dedication!

There were busy scenes at the quayside as the pilot and master turned the vessel and brought her alongside. The ship was quickly tied-up and made ready for the grab crane to start unloading. In addition, there appeared to be a crew changeover about to happen as a group of seaman waited on the quayside ready to board ship and begin their duties.

All in all, an interesting afternoon at the waterfront.



Silloth On Solway Junior Section Natterjacks

Report by: Angela Ellwood

We are pleased to announce that at the Junior AGM Lexi Hagan was appointed Junior Captain and James Wareing was appointed Junior Vice-Captain.



The Natterjacks held a "Natter" on Saturday 2nd March 2024 in the clubhouse.

This was an opportunity for current junior members, new junior members and parents to meet each other and to find out about the section.

We are pleased to say that over twenty juniors attended the meeting and we also gained a number of new members to the section (see the picture below from the day).

After the Natter, all those

attending were invited to take part in a Texas Scramble over four holes. All the teams were evenly matched with a number of the teams being within two shots of each other.

The winners on the day were, Jake Pearson, Seth Pearson, James Wareing and Annie Drabble, well done! Jake Pearson also won nearest the pin.

The day was rounded off with chips for all the competitors, a good day for all. Thanks to Liam and his staff.



On Saturday mornings, Tom McNeil the Assistant Professional, holds coaching sessions on the Practice Ground. This coaching is open to anyone and clubs are provided. So, if you know a junior that would like to try golf please get in touch with Tom. Please contact Tom in the Pro Shop on 016973 32404, to book a slot.

INFORMATION ON THE NATTERJACKS

If you know of any junior that is interested in golf and would like to find out more information or have a chat, please message Peter Ellwood on 07480 51320 with your name and the name of your junior.



January/February Shipping at the Docks

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

Silloth had four vessel calls during January, our old faithful Zapadnyy with 2,000 tonnes of Molasses was followed by two vessels from the Wilson fleet, the Aveiro which was a maiden call here during my time in the saddle and the Dordrecht who has visited before. Both vessels were carrying fertiliser.

The Truffalino carrying 3,000 tonnes of German grain in two grades for the mill, scraped in at the end of the month after a very hectic couple of days digging on the beach to create a channel for her to get in due to the recent strong South Westerly gales piling nearly four metres of sand in the entrance.

Further digging will follow to allow the Zapadnyy to return early in February.

Overall, a good start to the year and looking forward to further vessels over the coming weeks.

There has been no further advancement on the coastal footpath works by Cumbria County Council and ABP have not progressed any further with their slow attempts at getting the public car park arrangements finalised.

Hope you all stayed safe during the recent strong winds which reached 78mph here at the dock, which is an official Hurricane force wind strength.

Silloth was visited in February by the Zapadnyy carrying the normal Molasses cargo, with a slight bump on the sand and a short stop between tides awaiting refloating, she ended up staying almost two weeks in the end whilst she was checked out by various entities.

She was followed shortly after by a further cargo of molasses coming in on the Kaprifol, a new one for us here in Silloth. A product tanker with double skin hull and all the pipes and fittings on deck, she looked a busy ship. She handled well coming in and again heading out, however her

pumps and the cargo were a little slow due to the heavier grade of molasses carried.

Whilst these vessels were visiting, we had a digger down on the beach clearing the entrance of sand and gravel and hopefully that will be the last time for a couple of months as we head into March and some easterly breezes.

With the summer getting slowly closer it's good to see a bit of snow on the tops, looking forward to some summer sun soon.

January

1st Zapadnyy with a cargo of Molasses from Felixstowe then on

to Gdansk.

10th Wilson Aveiro with a cargo of AN Fertiliser from Riga then on to Swansea.

25th Wilson Dordrecht with a cargo of AS Fertiliser from Antwerp then on to Ayr.

30th Truffaldino with a cargo of GE Wheat from Vierow then to sea for orders.

February

10th Zapadnyy with a cargo of Molasses from Bremen then on to Latvia.

27th Kaprifol with a cargo of Molasses from Zeebrugge then on to Svelgen.



Photo by: Jim Scott

Silloth Tide Tables

APRIL 2024		SILLOTH							
		DEPTHS ON NEW DOCK GAUGE (1.8M ABOVE CD)							
		High Water				Low Water			
Date		Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	M	03 25	5.7	15 52	5.4	10 19	0.2	22 42	0.4
2	TU	04 28	5.2	17 09	4.9	11 20	0.4	23 59	0.7
3	W	06 00	4.9	18 54	4.8			12 55	0.5
4	TH	07 35	5.2	20 24	5.3	01 42	0.6	14 27	0.1
5	F	08 46	5.9	21 28	6.1	03 04	0.2	15 42	-0.4
6	SA	09 42	6.7	22 17	6.8	04 11	-0.3	16 45	-0.9
7	SU	10 29	7.4	23 00	7.3	05 08	-0.8	17 38	-1.3
8	M	11 13	7.9	23 41	7.7	05 57	-1.2	18 26	-1.6
9	TU	11 55	8.1			06 42	-1.4	19 09	-1.7
10	W	00 20	7.8	12 36	8.1	07 25	-1.5	19 49	-1.6
11	TH	00 59	7.6	13 18	7.8	08 07	-1.5	20 28	-1.3
12	F	01 39	7.3	14 01	7.3	08 47	-1.2	21 04	-0.9
13	SA	02 19	6.8	14 45	6.6	09 26	-0.8	21 39	-0.4
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Silloth Rugby Club Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Rugby Football Club are delighted to announce a fantastic two year sponsorship deal with two Silloth based companies



Report by: Jimmy Lettice

After an arranged and meaningful meeting with directors from Atlas Concrete and D.A. Harrison; James Rowe and Richard Harrison it was agreed that together the two local companies would be sponsoring the club for a two year deal. This is brilliant news not just for us but for everyone that uses the rugby club and it's facilities.

They both get what we do, they appreciate how important we are in the community, we are no longer just a rugby club we are a community Hub, in the community for the community. They believe in our committee and what we are trying to achieve and accomplish, we are only custodians of the rugby club doing the best we can for the community.

It's our aim and ambition to attract as many sporting and non sporting groups into our clubhouse and to use our facilities, at present we have links with Silloth AFC, Silloth Girls Football, Purple Sands Yoga, Silloth AFC over 35's, the Weightwachers group, Silloth on Solway Sports Association and many, many more.

We open our clubhouse to the vulnerable at Xmas and allow members of the Silloth Rotary and individuals within the town to supply Xmas dinner a cuppa and a crack, what could be better.

Our clubhouse is available for functions and fundraising events all year round and we can now cater for up to 160 guests. When we complete the refurbishment of the lounge and bar you can relax in a safe, warm comfortable environment in a smart clubhouse for all to use.

We are both proud and humbled that in the current cost of living crisis and the investment that these two companies have already and continue to put into Silloth they have chosen us as recipients of their very generous sponsorship deal.

All monies we receive will be used to refurbish the main lounge and bar areas, this will enhance the facilities we have and that we offer to all in the community and



surrounding towns and villages.

We have open weekly coaching and training mixed rugby codes sessions for both adults and children. This is with assistance and support from our friends at Aspatria Rugby League club, a great new link we are excited about. It's all about working together with all groups and sharing rugby skills from both codes so all participants and both clubs will benefit moving forward.

We have an open door and membership policy, the rugby club is for YOU it's not ours it's for everyone to use. We are not perfect by any stretch of the imagination but we do try our best we accept constructive criticism and will work along side any group as long as they accept our Terms and Conditions.

Along with our many existing sponsors like Caltech-Crystalix and the Dirty Dozen boys we are very lucky to receive the backing and support from many businesses

Forty years ago this May after a disastrous fire at our old clubhouse down at Hylton park we moved with support from the Town Council into our current home at the old marshalling yards.

Sadly, we have lost many players and former committee members and this is the reason we find ourselves in the position we are in today. The potential and facilities Silloth Rugby Club has are among the best in Cumbria

Forty years later although the first team are taking a sabbatical we are confident the first team will be back next season bigger stronger and better than ever.

We have plans to relaunch a junior side and possibly a ladies team soon, exciting times are ahead.

We have several funding applications to ask for assistance to improve the rugby club for its users inside and out.

The clubs 40th anniversary coincides with my 50 years of



involvement in the rugby club as player, coach and official. There have been many great unforgettable moments and hopefully many more to come.

A massive thank you to Silloth Town Council who have supported us from day one, without their help and assistance the club and

especially the pitch and playing area wouldn't be the same. The lads who have kept our pitch in tip top condition are invaluable to the town, we have one of the best pitches and setups in the county, David and Mark know what to do and get on with it, that's team work.

We do what we do in respect of all those who have served and supported the club in years gone by HAPPY BIRTHDAY SILLOTH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

As an Amateur Sporting Club we are still going strong with support from all sponsors members and visitors and volunteers, we have several functions, we are not just a pub or club we are a community sporting and non sports club for all.

We have a couple of family fun days in the pipeline, dates will publish soon on our social media outlets. The clubhouse and facilities are available via our Facebook and Twitter pages or by emailing us at: secretarysillothruc@ruc.co.uk



and individuals within the town.

Founded in 1880 the rugby club has produced many talented rugby players, no more famous than Rugby Union and Rugby League star Jim Brough. Jim played for England Rugby Union in the 1920's and played for Great Britain, Leeds and coached Workington Town Rugby League club. We still to this day have links with local Rugby League teams all these years later, in our eyes Rugby is Rugby!

Abbeytown (Based in Wigton) are actively recruiting new players for next seasons U16 (current year 10)

We are rebuilding and are looking for a few extra players to further strengthen our squad

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