

Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2008

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Monday saw the marquee arrive. A hard working bunch of volunteers got to work setting up the festival, by Wednesday everything was in place and the stage was set.

On Wednesday it was the turn of the town youth to enjoy the facilities. First on was the junior school choir and drumming team, followed by three rock bands from Silloth. There is a wealth of local talent out there.

Thursday evening saw a good crowd enjoying the timeless tunes of

the Searchers. Now that the beer was in perfect condition, it was enjoyed by everybody.

Friday was set alight by the mad cap humour of John Otway followed by a blistering set of Hendrix and ZZ Top by the Hamsters. For a thrilling finale they were joined on stage by John Otway for a dazzling version of the Osmonds Crazy Horses, this show will linger long in the memory.

On Saturday afternoon, despite the foul weather a good turnout of pensioners

enjoyed the Nightriders during the pensioners tea party.

Saturday evening saw the debut of local band Jocc, giving a mature performance despite their tender years. Maryport rockers AWOL were next up, these lads have improved so much over the last couple of years, their blistering set went down a storm with the appreciative audience. Headliners- Sounds of the Blues Brothers had everybody lapping up their good time tunes to end the night on a

happy note after so much excellent beer.

Sunday saw a good crowd for the Jazzy Jim Roadshow with a very high standard of singers, next up were Carlisle's answer to the Arctic Monkeys. Finally, in what by now was a full house, the Jamm arrived on stage and had the

crowd on their feet with a blistering set of classic tunes. They couldn't get enough and wouldn't let the band leave the stage. Finally after two hours of probably the greatest gig in the history of Silloth Music & Beer Festival they took a well deserved

bow to end what was a great family day.

Thanks to everybody who came and to all who worked so hard to make this event a success and who drank so much ale.



Many thanks must go to all sponsors, supporters and volunteers, especially the committee who work hard for twelve months to make it happen. Special mention must go to the evening sponsors, the beer sponsors and the grant providers.

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