

## Pensioners Association

Report by: Diana Shaw

What a beautiful morning it was to hold our April Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th April.

What a lot of people came, how busy all the committee and helpers were, the cake stall was full with lovely home made cakes, the Bric a Brac stall was well stocked with useful items at fair prices.

It was nice to see people having a rummage and see the delight on their faces as they found something to purchase, the book stall did a good trade.

The tables were set with yellow and white cloths, which the vases of spring daffodils complemented, the scones of course were home made and piping

hot cups of coffee. What a difference the sunshine makes to us all!

The raffle had 6 prizes all donated, the lucky winners were Davina Walton, Sally Cameron, Molly Blair, Mrs Evans, Anne Rumney and Mrs White.

The morning made a grand total £182-70 for association funds. Thanking all who made the morning a success.

This years annual trip on Saturday June 7th will be to Windermere and the Lakes, two buses will leave Silloth Co-op prompt at 9: 30am, tickets will be on sale at the Coffee Morning on Saturday May 3rd and at Judith Jameson's Hairdressers in Station Road.

## Eating Out with the Buzz

This is the first of an occasional series of articles on eating-out in locations convenient for the Solway Buzz distribution area.

The Pubs and Restaurants visited do not know they are being assessed by our anonymous diners.

My partner and I visited the **New Inn, Blencogo**, on a busy Friday evening during March. Fortunately, we had reserved a table as it was full up.

As my partner was driving, she had a soft drink before ordering followed by a glass of very acceptable house white with her meal, I decided to stick to Yates Bitter for the evening as I do prefer our local brews.

My partner started with Prawn Cocktail @ £3.80 which she considered very nice while I had Duck and Apricot Brandy Pate with Toast and Cumberland Sauce @ £3.40 which was an excellent choice.

For our main course I had Pan Fried Fillet Steak Garni with potatoes and vegetables @ £11.95. The steak was cooked exactly as requested and was excellent, as were the vegetables.

My partner ordered Braised Medallions of Beef Fillet in Red Wine with Shallot and Mushroom Sauce, served with Yorkshire Pudding accompanied by potatoes and vegetables @ £11.95. She declared everything cooked to perfection, however, for a change, she did not manage to finish the Beef, she felt the portion was just too much!

The service was mainly carried out by local girls who were smartly dressed in black and white outfits who managed to be quite efficient as well as friendly.

Would we go again? Yes, we already have – the New Inn in Blencogo is highly recommended for both food and service.

## Red Nose Day Event

Allonby Beach Litter Pick - A report by Jodie Holyoak

Volunteers arrived in style for the morning's beach clean. Armed with litter pickers, gloves and bin liners, a small band of us set off to scour the beach and 'tidy'.

After a good two hours of combing the beach from the north to the south end of Allonby, we were treated to a cup of coffee at the 'Yamajam' cafe. It was good to see that there was, in fact very little litter, but we still managed to collect at least 10 bagfuls.

After lunch 20 pupils from Allonby Primary School joined us along with Rachael Yannick from the Cumbria Marine Litter Project.

After explaining about the types of litter and the harm it does, Rachael lead the way down to the beach and organised the children

into cleaning groups. The children were raring to go, and no one could have missed them in their red nose day outfits!

Mrs Nimmo's class managed to work away for an hour, and handed their prized bags of rubbish to Rachael to take away and analyse the contents and weight. The total weight was 22kgs, with 563 items collected, including 296 plastic, 169 fishing, 12 polystyrene, 15 rubber, 19 glass, 7 paper, 17 metal, 12 wood and 19 other, an excellent effort! Of this 4kgs can go for recycling.

Persons interested in becoming involved in litter picking or any volunteer events within the Solway Coast Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) contact Graeme Proud or Rose Wolfe at the AONB Unit 016973 33055. Email [graeme.proud@solwaycoa.staonb.org.uk](mailto:graeme.proud@solwaycoa.staonb.org.uk)

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