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**Santa Dash
at 2pm
on
Saturday
2nd November**

Award for Sheona



Recently Air Commodore Richard Corney OBE BA, President of the Northern Area of the RAF Association, visited Silloth to present a very special and much deserved award to Sheona Nichol. Sheona received a 'Presidential Certificate' from the RAFA Northern President to acknowledge her service to Military Charities and the unstinting efforts she puts into the RAFA Club in Silloth. Well Done Sheona.

HALLOWEEN BONFIRE & FIREWORKS



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**Silloth Airfield on
Friday 25th October 2013**

Organised by Silloth Tourism Action Group

Tour of Britain



The peloton leaving Wigton on the A596 towards Aspatria



Cllr David Southward & Cllr Bill Jefferson present Cumbrian stage winner Gerard Ciolek with his Golden Herdy



Sir Bradley Wiggins at the start of the Cumbrian stage in Carlisle

1947 Scout Troop Reunion



Report by: Samuel Ritchie

After the call to action in the last issue of the Solway Buzz eight Scout Troop members who were in the 1947 photograph met up in

the Pavilion for a good old chinwag.

They were: Malcolm Wilson, Hugh Scott, Raymond Baxter, Geoff Bland, Frank Reynolds,

Vince Thompson, Ivan Wallace and Sam Ritchie.

They spent a great three hours or so together recalling what had happened sixty odd years ago.

Here We Go Again!

The recent announcement from the government confirms our very worst fears - the nuclear dump in Cumbria is back on the agenda. MRWS2 is about to be unveiled.

SPAND has been keeping an eye on the situation and it comes as no surprise that government claim to have learned the lessons from its last attempt. Yes, it certainly has. Just move the goalposts to suit your own game plan.

The End of Democracy in Cumbria

The government announcement on MRWS 2 signals the end of democracy in Cumbria. The key change to the process is that the Government has shifted the responsibility for the decision from Cumbria County Council to the district councils. By making this change the government has, at a stroke, taken out two layers of local government from the democratic process. It just happens to be the two layers that objected to the dump. Allerdale and Copeland now have carte blanche to resurrect the dump.

We take issue with Allerdale Council. There are 56 or so councillors on Allerdale Council

but Allerdale's version of democracy only gives a vote on the dump to the 7 councillors who make up the council executive. Five of these councillors voted to support the dump, two voted against.

This means that 5 out of 56 councillors have a stranglehold on the council. If you are unfortunate enough to be represented by one of the other 51 then you have no way to influence the decision. In short we are disenfranchised. We will have more to say on this as the battle progresses.

So Where does Silloth and the Solway plain stand in this new battle? The answer is "in a very strong position indeed." Last time, our community was united and sent clear messages that we won't tolerate nuclear waste being dumped on, under or anywhere near the Solway Plain. **Our message remains**

the same.

None of the five seem to have the faintest idea of the damage and distress they caused to their communities in ignoring public opinion and anger and pursuing their own nuclear agenda. Ironically we came out of that battle a much stronger community than we were when we went into it. We celebrated together and worked together to promote tourism in Silloth and we have had a wonderful summer. We have gone from strength to strength as a community.

This consultation process claims that unless the councils can demonstrate active support for a dump the process will not move forward. Take note Allerdale executive - we intend to demonstrate overwhelming public opposition to a dump in Allerdale or anywhere else in Cumbria.

Credit Union Success

Allerdale Credit Union goes from strength to strength with 3900 members, retaining its status as the largest credit union in Cumbria.



In the 3 years since Cumbria County Council supported the merger of Workington & Maryport Credit Unions into the Allerdale Credit Union, membership has increased by 78% to 3,900. Savings have grown by 64% to £390,000 and loans have increased by 60% to £327,500.

Credit unions differ from banks as they are financial cooperatives owned and controlled by their members and are run by and for local people. Any financial surpluses from a credit union go towards developing the credit union and/or are returned to local members through a dividend. The Standard Loan product

and the 'Handyloans' are considerably cheaper than the high interest high street or payday loans.

Cllr Gerald Humes, Labour member for Moss Bay and Moorclose, Chair of Allerdale Local Committee, said "Credit unions offer an alternative to getting into financial difficulties from taking out high interest loans from doorstep lenders, payday loans services or illegal loan sharks. Supporting credit unions forms an important part of the county council's commitment to financial inclusion and tackling poverty and I'm sure this credit union is making a real positive difference to the lives of residents in Allerdale. Borrowing from Allerdale Credit Union is the best possible way to support efforts to alleviate financial hardship in Allerdale. If you want to benefit from saving on a regular basis and being able to borrow money at a low interest rate then join your local credit union today."

John Bailey who manages

the credit union said "The only shareholders are the local members who use its services. Credit unions are therefore local, ethical, of huge benefit to local residents and the wider local community as the money stays in Allerdale. In March this year we started a payroll deduction scheme in partnership with Allerdale Borough Council, and are planning to set up similar schemes with other employers in the area. If your business is interested, please get in touch."



There are two offices - one in Maryport and one in Workington - as well as a number of collection points around Allerdale. Telephone: 01900 816111 or 01900 63642. Web: www.allerdalecreditunion.org.uk Email: info@allerdalecreditunion.org.uk

Gorse Pruning Plans

Following our request for feedback in a previous edition of the Solway Buzz, the Town Council received a number of letters and emails from residents in relation to the pruning or cutting back of the gorse on Skinburness Road.

The Town Council are grateful for the feedback we received and after due consideration have decided that maintenance work be carried out. The gorse bushes will not be removed but will be cut back to a lower level, with ongoing maintenance in the future.



Causewayhead W.I. Open Meeting

Come and hear Gilly Fraser's account of:-



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Change at Age UK

It's a time of change again for Age UK West Cumbria in Wigton and the Solway Plain.

The funding for our Village Agents has now come to an end and we want to recognise the wonderful work they have done in developing and supporting new services in our local communities and really engaging with what was happening at a local level. They will be much missed but we will do our best to continue to support activities and services for older people across the area.

There is a lot happening already - from coffee mornings to walking clubs, luncheon clubs to Scrabble clubs - but we are always happy to hear from you with ideas of other activities you would like to happen. Look out for copies of our newsletter or Social Diary with full listings of activities available. We are

currently looking at offering calligraphy classes and free HeartStart training from Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service. If you would like to discuss these, or other ideas, please do get in touch with Anne Taylor on 016973 42279.

We also need more volunteers to support our work. You may have just a couple of hours to spare occasionally or regularly and want to do something to make a difference within your community. Why not volunteer with Age UK? All your expenses will be covered and full training is provided. Please contact us for further information.

Don't forget Age UK West Cumbria can also offer services to support independent living, equipment, nail-cutting, insurance, holidays and much more; ring our locally based helpline on 08443 843 843.

Sorry Jenny



Abbeytown Carnival Queen 2013 Jenny Harrison

The Buzz apologises most sincerely to Jenny Harrison, Abbeytown Carnival Queen for 2013, for naming Lucy as Queen and not even having a photo of Jenny.

Many thanks to Jenny's mum and gran for pointing this out and supplying this lovely photo of Jenny taken on the day.

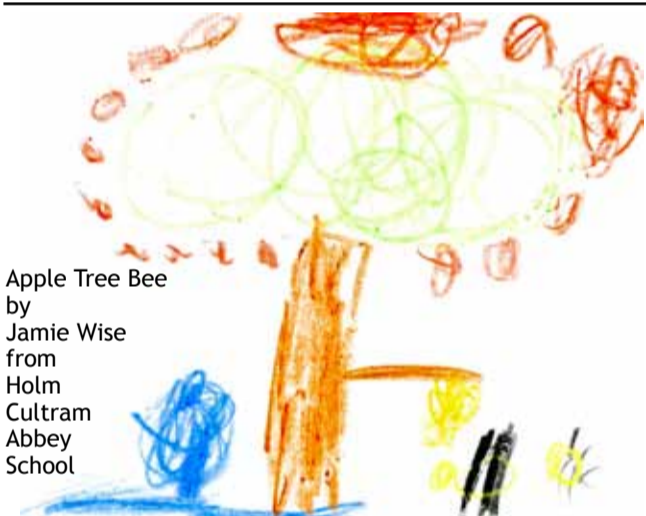
Apologies also to Cyril Ostell who was a judge at the carnival and was wrongly identified.

Have You Seen This Statue?



This statue was taken from outside of our caravan, which is situated on the 'Solway Village' caravan park. It was taken at the end of July to beginning of August. It's a lady and dog, approximately 1 metre high.

If you have seen it or know of its whereabouts would you please contact crimestoppers 0800 555 111. Our grandchildren Liam and Emma are very upset that it has been stolen and would love to have it back.



Apple Tree Bee by Jamie Wise from Holm Cultram Abbey School

£1,000 Essay Prize for Sixth Formers

An annual essay competition for sixth formers who attend any Cumbrian comprehensive school has been announced, thanks to the Hunter Davies Fund via Cumbria Community Foundation. The winning entry will receive £1,000 - half to go to their school library and the other half to the winning sixth former.

The winning essay will be published in Cumbria Life magazine and a book containing around 30-40 of the best essays will also be designed and published by Steve Matthews of Bookends and Bookcase in Carlisle. It is hoped it will lead to an annual collection of the best

essays.

The title of the essay will be "What I did in my hols." "Yes, it's a corny title," says Hunter Davies who is inaugurating the prize, "but that's the point. It's slightly ironic, leaving it open to the student to make of it what he or she wants. It can be any sort of holiday they have had, at any time, and they can have done nothing but stay in bed all the time, helped their granddad or gone off to Thailand."

"It has to be non-fiction, ie based on a real event or experience, as opposed to fantasy or science-fiction, but really all we are looking for is good writing - can they

write fluently, amusingly, interestingly, structure properly, hold your attention, and most of all make you read to the end.

"The main purpose is to encourage writing skills - which after all everyone needs in life these days, more than ever, for work and for pleasure, now that we all seem to spend most of our time in some of sort communication."

The judges are Steve Matthews, author, publisher and owner of Bookends and Bookcase in Carlisle, Cumbria Life Editor Richard Eccles and headed by Hunter Davies.

The competition is being organised by Cumbria Community Foundation. For further information contact Annalee Holliday or Becca Wilkinson on 01900 825760 or visit their website www.cumbriafoundation.org which has full details of the rules.

Andy Beeforth, Chief Executive of the Foundation said "We're delighted Hunter has created this fund with the Foundation. We're grateful for his generosity and his thoughtfulness. The prize will provide an incentive for a number of young aspiring writers to get creative and shine a light on their writing skills." He went onto say "The Fund demonstrates how people can make a real difference to an issue they care about by creating a fund with the Foundation."

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West Beach Litter



All of this litter was collected on 1st August on just 200 yards of West Beach by three grandchildren, their father and grandfather. What a shame others cannot just take their own litter away with them.

Free Electric Blanket Test

Cumbria County Council's Trading Standards and Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service are offering free electric blanket testing sessions across the County.

Safety checks will be undertaken by qualified staff who are able to correct minor faults. For those blankets which fail safety tests, Cumbria County Council will provide one replacement under-blanket per household.

Events will be held across Cumbria in October and residents can bring their blanket to be tested, by appointment only, between 9am and 5pm at the following location: Thursday 3 October - Methodist Church Hall, Wigton.

Testing is strictly by appointment only with limited spaces. To book your

appointment or for further details on collection points please contact Trading Standards on 01539 713594.

National fire statistics show that electric blankets account for over 5,000 fires a year in the home with blankets over 10 years old posing a particular danger. During testing sessions over previous years, nearly half the blankets tested in Cumbria failed the safety check. Among the common issues are problems such as defective overheating protection, exposed wires or failing insulation. Although electric blankets have to comply with strict safety standards when they are sold, they do wear with age and can become damaged. Improper storage during the summer is one of the

main reasons for blankets developing faults.

Cumbria County Councillor Barry Doughty, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Local Services, said: "We all want residents to keep warm and safe this winter. Faulty and old electric blankets carry a very real risk of causing fires and personal injury, often to the most vulnerable people. I hope that people who own an electric blanket will take advantage of this free service and book an appointment to get their blanket checked before the winter. The statistics show a simple safety check can help to save lives"

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Cash for Community Groups

Community groups and partnerships within Silloth and the parishes of Home St Cuthberts, Holme Low and Holme Abbey are eligible to apply for grants from the Hellrigg Wind Farm Community Fund.

RWE npower renewables contributes approximately £15,000 annually to support of the communities neighbouring the Hellrigg Wind Farm. The fund provides grants to support community, educational or environmental activities.

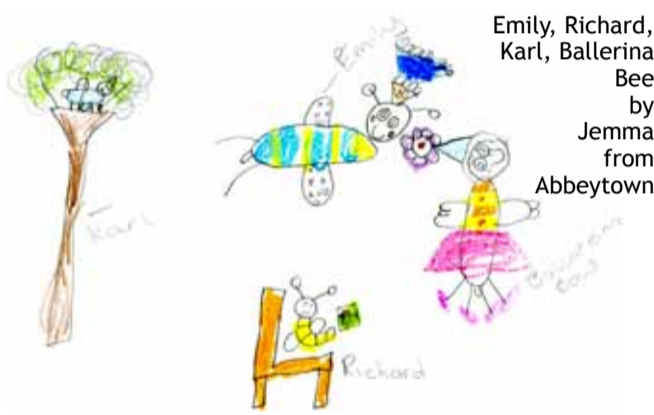
Cumbria Community Foundation was appointed by RWE npower renewables to manage the community fund, which was established in 2012. Groups who benefited last year include Abbeytown Junior Football Club who received £7,500 to upgrade their community sports pavilion, Silloth & District Community Transport Ltd which received £1,000 and Abbeytown Youth Group who were awarded £4,000 for youth activities.

Kathryn Harries from

RWE npower renewables said: "Our Community investment funds provides a valuable, long term, sustainable and reliable source of income for our local communities. It is flexible funding that can address what is really important to communities and we're delighted to see this funding making a difference to the communities"

Andy Beeforth, from Cumbria Community Foundation commented: "We are delighted to be working with EDF Energy Renewables, who like many businesses operating in Cumbria, are committed to finding ways to help their community."

Applications must be received by Friday 18th October for a decision on 13th November 2013. For more information on the Hellrigg Wind Farm Community Fund or to apply online, please visit www.cumbriafoundation.org or email annalee@cumbriafoundation.org.



Emily, Richard, Karl, Ballerina Bee by Jemma from Abbeytown

Make Time to Read

Cumbria's libraries are encouraging people to read eight books as part of a scheme to encourage people to be more adventurous with their reading.

Reading Rewards - which runs until October 31st - encourages people to read more and be more adventurous with their choices. It challenges people to choose from eight different sorts of reading, ensuring that most participants will read something that they wouldn't have chosen previously.

Parents and carers taking part in Reading Rewards will set an inspiring example to children who are taking up the already well-established Summer Reading Challenge. By being seen to enjoy reading for themselves, families in Cumbria will have extra opportunities to be rewarded for reading.

One of the best ways that children can be encouraged to read is by them seeing their older siblings, parents and carers also enjoying a good book.

Readers will also be

Lets Go Racing!

The Silloth & District Fundraising branch of the RNLI are holding their annual 'Race Night' event at Silloth Social Club on Saturday 19th October. Doors open for the event at 7pm, first race 7:30pm prompt. Entry is free and race cards will be available on the night priced at 50p.

Local business supporting us this year are Associated British Ports (Silloth), JayBees, Carrs Coaches/Markley Transport, D A Harrison, Wigton

entered into prize draws to win shopping vouchers.

People can take part in Reading Rewards by picking up a leaflet in a library or by entering on-line at www.time-to-read.co.uk/ promotions.

and Winters Newsagents. 'The Last of the Summer Wine' members have also generously sponsored a race.

During the evening the Branch's Annual Grand Draw will also take place and tickets will be available on the night. Anyone wishing to purchase raffle tickets in advance can call into the Lifeboat Station shop. Current opening times are displayed in this edition of The Buzz.. Prizes this year include a Microwave, £50 voucher from Peter McRobert Photography, Bar meal for 2 at the Joiners Arms Newton Arlosh, £10 voucher Clive's Shape and Style, Silloth, £10 Voucher Spar, Silloth, plus other prizes donated by the Spar and Co-op.

All proceeds from the Race Night and Annual Grand Draw go to the RNLI so please do come along for an enjoyable evening and support this most worthy Charity.

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SOSCS Donations

Recently the Committee of SOSCS met to allocate donations to various worthy causes in Silloth. These donations are only possible thanks to your help by not only providing the shop with unwanted goods, clothes and books etc. but also by purchasing items from the shop. The whole of the shop staff are grateful to you for your custom and gifts. The following donations were allocated: Silloth Christmas Lights £500

- Silloth AFC £500
 - Silloth Music & Beer Festival £500
 - St. Andrews United Reform Church £500
 - Silloth Carnival Committee £500
 - Silloth BMX Track Committee £500
 - Silloth Netball Club £500
 - Silloth Lifeboat Crew Fund £500
- A total of £4,000.
Thank you once again for all your support.

Coffee Morning

Report by: Pat Froggatt

A successful coffee morning was held on 7th September at the Recreation Hall. Many of our regular visitors attended and one or two new faces. It is always a pleasure to welcome new friends to these coffee mornings.

The Pensioners Committee provided the scones and biscuits and were busy preparing the coffee and tea and then serving.

The Cake Stall and Bric-a-brac stalls were kept busy and as always the drawing proved to be popular. These coffee mornings are an opportunity for friends to meet up and catch up on all the gossip, and new visitors are given a warm welcome.

This month the lucky winners of the drawing were: Robina Bond, Margaret Peach, Jerry Thorogood, Pat Harding, Doreen Matthews, Margaret Mattinson, and Margaret Crawford.

This year the Xmas Party will be at Stanwix Leisure Centre on Saturday 30th November.

We look forward to seeing you all at these events.

Arthritis Support

Report by: Gladys Temple

The first meeting of the Arthritis Support Group after their Summer Outing was at Loveday House when Christine Smithson welcomed everyone. We had a lovely day out in August to Salter near Ennerdale and which everyone had enjoyed very much with a beautiful sunny day.

Apologies for this meeting were received from Christine Cheatham, Margaret Armstrong, Mary Peile, Joan Armstrong, Edna Marper, Anne Graham, Brenda Earle and Eleanor Hodgson.

Best wishes were sent to Mary Thompson and Anne Graham then Christine introduced Norman Godfrey who spoke about his busy year when he had intended cycling from the Mediterranean to the North Sea but the weather was so bad he had to give up and went to stay with his family in Basle. However, he had put together a slide show of 'A Year of Flowers' accompanied with music by Elgar. We settled down to a beautiful show from snowdrops at the end of winter right through Spring

bulbs, blossom, summer borders and shrubs through to the wonderful colours of Autumn. We were reminded that even though the days are drawing in it will not be long until the lovely light nights come again with the lovely spring flowers.

Joan Gilbertson thanked Norman for another wonderful relaxing afternoon. Joan Gilbertson served refreshments helped by Mary Harrison and Ann Fee, Christine won the raffle.

The meeting next month will be on Friday 4th October when Sandra will come from Wigton Hospital to talk about nutrition.

Beach Bee
by
Aeryn Clark
from
SCTC



Silloth RNLI Rescue Walker with Three Dogs



Report by: Sue Kent, RNLI Volunteer Press Officer

Silloth RNLI lifeboat were tasked by the Coastguard to a man cut off by the tide with his dogs near Powfoot. He was walking along the beach when the fast approaching tide surrounded him and left him stranded with two of his dogs.

When Silloth RNLI lifeboat approached the casualty, he was up to his chest in water, holding both dogs at chest height. One was a chocolate coloured Labrador and the other a black Scottie Dog. A third dog, a white Scottie, was also missing but was thankfully

found later on the beach. The casualty was very cold and wet but otherwise safe and well. The lifeboat recovered the man and his two dogs and took them ashore at Annan Waterfoot to the awaiting Coastguard, Police and Ambulance personnel.

End of The Space Project

Report by: Clive Firth

Due to not being able to gather enough support, new board members to maintain a board and a management committee to enable us to carry on running The Space, formerly called Silloth Community Hall, the project has come to an end. This was even though they had completed the application and met all criteria to secure long term funding and a lease of fifteen years.

The Project, it's aims and objectives including the much needed renovation of the toilet facilities and the kitchen along with a complete internal decoration has now been handed back to Silloth Town Council.

The committee would like to take this opportunity

to thank all those who have worked hard to promote and hold events, Michael and Sandy Faulkner, Margaret and David Spencer, Emm Oliver, Alison Robertshaw, Jean Hill, Ruth Blackburn and many others. Also Anthony Markley, Stephen Hart, Wendy Jameson (Silloth Town Clerk), Anna Malina, Jennifer Rowlands for their support and encouragement and not forgetting the late Bill Allison who did a lot supporting and promoting The Space and also many, many other projects.

Now that this project is over I will go back to my bench. Carving bench that is. I'd rather be involved with World Life than just sit and have it pass me by.

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Tour of Britain Stage Two Carlisle to Kendal



The leading riders leaving Wigton and heading to Aspatria on the A596

The world's leading cyclists competing in the Tour of Britain race in Cumbria on 16th September were reminded both at the start and the finish of the race of the gruelling challenge of cycling through some of the country's most magnificent mountain scenery. That's because Cumbria's fells are featured in both of the winning designs of a county wide schools competition to design the starting flag and stage winner's jersey.

Two pupils emerged victorious from more than 1,600 entries in the competitions to conjure up a design for the official flag to start the race in Carlisle and a cycling jersey for the stage winner to be presented on the podium at the finish in Kendal.

Cumbria County Council Chairman Cllr Alan Barry visited both of the winners to present them with unique copies of their winning designs, a £150 voucher from Scotby Cycles in Carlisle and a goodie bag provided by British Cycling.

The original winning drawings will also be archived in the county council's archive service as

documents to be kept for generations to come.

11-year-old Hannah Atkinson designed the winning flag – a detailed drawing which actually features five flags layered on top of each other, as well as the obligatory hills and sheep. Hannah moved up to Ullswater Secondary School in Penrith this term, but was a Year 6 pupil at Plumpton Primary School when she entered the competition, so returned to her former school to pick up her prizes and the congratulations of her old schoolmates. Hannah said: "It felt really special to be named the winner, particularly as so many other children had entered the competition. I tried to combine all the different features of the Lake District into my design. We should all be really excited about the Tour of Britain coming because it's bringing some of the world's greatest cyclists right to our doorstep and showing off the beauty of Cumbria."

10-year-old Ellie Holmes, a Year 6 pupil from Fairfield Primary School in Cockermouth, designed the winning jersey, which featured a winding road in

the foreground, the fells and blue sky in the background, with patriotic Union Flag sleeves. Ellie said "I couldn't believe it when I was told I'd won. "Our whole family watched the Tour de France and the Olympics cycling on the telly. When I was thinking of the design, I wanted something that seemed both Cumbrian and British. It will be really exciting to think that one of them is going to be given my jersey!"

Cllr Alan Barry, Chairman of Cumbria County Council, said: "It was a delight to meet the winners and to see their fantastic designs made real. I've been really impressed with both the standard of entries and the amount of effort our school children have put into conjuring up their designs. It's a shame that we can only have two winners but both Hannah and Ellie have done a great job of representing the county in their designs. It's been a really good way of generating enthusiasm for the Tour ahead of the race and ensuring young people

are involved and engaged."

The starting flag was waved by the Mayor of Carlisle Cllr Ray Bloxham when the racers set off at 10:45am from outside the Old Town Hall. The Leader and Chair of South Lakeland District Council, Cllrs Evelyn Westwood and Peter Thornton, presented the stage winner's jersey in Kendal.

The competition, in which 111 schools registered and 1,620 designs were submitted, was co-ordinated by Active Cumbria, Cumbria County Council and Sport England's partnership body for promoting sports and physical activity.

The starting flag was made by the Whitehaven-based Amazing Art group, a mental health and wellbeing project facilitated by local arts company New Arts North which engages young adults in Copeland and Allerdale in practical art and film projects. The winner's jersey was produced by Vitesse, official jersey supplier to the Tour of Britain.



11-year-old Hannah Atkinson designed the winning flag



10-year-old Ellie Holmes designed the winning jersey

Stage Two was from Carlisle to Kendal via the Honister Pass, a total of 116 miles. The winner with a time of 5 hours 1 minutes 01 seconds was Gerald Ciolek (MTN Qhubeka) who claimed the gold jersey as race leader after a dramatic finish.

Our very own Cllr Bill Jefferson was on the winners podium helping to present the winners with their prizes.

Tour of Britain 2013 – stage two result
1st Gerald Ciolek (Ger) MTN-Qhubeka 5:01:01

2nd Sam Bennett (Irl) An Post-Chain Reaction
3rd Thomas Lövkqvist (Swe) IAM Cycling
4th Simon Yates (GB) Great Britain
5th Michal Golas (Pol) Omega Pharma-Quickstep
6th Jack Bauer (NZL) Garmin-Sharp
7th Martin Elmiger (Swi) IAM Cycling
8th Marco Coledan (Ita) Bardiani Valvole-CSF Inox
9th Sergio Pardiella Bellon (Spa) MTN-Qhubeka
10th Julien Vermote (Bel) Omega Pharma-Quickstep

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Tim Stead at StobFest

Tim Stead was fortunate enough to be asked to illustrate and do workshops with the children at the Stobart Festival at Carlisle Airport.

Tim is also a driver for Stobart and was able to show the kids how to illustrate the Timo truck from the fanzine magazine. It was a fantastic experience for Tim and he hopes to be asked back again next year to do some more workshops with the fans and children. Tim even got to sign a few autographs as well which he found quite strange, but a brilliant experience.



I Don't Beelieve It!
by Naome Winter
from Silloth Primary School

Mothers Union

Report by: Gladys Temple

Abbeystown M.U., trip went to Harrogate for a look around the town then on to Harlow Carr Gardens.

We stopped on the way at a Farm Tearoom near Greta Bridge where we were served in double quick time with lovely home baked scones, etc. There were 41 people on the coach and everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon of Sunshine. We only had one short sharp shower in the late afternoon so all managed to get their shopping then a good look around the wonderful gardens. There are 74 acres to look around so something for everyone and Betty's have opened a tearoom at the gardens so all wanting refreshments were catered for. There was a free draw on the coach won by Jessie Jostle and Gladys Temple. Brenda Sim was thanked for organizing the lovely day out.

The next meeting to be held in the Abbey Coffee Shop is on Monday 23rd September at 7:30pm when the speaker will be Mary Banks on "Away from it All". Hostesses will be Elaine Atkinson and Noeline Foster.

Open Morning

Are you a past pupil and would like to see how your old school has changed? Have you driven past and wondered what it is like to be educated in a small school?

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Unusual Bee
by Charlotte Reeves
from Silloth Primary School

Silloth Community Craft Show Winners



Class title	1st	2nd	3rd
Decorated Paper Plate	Jessica Cork	Lacey-Jayne Hope	-
Item made from junk	Natalie Wood	-	-
Handwriting	Samantha Sansom	Connor McGuirk	Ashleigh Quayle
KS1 Decorated Wooden Spoon	Amber Hagan	Lexi Hagan	Libby Hagan
KS2 Decorated Wooden Spoon	Natalie Wood	Kieron Oliver	Jessica Scott
Item of paper mache	Natalie Wood	Kieron Oliver	-
Fruit Scones	H Robinson	Tracey Wood	B Henderson
Gingerbread	Emma Oliver	Rebecca Hope	Tracey Wood
4 Shortbreads Rounds	Tracey Wood	Hazel Robinson	B Henderson
4 Pieces of Tray bake	Rebecca Hope	Natalie Wood	Tracey Wood
Victoria Sponge	Tracey Wood	Emma Oliver	Hazel Robinson
Homemade loaf - machine	Sandra Bradley	Tracey Wood	Natalie Wood
Homemade loaf - traditional	Tracey Wood	-	-
Blackcurrant Jam	Molly Lomas	Sandra Bradley	Tracey Wood
Marmalade	Tracey Wood	Molly Lomas	Jean Wilson
Item made from driftwood	Pud Robinson	Tracey Wood	Gizelle Allin
Embroidered Picture	Molly Lomas	Jean Wilson	-
Tapestry Picture	Molly Lomas	Jean Wilson	-
X Stitch Picture	M Seymour	A Robertshaw	Barbara Hetherington
Item made from wood, not driftwood	Sandra Bradley	A Robertshaw	M Oliver
Article of embroidery not included above	M Lomas	Gizelle Allin	Jean Wilson
Watercolour Picture	Mary Hobson	Sandra Bradley	Stuart Standing
Photo with caption	Jimmy Maddison	Natalie Wood	Kieron Oliver
Home-made bag	Molly Lomas	Jean Wilson	-
A Rose	Hazel Robinson	J Maddison	Audrey Maddison
3 Dahlias	Beatrice Henderson	Jimmy Maddison	Audrey Maddison
6 Sweet Peas	B Henderson	J Maddison	Audrey Maddison
Flower Arrangement 'Congratulations'	Tracey Wood	Hazel Robinson	-
Foliage Houseplant	J Maddison	Molly Lomas	Tom Stalker
Flowering Houseplant	H Robinson	Jean Wilson	J Maddison
3 White potatoes	Tom Stalker	Tony Reid	J Maddison
3 Coloured Potatoes	Tom Stalker	Irene Stalker	Tony Reid
3 Carrots	Tony Reid	Irene stalker	J Maddison
3 Beetroot	J Maddison	M Seymour	Tony Reid
3 Onions from setts	J Maddison	Tracey Wood	Sandra Bradley
5 Shallots	Tom Stalker	J Maddison	Irene Stalker
3 Leeks trench grown	T Stalker	T Reid	J Maddison
5 Cherry Tomatoes	H Robinson	Tom Stalker	J Maddison
Tomatoes	J Maddison	M Seymour	Tom Stalker
A Cucumber	Tony Reid	J Maddison	Sandra Bradley
6 Runner Beans	J Maddison	S Bradley	M Seymour
5 different veg in a box	T Stalker	J Maddison	Tracey wood
Unusual looking vegetable or fruit	M Seymour	Luke Banks	Amy Lee Banks
3 Hen Eggs	Tom Stalker	Natalie Wood	Theresa Warwick
3 Bantam Eggs	Tom Stalker	Maisie Horsley	-

Trophy Winners

Children's Section	Natalie Wood
Baking Section	Tracey Wood
Handicrafts section	Molly Lomas
Floral Produce	Jimmy Maddison
Garden Produce	Tom Stalker
Overall Points Winner	Jimmy Maddison

Silloth on Solway Rotary Club Cross Stitch trophies

1st	M Seymour
2nd	A Robertshaw
3rd	B Rotchell



Lesley, Audrey and the committee would like to thank everyone who supported the show, especially all the entrants, judges & Graham Wilkinson for presenting the trophies. This year's Quiz, Let's Go To The Seaside, has had everyone puzzled. The winning entry was received from Mrs M Morrow, who has received a £10 voucher to use at Hayes Gardenworld. Thank you to all who supported Silloth Community Craft Show by purchasing a quiz sheet, we hope you enjoyed the challenge. We welcomed some new faces to the show this year and hope to see everyone next year - first Sunday in September.

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Silloth Music & Beer Festival

We've had some fantastic artists perform over the years, but this year felt very special.

As ever we wanted to deliver a diverse line up, satisfying those who attend all five sessions. Friday Night's Motown Show was a definite highlight for many, and Saturday's incredible 80's set from Doctor and The Medics was energetic to say the least! We had performances from breaking bands The Lottery Winners - from Salford and HeavyBall, an indie/ska band - from London. Local acts included The 45's, Highly Strung, Kontiki Suite and festival favourites AWOL. Also Them Beatles, with many commenting on how they'd been transported back to a time when THE Beatles were on the circuit performing at venues in Carlisle. Rockaoke were such a hit last year we wanted to do it again, allowing fantastic performances from locals such as Blaze Ray, Vicky Hope and The Sunday's (Silloth's youngest girl band!) and we closed with Boomin' who performed a fantastic set to close this years festival. This was interspersed with many more bands including Guilty as Sin, fresh back from a European tour and Battle of the Bands Winners, Salvation.



We received some fantastic feedback across the weekend and more since including a message from Doc (of Doctor & The Medic's Fame) who took the time to thank "everyone involved in last night's show at The Silloth Music and Beer Festival. Great event,

wonderful organisation and a lovely community. It was a pleasure to be part of it!" We feel that sums up everything we're trying to do!

The event takes a lot of work and a lot of planning and is put together by a committee of volunteers. The committee is further

supported by numerous volunteers in the days before and after the festival who help set up (and clean up!) and by many more who staff the bar and ticket booths across the weekend. We thank them all! We are also indebted to local businesses, individuals and organisation

who sponsor the festival. Without the generosity of people's time and financial support, the event couldn't continue. We have regulars from both sides of the Border, and this year our Belgian regulars made the trip over to join us for the weekend! Here are just a few thoughts from some of this years visitors...

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It's been a great summer in Silloth and we hope to have delivered an appropriate high to end all the great work on! See you next year. David Wallace, Chairman on behalf of the Silloth Music & Beer Festival Committee.

Finally, following on from the success of the inaugural event recently, the date has now been set for the 2014 Silloth Beach half Marathon. It will take place on Sunday 17th August with the Half Marathon starting at 11am and an additional event, the 10K starting at 11:30am. The cost of entering the competition is £18 and entry forms will be available as this goes to press or once again you can book online by visiting the Q-Buster website.

If you need to know more, please contact Geoff Betsworth Tel: 0774 8098081, Email: geoffbetsworth@yahoo.com.

A Decade of Solfest

Report by: John Molyneux
Photos by: Sarah Kay & John Molyneux

It was yet another fantastic weekend at Solfest, for the Tenth Anniversary Festival.

On Thursday morning a flood of festival goers were queuing ready for the gates opening. Soon after arriving in the camping area folk chilled out with their own barbecues and merriment.

There were well over 150 musicians and bands playing over the bank holiday weekend performing on the many stages, with the main stage being the busiest with New Model Army from the 80's and headlining Sunday night were Los Angeles founded band Flogging Moly who went down a storm with their punk rock using Celtic instruments

The Drystone Stage was also very popular, this is where the Wierdstring Band played on numerous occasions to have folk of all ages dancing along with each other. There was so much for the kids to do in the kids area, with the baby chillout tent and kids workshop. Sunday saw children making dogs from anything and everything to enter into Ruffs dog show and circus skills till way past bedtime.

Thanks again to all organisers and volunteers, I'm sure everyone looks forward to another Decade of Solfest.



STAG

Firstly STAG would like to congratulate both the Carnival and Music & Beer Festival committees and their teams of volunteers for all their hard work and dedication in making the two events such great successes. Along with all the other event organisers, well done once again for helping make Silloth a great place to be this summer, both as a resident and visitor.

We are now looking forward to the next item on the calendar of events that Silloth has to offer. It is of course the Halloween Bonfire and Fireworks night on the old airfield and this year it takes place on Friday 25th October at 7pm prompt. As well as a bonfire and fantastic display of fireworks, there is a fancy dress competition with the judging starting at 6:30pm. There are also fairground rides, a live DJ and chuck

wagons. The cost of this fine event is just £1 for adults and kids go free! STAG needs volunteer marshals so if you are 18 years or over and would like to help on the night please contact John Haywood on 016973 33005

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David Wallace, Chairman on behalf of the Silloth Music & Beer Festival Committee.

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We are very grateful for the kind support of Sunset Leisure Centre. Come along and help make it a special Party to start your Christmas Festivities for 2013

What a Fantastic Silloth Carnival This Year

On behalf of the Carnival Committee we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended this year's carnival. We were certainly blessed with the weather! We would especially like to thank the children and parents who dressed up and participated in the carnival spirit! Thank you to Lana Maddison for being Silloth's Carnival Queen 2013, Lana and her attendants looked stunning. We must say a Huge thank you to our retiring Queen Miss Abigail Mossop. Abigail has been our Carnival Queen for the past two years and finally handed over her crown to Lana. Well done to Abigail and her family for supporting us.

Our main attraction this year, the Legends Medieval Stunt show were enjoyed by thousands. We enjoyed seeing so many people dancing along to the entertainment by 'Spot On'.

This year our Best Dressed Shop Window was a 'Jungle Theme' and was won by Knox Wood, 2nd: SOS Charity Shop, 3rd: Top2Toe beauty salon.

We must say that all the windows looked fantastic.

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

The lucky number from the carnival brochure was number 232.

Once again we held the Cumberland wrestling and the results were:

CLASS

UNDER 12

- 1ST Harold Wilson
- 2ND Mark Wharton
- 3rd Gemma Coulthard

CLASS

UNDER 18

- 1ST Kieran Miller
- 2nd Sam Wilson
- 3rd Clement Priol

CLASS

13 stone

- 1st John Harrington
- 2nd Martin Nausson
- 3rd Clement Priol

CLASS GIRLS

UNDER 15

- 1ST Daisy Wilson
- 2ND Gemma Coulthard
- 3RD -

CLASS UNDER 15

- 1ST Harold Wilson
- 2ND Mark Wharton
- 3rd Connor Wharton

CLASS 11 ½ Stone

- 1ST John Harrington
- 2ND Girvan Salaun
- 3rd Kieran Miller

CLASS ALL WEIGHTS

- 1ST Ryan Dolan
- 2ND Olufur Sigurdsson
- 3rd Yann Pansard

CLASS LADIES OPEN

- 1ST Lynn Murray
- 2ND Abi Marston
- 3rd Pauline Sellin

We were very honoured to share our day with the raising of the Green Flag for the Green. The national award, which is handed out by the environmental charity 'Keep Britain Tidy' recognizes and rewards the best parks and green spaces across the country. Well Done Silloth.

This year went exceptionally well due to the fantastic volunteers who helped with closure of the roads and the organisation of the floats and participants. We have so many people to thank and we wouldn't want to leave anyone out so a **Very Big Thank You** to all concerned.

Without our community spirit we would not have a annual carnival, so to everyone who has donated and helped keep the carnival spirit alive we thank you. We look forward to seeing everyone next year with their sun block and sun glasses on again.

Silloth Carnival Committee



Past Queen Abigail hands over to Queen Lana Maddison



MC Lawrence Marshall, Mayor Tony Markley, Chairman John Hope



Lindisfarne Gospels

Report by: Pat Froggatt

A party of approximately 44 residents from Silloth and district went to Durham and returned on 17th September to see the Lindisfarne Gospels.

This was a truly amazing visit, which was well marshalled and extremely informative.

The age of these books and other books on display were amazing and a delight, with the ancient scripts and beautiful artistry of the pictures. How they have survived over the years is truly astonishing. There were also ancient artifacts on display which added to the splendour of the occasion. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

We were also fortunate to be able to spend time in Durham and thankfully the weather was kind to us. Durham itself is a beautiful city and especially around

Palace Green with the Cathedral and Castle.

We had ample time to spend in the area and to have lunch before catching our coach for the return journey. A fantastic trip and thanks to Margaret Durham for arranging it - top marks Margaret.

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A Thank You to Everyone from Tony

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Mayor Silloth on Solway
Solway Coast Division
Cumbria County Council

What a great summer we have all had, the weather has been marvellous which in turn attracts visitors to our lovely seaside town. The refurbishment of the Silloth Greens attraction has really played a major role in attracting hosts of both new and old visitors.

To see the Green been used to its full potential without detriment to its outstanding natural assets is a great achievement to all concerned.

All of the annual events have been extremely well supported including all the new events hosted this year, especially the newly introduced annual half beach Marathon, I am sure this will

develop into another major annual attraction for Silloth.

Congratulations must go to all of the organisations who have worked together with the Town Council and STAG to achieve these great events, and not to be forgotten the Silloth Green maintenance team for keeping these assets in good order.

This year the Carnival was a great success. The day started with the hoisting of the newly awarded and Prestigious "Green Flag" in the morning. This highly acclaimed national award is now flying alongside the proposed new Community Garden site which will be developed by the Friends of Silloth Green group.

The day continued attracting thousands of visitors to the town enjoying the vast amount of

attractions ably organised by the Carnival committee, just like the early years when the annual carnival was reinstated by the local community.

The day was filmed by an ITV crew from Leeds for the weight loss programme that I have been taking part in, which will show me before and after the operation, this programme will be in three episodes and will be going out early next year on channel 3 ITV and I am sure it will promote Silloth as a really great place to visit. I am not quite as sure about how it will portray me!

The annual Beer & Music Festival was another great achievement which hosted some really good local and national bands, not forgetting the vast array of national and locally brewed ales, beers and ciders. A great time was had

by everyone.

There is still the Firework display to be held this year organised by STAG on 25th October and then finally bringing the successful year to an end the Christmas lights display which gets better every year. I wish them every success with these spectacular events.

All being well the Town council will continue with the work programme for the Green, such as the new BMX track, Informational signage, Shrub pruning and the new Community Garden.

We look forward to next year and hope the weather will be as good or even better as this year has been so as we can all enjoy our fantastic natural and organised attractions that our town has to offer. Thank you to all concerned for your dedicated commitment.

Your Letters

Dear Buzz,
I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of condolence when we sadly lost Evis on 14th August. It was lovely to see how many people knew her and remembered her so fondly. We received well over a hundred cards. Thank you again,

Eric Davenport and family

Dear Buzz,
Solway Pet Supplies Stephen and I would like to take this opportunity through our local paper to thank each and every one of our loyal customers whom have kept our business going in Silloth for the last 12 years, either via the markets or in the shop on Eden Street. Due to various reasons we sadly feel unable to continue trading within the town and have made the very difficult decision to close. We are very pleased to say that we have passed our business on locally to Claire & David of C&D Supplies, Eden Street with immediate effect. We feel confident that they will provide the same friendly and efficient service that we have provided.

We hope our customers will support them in the same way they have us and we will endeavour to help them in any way needed to make this a smooth change over. We also would like to pass many thanks on to Tom and the team at Beacon Vets, Station Road for giving us temporary accommodation to trade from, for this we were very grateful. It is the end of an era for Stephen and I but as everyone knows and hopefully understands sometimes things change. We must now concentrate on our little man as Ryan will be going through a lot of changes in the next few years and we must provide our full attention to him, everyone in Silloth have

always been very patient and understanding with us as a family both personally and in the business sense and for this we will eternally be grateful. Yours thankfully,

Stephen (Jack), Tracy and Ryan Graham
Tel Number For C&D Supplies 016973 32118
Mobile 07919 924154

Dear Buzz,
Just a note to let you know that the article which was published in last months' Solway Buzz from Silloth AFC was 99% fiction. Supposedly it was a joke, but many people believed the articles' content as it was written with the clubs' official badge on it and have contacted me about it. I found it offensive and detrimental to my husband John and all the years that he has dedicated to Silloth AFC.

I realise that it is difficult to "police" articles that are submitted to you for The Buzz and suggest that in future maybe you should contact the people mentioned in these submissions to determine if true facts have been written about them. Many thanks,

Eileen Slack

Dear Buzz,
Silloth and it's business's, like most places up and down the country business's are struggling with the up's and downs of the economy as their customers and I fully appreciate that everyone in business needs to make money but, when it comes to saturation of the same in a small town then no one is a winner. On Silloth Thursday Market on 12/09/13. There were only four stalls, four fruit and vegetable stalls? Does Silloth need four Fruit & Vegetable "Market Stalls"? Rena and Robert are the Silloth towns Fruit and Veg shop and Market stall

holders. They have enough competition in the town with the Spar and the CO-OP. They (Rena and Robert) are a hardworking couple. Should other people come in to the town taking business away from such a hardworking, helpful and supportive of everything Silloth couple? It doesn't seem RIGHT to me! Just an idea... If Silloth Town Council, take over the running of the Thursday Market, then better control can be had of what and how many of the same can be sold. The money from the rents, etc. goes into the towns coffers and not down country, there could even be a job created, ie a stall rent collector/organiser? We need to support our Towns Business's.

Clive Firth



Dear Buzz,
I would just like to thank everyone who sponsored me and my wonderful team for the 'STAG' 'Beach Half Marathon'. We completed the course and raised the amazing sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Thank you very much, a sincere thank you.

Carole James Bank Mill



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Why not curl up with a good book?

Tell me tomorrow by Lynda Bellingham
Meredith's daughter, Anna, comes across a prayer book that is inscribed by three generations of mothers to their daughters. These are the women of Meredith's family, who have all had lives full of love and also hardship.

However, the youngest in-line, Meredith, has never found true love. She has a beautiful teenage daughter to come home to, a fabulous career in television, but no one special to share it all with. Behind the tirelessly façade lies the story of a woman who could not keep love in her life.

When Anna starts to make the same mistakes that her mother once made, the closest relationship Meredith has crumbles around her. Can she



hold on to her career and her family?

This is an enthralling tale of a woman's five decade search to find her true self, beautifully demonstrating the importance of love and acceptance within the complexities of family life.

Instructions For A Heatwave by Maggie O'Farrell
It's July 1976 and London is in the grip of a heat wave. It hasn't rained for months, the gardens are filled with aphids, water comes from a standpipe, and Robert Riordan tells his wife Gretta that he's going out to buy a newspaper. He doesn't come back.

The search for Robert brings Gretta's children – two estranged sisters and a brother – back home, each with different ideas as to where their father may have gone. None of them suspects that their mother might have an explanation that she cannot share.



The Riordan's will stay in your mind long after you finish this book. They're funny, infuriating and impossible not to love.

Never Go Back by Lee Child
The new Jack Reacher novel
After an epic and interrupted journey all the way from the snows of South Dakota, Jack Reacher has finally made it to Virginia. His destination: a sturdy stone building's short bus ride from Washington DC, the headquarters of his old unit. It was the closest thing to a home he ever had.

Why? He wants to meet the new commanding officer, Major Susan Turner. He liked her voice on the phone. However, the officer sitting behind Reacher's old desk isn't a woman. Who is he?

What Reacher doesn't



expect is what comes next. He himself is in big trouble, accused of a sixteen-year-old homicide.

Will he be sorry he went back? Or will someone else?

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Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and £5 Gift Voucher. So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Send them in to the address on this page and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.

You don't have to be at school here to send a bee to us. If you are here on holiday we would love to receive your bee drawing, just tell us your name, where you are from and where you are staying. You will find our address on page 10.

This month the winner is Leo Stanwix from Holme St Cuthbert School with a bee called "Andy Buzzy".

Well done!



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On the Water Front

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

August 2013
 7th Phantom from Jorf Lasfar via Ayr with part cargo fertilizer, then in ballast to SFO.
 9th Randzel from St Petersburg via Ayr with part cargo fertilizer, then in ballast to Ferrol.
 10th Ben Maye from Liverpool with wheat, then in ballast to Kilroot.
 18th Muhlenau from Rouen with fertilizer, then in ballast to Runcorn.
 20th Leonid Leonov from Riga with fertilizer, then in ballast to Bideford.
 23rd Ben Maye from Liverpool with wheat, then in ballast to Liverpool.

Billy Irving ('Malchris'), Mr Jim Wilson ('Minnie'), Mr Seaton Irving ('Eliza Jane') and Mr Bob Stitt ('Zora'). As time went by, engines were to be put into the boats, replacing the sails and allowing them to venture further afield and down the Solway, to waters as far away as those off Maryport. Fish and shrimp stocks in the Solway, then and even now, have never been endangered by local fishing craft, due to the small number of boats engaged in fishing these waters and by maintaining the traditional ways of fishing.

From the 1920's until the outbreak of WWII, during the summer holiday periods when Silloth was

the last fisherman/pilot being the late Mr Alan Ray, who owned and fished with the Orkney built 'Jolanda', and then in 1990-91 built and launched a steel fishing boat of the same name at Silloth Docks.

The hazards of fishing in the Solway include the small but dreaded Weever fish, with a dorsal fin and gills that have sharp spines which exude a very painful venom if accidentally grabbed whilst sorting the catch, or cleaning the nets, (or sometimes trodden on in wet sand at low water with bare feet). Another local hazard is the number of moving sandbanks of the upper Solway, which if struck during a strong tide, the fast

gradually reduced. The brown shrimp remains the primary catch and fresh, frozen or delicious potted shrimps can be purchased from fish retailers located on the small industrial estate near to the docks. The number of white fish to be caught in the upper Solway has declined over the years, possibly as a result of overfishing in the deeper waters of the Irish Sea, rendering the commercial fishing for them not viable from Silloth. Stocks of all types of fish and shellfish found in the Solway are closely monitored by the N.W. Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority, previously known as the Cumbrian Sea Fisheries Committee, using their patrol launch the 'Solway Protector', based at the port of Whitehaven. From time to time and when stocks are assessed as sufficient, a small number of licenses are offered to Silloth fishermen, to trawl for the more lucrative cockles and mussels.

There are currently just six local fishing boats at Silloth. The 'Trebla' (Mr Danny Baxter Sen.), the 'New Venture' (Mr Danny Baxter Jun.), '3 Sisters' (Mr Jamie Baxter), 'Jolanda' (Mr Joe Ray), who also owns the 'Solway Provider' (Mr J Allison) and finally the 'Jaana B' (Mr Alfie Bennett). The port is also used from time to time by the company 'Tom Nicholson Trawlers', which is based at Annan and operates a small fleet of scallop dredgers that work in the Irish Sea. Six of these larger beam trawlers, the 'Philomena', 'Georgelou N', 'Mattanja', 'Olivia Jean', 'Tobrach N' and 'Noordzee', have been calling in at Silloth over the past three years for maintenance, modification and repair purposes, but generally having landed their scallop catches at Whitehaven.



Photo by: John Forrester

The small but on-going fishing industry at Silloth has always been a feature, but never a major source of employment for the town. In the early 1900's there were only two small fishing boats operating out of the port. One was called 'Pursuit', sailed by a Mr Woodhouse who had moved here with his family from Morecambe. The other was 'Victory', sailed by Mr Billy Harris, who also worked as a local railway employee. They were joined in 1914 when the Baxter family moved here with their fishing boat 'Lizzie' from a mooring in the River Annan, located a few miles further up the Solway estuary on the Scottish side. Silloth was that bit closer to the Solway fishing grounds and the tides were not quite so strong at Silloth Docks. The following generations of the Baxter family increased the size of the Silloth fleet, adding the 'Foam' and the 'Venetia'. These sailing boats and their fishing gear were all made and maintained by their owners. They trawled for the plentiful brown shrimps from March to October, when the water was a little warmer, and for other catches of opportunity such as cod and plaice during the winter months. Other fishermen from Annan later moved with their boats to Silloth to join the local boats, including Mr Woodman ('Britannia'), Mr G. Irving ('Ada'), followed by Mr Billy Wilson ('Gypsy Queen'), Mr

full of holiday-makers and day trippers, brought to the town by railway from Carlisle, the fishermen and their boats offered pleasure trips out onto the Solway and up to Annan. Five shillings (25p) got you to Annan and back, whilst nine pence (8p) was the going rate for a 'Trip round the Bay'. Passengers embarked from a small landing stage that the fishermen themselves had built, located on the beach adjacent to the old Baths building on Silloth Green. After the war, the trips were resumed in a small way but as mass tourism to Silloth declined, so did the sea trips, which finally ceased in the mid 1960's, as did the railway line to Silloth. Tough Health & Safety Regulations on passenger carrying these days would probably render these trips financially impracticable. Following war service with the Royal Navy, local brothers Cyril and Stan Akitt took up fishing with an ex Morecambe Bay shrimper call 'Ann', built at Arnside, whilst the Baxter family fleet expanded to include the 'Danny Boy', 'Children's Friend' and the 'Sanna', a wammel boat built for salmon fishing. On leaving school in the early 1960s, Colin Akitt Jun. partnered his uncle Stan Akitt in their boat 'Respect'. Some of the fishermen in the past, using their knowledge of the local waters and with an aptitude for handling larger vessels, were employed as a shipping pilot for the port of Silloth,

moving waters can quickly roll a small boat over. Then there are uncharted obstacles such as the temporarily exposed remains of a few crashed wartime aircraft, (possibly an unfortunate RAF Hudson bomber on a training flight from Silloth airfield), which can snag a net and drag a moving boat over.

In recent years, most of the few remaining local fishermen have invested in slightly larger steel built fishing boats, but it's generally a tough life with meagre returns and the number of boats here has



Big Ship Visit

Report & Photo by: Stephen Wright

On 9th August the Port of Silloth accepted one of its largest vessels. This was the MV Randzel, which delivered part of a cargo of fertilizer from Russia, the other part having been unloaded at Ayr in Scotland en-route. The Gibraltar registered ship has a length

of 98m, a width of 14m and can carry around 4,500 tonnes when full. Her gross Tonnage is 3,173, the second highest of any ship seen at Silloth. The highest was 3,277 gross tonnes set by MV Tequila Sunrise in 1987. Randzel is operated by Briese Shipping of Germany. She left Silloth bound for El Ferrol in Spain after a stay of 24 hours.

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This photograph of local men heading off on a bus trip was provided by Bill Waite who regularly returns to Silloth from his home down south. He believes it was taken during the 1950's and was a trip to Carlisle races.

£26k for Community Projects

A number of community projects in Allerdale have been awarded grants totalling more than £26,000.

Cumbria County Council's Allerdale Local Committee approved the funding which includes £5,653 from the 0-19 years fund for a programme of coaching sessions and events inspired by The Rugby World cup being hosted in Workington, by the Workington Town Development Foundation.

Members also agreed to allocate £5,000 from the

0-19 years fund towards providing subsidised swimming for all children and young people in Allerdale.

They also approved plans to provide funding for the following causes:

- £600 to Copeland Canoe Club to replace worn equipment.
- £13,835 to Cumbria Festivals Group to support the purchase of equipment including crowd barriers to be made available to all local festivals and events at a reduced cost.

• £1,669 to the Allerdale branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society to contribute towards the costs of monthly social meetings.

Cllr Gerald Humes, Chair of Allerdale Local Committee, said: "These grants give a tremendous boost to a wide range of schemes that are making a real difference across Allerdale. As a local committee, we recognise the valuable contribution they make to our communities and are very pleased to be able to support them."

New Strip is Spot On



Eric Stanwix Jnr (centre) with the Silloth Seagulls football team

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Spot On Entertainment has been going for numerous of years now and the seagulls will proudly wear it on their shirts whether they are playing at home or away. Eric has always been known to

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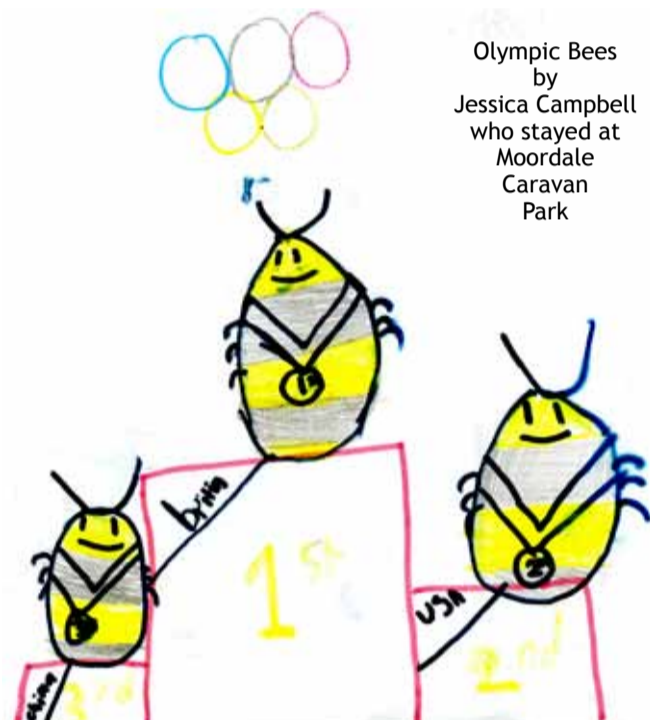
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Olympic Bees by Jessica Campbell who stayed at Moordale Caravan Park



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County Doubles Champion

Report by: Tenniswise

Silloth girls put in a great effort at county championships.

Anna Fisher backed up her county selection by becoming under 9 doubles champion at the recent county championships. Having made the singles semi-final she teamed up with her conqueror Caitlin Almond from Maryport to overcome South Cumbrian duo Zoe Dalton and Dana Billington in the final.

Older sister Eve has spent the winter taking her game to the next level improving her rating along the way and although she is in the first year of the under 12 category she played fantastically well to win the consolation event beating Carlisle's Gemma Harris in the final.

For her part Emily Wise made the final of all five events (under 16 doubles and singles, under 18 doubles, singles and mixed doubles)



Champion Anna Fisher

she entered only to endure the heartbreak of losing them all.

This was especially

agonising in the under 16 doubles after Emily and her partner Megan Almond had held two match points.

Silloth Rotary Open

Report by: Geoff Betsworth

The Rotary Club of Silloth-on-Solway held it's annual fundraising Open Golf Tournament on Saturday and as usual it was a complete sellout and raised over £2300 for Rotary charities. Competitors travelled from as far away as Orsett in Essex to face the infamous links course at Silloth, teeing off from 7:40am right through to 3:00pm. Those who prayed for good weather were answered with what many reckoned to be the best day they could remember, although with the wind increasing slightly with the incoming tide during the afternoon, the early starters appeared to get the very best conditions. Competition is always keen at this event but there has to be a winner and the honours this year went to Richard Lamb from Carlisle and Charles Watts



Rotary Club President Tom Osowski presenting the prize cup to Richard Lamb from Carlisle

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