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Elle Reid Designed Cumbria School Games Mascot Alien Goodsport

Silloth Primary School had a fun packed assembly when a surprise visitor made an appearance.

The Cumbria School Games Mascot made the visit to the school not only to say hello to all of the pupils who entered the competition, but to one very creative young person who's design won the overall competition. Elle Reid entered her

design along with 577 other young people across Cumbria and was chosen by the Local Organising Committee as the overall winner.

Emma Martin from Cumbria School Games Local Organising Committee said: "Elle's design was a wonderful Orange and Purple Alien and she really focused on the School Games value of 'Respect'. Elle also wrote about what her Alien would do in certain sporting scenarios and she had really thought about how her mascot would behave as a Goodsport. Her mascot has now gone on to be known

as Alien Goodsport and we were thrilled to take him along to the Cumbria School Games festival."

The Cumbria School Games team presented a £50 Amazon voucher to Elle along with her framed design and an art set to continue her drawing. Alien Goodsport went on to enjoy playtime with the Silloth Pupils following the Assembly where he gave pupils sports sweatbands to wear when playing sport and bouncy balls to help them stay active.

Rachel Ingrams, Head Teacher from Silloth School said: "Our pupils really

enjoyed taking part in the competition and I am very proud of all of the children that entered their fantastic designs. It's great that Elle's design was chosen to become the Cumbria School Games mascot and the visit from the mascot was a lovely surprise for the children. They couldn't contain their excitement when it appeared in our morning assembly he made quite an impact!"

The five runners up received a mounted print of their design and illustration along with an art set from the Local Organising Committee.



Christ Church Garden Party

Report by:
Lawrence Marshall

The Christ Church Garden Party was held on Saturday 19th July at the end of the long hot dry spell.

Unfortunately, on that day instead of being in the church grounds as in

previous years it had to move into the church due to the inclement weather. There was still a good attendance as people had somewhere to go out of the light rain.

Light teas were provided and many games and competitions for young and

not so young.

Thanks to all the helpers at the tea stall and the people manning the various competitions.

The afternoon's efforts along with some generous donations raised a creditable £700 for church funds.

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2014 Events

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Beach Half Marathon
and 10K Race

25th August
Silloth Carnival

4th to 7th September
Silloth Music &
Beer Festival

7th September
Silloth Craft Show

12th October
Family Santa Dash

24th October
Bonfire & Fireworks on
Silloth Airfield

£400 for Garden



Les Richardson was confined to a wheelchair for his last few years. He loved being on Silloth Green.

At a memorial service in memory of Les Richardson who died at the end of June £400 was raised to be used for the benefit of the place he loved.

Les had always led an active life but for the last few years he was unfortunately confined to a wheelchair. He and his wife Mary spent many happy hours on Silloth

Green sheltering behind the bushes in all sorts of weather.

Les always had a smile and loved it when people acknowledged his cheery 'Hello.'

The money is to be spent on new top soil and roses for the rose bed when the town council have put in new drains in that area. Les would have appreciated that.

Camp Safely

The Hazards Of The Great Outdoors

As part of the Fire Kills campaign, Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service is asking the people of Cumbria to stay safe this summer as they make the most of the weather and enjoy the great outdoors, whether camping, cooking or exploring.

A long hot summer is what we hope for, however like many changes in activity, it can bring risks. If you're intending to take out your tent, ready your rucksack or get your caravan back on the road, you should go armed with some safety advice before heading for the great outdoors.

By following the Fire Kills campaign's top tips you can ensure that your great adventure is a safe and enjoyable one.

Tents

Allow at least 6m spacing between tents and caravans and ensure they are away from parked cars to reduce the risk of fire spreading

Never use candles in or near a tent – torches are safer.

Keep cooking appliances away from the tent walls and never cook inside a small tent or near flammable materials or long grass; they can all set alight easily.

Make sure you know how to escape by cutting your way out of the tent if there's a fire.

Make sure everyone knows how to put out clothing that's on fire – stop, drop and roll.

Don't smoke inside tents.

Caravans

Fit and test a smoke alarm in your caravan.

Take special care when cooking – don't leave pans unattended.

Turn off all appliances before you go out or to bed.

Make sure ashtrays are made of a material that can't burn or topple over – never

smoke in bed.

Don't dry clothes over the stove.

Remove any litter and rubbish near the caravan to reduce the risk of fire spreading.

Make sure the caravan is ventilated, and never block air vents, to avoid a build-up of poisonous gases.

Open Fires

If you must have an open fire:

It should be downwind, at least 10m from the tent.

Clear dry vegetation, leaves, etc, to form a circle of earth around the fire.

Build a stack that will collapse inwards whilst burning.

Do not leave fires unattended.

Make sure that fires are fully extinguished after use.

If a fire should breakout:

Call the fire and rescue service and give the exact location.

If necessary give a map reference.

If this is not possible a landmark such as a farm or pub etc, will help them locate you.

Grass and forest fires spread rapidly:

Never throw cigarette ends out of a car window – they could start a fire and ruin surrounding countryside.

Don't leave bottles or glass in woodlands. Sunlight shining through glass can start a fire. Take them home or put them in a waste or recycling bin.

If you discover a fire:

Do not be tempted to investigate.

Leave the area as quickly as possible and call 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service.

Do not return unless the Fire and Rescue Service tells you that it is safe to do so.

For more information on fire safety, please visit www.facebook.com/firekills.

Be Considerate in the Sunshine!

Allerdale Borough Council is calling for people to take extra care and consider others whilst enjoying the summer sunshine in public places across the borough.

There have been some recent instances of large amounts of litter being found in public parks, gardens, and along river beds including smashed up glass bottles, which could result in injury to both children and animals. Crisp packets, disposable barbecues, and piles of cans and bottles are just some of the many items being left lying around by a few irresponsible people in places like Workington's Curwen Park and Mill Field, Northside football field and the jubilee field next to Harrington nature reserve.

In addition, the Council's Nature Partnership Officer, Raegan McKay has found evidence of two cygnets being killed by dogs on the Mill stream in Workington Hall Parklands.

Raegan says: "It is great

that this recent spell of good weather is encouraging more people to enjoy the outdoors by spending time in some of our beautiful parks and open spaces. However, we would urge people to consider other park users and clean up after themselves as well as being aware of local wildlife and bird life who inhabit the same areas."

Allowing your dog to attack a wild animal is an offence and owners should take necessary precautions by always having their dogs under control whilst in a public place and on lead when around wildlife.

Allerdale Borough Council has a zero tolerance approach to littering and anyone caught will face being given a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £80. Members of the public can help to tackle littering and other types of environmental crime by reporting it as part of the Council's Spot the Grot campaign via www.allerdale.gov.uk/reportit or calling 01900 702702.

Mothers Union

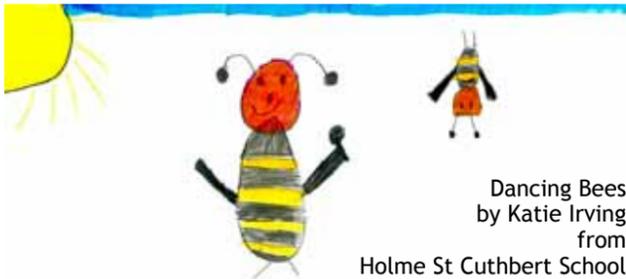
Report by: Gladys Temple

Members and friends of Wigton St Mary's Mothers Union met on a lovely afternoon at the home of Branch Leader Anne Boville.

Tables and chairs were filled in the garden and everyone helped themselves from a wonderful array of

scones, tray bakes and cream cakes. Anne Lomas and Jean Key kept filling the cups while Helen Armstrong and Audrey Frizzel washed up.

Various items including cakes and vegetables sold well and the afternoon was enjoyed by everyone while raising funds for the MU.



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Cumbria Trust Views

Cumbria Trust A Voice for Cumbria
Cumbria Trust, the non-governmental organisation which is committed to opposing a geological disposal facility in Cumbria on geological and safety grounds has issued the following statement with regard to the new White Paper published last week.

Gerrymandering
Cumbria Trust is disappointed, but not surprised, that the Government is proceeding with the "gerrymandering" it had threatened following Cumbria County Council's decision to withdraw from the last process.

Eddie Martin, Chair of Cumbria Trust, and

former leader of Cumbria County Council which took the decision stated: "The new policy is clearly aimed at preventing such an "inconvenient" democratic decision affecting the process again, yet still claims to be based on voluntarism. The "incentives" being offered are a transparent attempt to divide and conquer communities such as Cumbria. It won't work."

Incentives/Bribes
Cumbria Trust believes that the process should be sufficiently robust and safe so as not to require what it regards as "bribes" to parts of communities.

Disposal
Cumbria Trust notes the new White Paper clarifies that the proposed geological disposal facility is for DISPOSAL not storage and that the waste will not be retrievable. It must therefore be in safe geology bearing in mind no engineered barriers will last 100,000 years and that geology is the final barrier to contain the leaks which will occur.

The Country's New Build Waste
The White Paper clarifies beyond doubt that the Government views the facility as being for ALL the country's nuclear waste including new waste from nuclear new builds taking place all over the country. This emphasises that this is a national issue not a Cumbrian one.

Male Voice Choir Summer Concert



Photo by: Kevin Anderton

Report by: Kevin Anderton & Lawrence Marshall

Once again the Christ Church with St Paul's Causewayhead Male Voice Choir, thrilled an enthusiastic and full Church Hall on a blistering hot summer night.

The evening was opened by the chairman of Dalston male voice choir Mr Raymond Fearon.

During the first part of the singing we were entertained with soloist Barry Lodge singing one of his favourites "Friend 'O' Mine".

After an excellent summer repast we had an evening of melody and musicality featuring songs mainly from the musicals,

magically and marvellously introduced by the long standing and incomparable Master of Ceremonies, Mr Lawrence Marshall, bringing his own style of informative badinage and humour to the proceedings.

The bass section were on top form, the tenors terrific and the ensemble essentially excellent.

Prior to the encore choirmaster Derek addressed the audience thanking the choir for all their hard work.

At the interval we had the drawing and as ever a huge number of prizes were allocated, many donated by friends of the choir for which

we are very grateful. During the second part of the programme the music-director Derek Shaw played a compendium of songs and he invited the audience to count up the number of songs he played. Surprisingly or maybe not many people gave the correct answer of twenty-eight. Team rector Bryan Rothwell gave the vote of thanks with effusive, enthusiastic and fulsome praise lavished on the Musical Director Mr Derek Shaw which was amply well deserved for a very enjoyable evening. The evening raised £840 for church funds.

Cumbria County Council

North West Allerdale Neighbourhood Forum Area

Councillor Drop-in Day
Friday 29th August 2014

Councillor Tony Markley,
Police and Crime Commissioner Richard Rhodes,
CCC Area Engagement Officer Hayley Bishop

Will be at:

- 9.00 - 9.30 Glasson – Highland Laddie Pub
- 10:00 - 10:30 Port Carlisle – The Hope & Anchor Inn
- 11:00 - 11:45 Bowness on Solway – Walls End Guest House
- 12:15 - 12:45 Anthorn – Community Hall
- 13:15 - 13:45 Newton Arlosh – Joiners Arms Pub
- 14:15 - 15:00 Abbeytown – Village Hall
- 15:30 - 16:00 Silloth – Community Centre

Come along to one of these locations and meet your local County Councillor, raise any issues or concerns and find out about CCC Community funding & grants and how to apply

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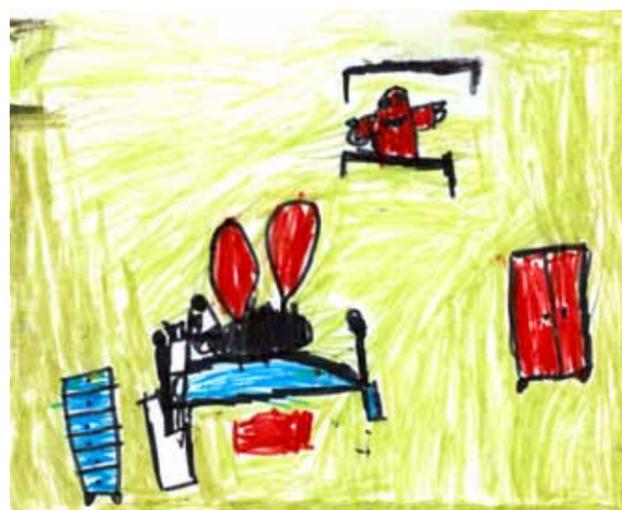
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The day kicks off at 11am with the 10K, starting from Station Road, Silloth. The 10K race takes in part of the Half Marathon route. Half an hour later, starting at 11:30am at Station Road, Silloth, the half marathon will lead round the dock area and onto the sands of West Beach.

A runner service station will be located at the turning point adjacent to Beckfoot. Entries can be completed online at Q-Buster.co.uk and late entries can be taken on the day in a marquee on Silloth Green between 9am and 11:15am.

Race numbers and timing



chips will be issued from 9am on race day at registration.

Runners must be 17 years or older on race day. Entry costs £18 for either race. All finishers will receive a goodie bag including a T-shirt, medal, and a token for a bag of chips!

The beach run is great fun, as participants last year will testify, but organisers urge everyone taking part to take care and to follow the advice of the race officials and marshals.

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Silloth & World War One

Soldiers in Silloth Museum is opening a special World War One centenary exhibition.

This contains toy soldiers, some dating from the time, but the centrepiece is a replica of part of a Western Front trench and the emphasis is on the history of the war and the experiences of those involved in it.

People from Silloth have lent memorabilia of relatives and items from the period and are still invited to do so.

Liverpool Regiment. We have some of his letters home from the Western Front and records of some of his later memories. E.g. "This poor chap was



Part of the trench reconstruction

terribly ill but he was killed luckily. **Luckily?** Aye. His body was broken. He should have been invalided out but he went to the doctor and he wouldn't have it. The doctor had a son and, for the son's

sake, he was trying to keep in the Colonel's good books. They told us if we didn't

win Germany would boss us. But how much have we bossed Germany?"

Soldiers in Silloth Toy Soldier Experience is on Criffel Street next to Christ Church.

The exhibition is in a newly-opened room and marks an extension of Silloth's unique visitor attraction.

It also offers new opportunities for school parties to find material related to their curriculum and to visit the trench.

SOSCS Recent Grants Total £2,800

Report by: Pat Froggatt

Once again SOSCS wish to thank the residents of Silloth and visitors to the area who not only give donations of clothing, books and bric-a-brac to the shop, but also make purchases. All this enables us to help local worthy causes during the year with grants. The volunteers at the shop are always pleased to welcome you and to accept your unwanted items.

At their recent meeting the Committee agreed on the following grants being made.

Silloth Carnival	£500
Silloth Craft Show	£300
Silloth Football Club	£500
Silloth Rugby Club	£500
Silloth Netball Club	£500
Silloth Beer Festival	£500
This is a total of	£2,800

Forms for the next funding consideration will be available in November - please look for the notice in the shop window.

Visiting Maryport?

Maryport has become the latest town in Cumbria to market itself to the growing number of mobile and tablet users by launching its very own app for tablet and phone.

The app aims to give visitors a free guide to the historic town and to provide people living and working in the town. It features useful information such as an introduction to Maryport and its local history, including its medieval and Roman links; information on local businesses, and suggestions of places to eat, drink, stay and visit.

There are also recommendations for family days out and upcoming event listings, as well as practical information about public transport, local weather forecasts, and the locations of the town's car parks, public toilets and cash machines.

The app was created by the Love Maryport Town Team and designed and produced by Cockermouth-based agency Flame Concepts who also produced the Cockermouth town app in 2013. Steve Bishop owner of Flame Concepts said: "I

have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Love Maryport team to create the app and I would encourage

businesses to sign up as it is a very cost effective way of advertising their products and services."

Toni Magean, Allerdale Borough Council's Town Centre Manager for Maryport said: "Smart phone and tablet usage is growing year on year and it is estimated that around half of the UK population now owns and uses a smart phone with tablet usage not far behind. We've already been working with businesses in the town to ensure they have an online presence through the Love Maryport website, but now we're taking it one step further with this new app. This is very much an ongoing community project so we would encourage as many people and businesses as possible to contribute ideas and additional suggestions of what they would like to see on the app, and we're looking forward to developing it further over the coming months."

The app is completely free to download and is available now from the App Store and Google Play by searching for Maryport.

Local businesses, clubs or those that want to add an event to the app should contact Toni Magean on 01900 702766.



This soldier of World War One was from Silloth and fought with the King's

SOLWAY SCOUT TROOP

Were you a member of the Solway Scout Troop? Do you know someone who was a member, to whom you could pass-on this notice?

A reunion was organised last year; seven members and one cub attended. We wish to hold another reunion this year, probably in September. If you are interested in attending, or, even if you are not interested in attending but wish to let the Troop know that you are still around, please report-in.

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Sam 0035344 922 4892.

Also, please let us know what you would like to see included in the programme. We are expecting that there will be a great demand for DAMPERS and we hope to have a supply of gourmet dampers available. Should you have memorabilia that you can bring along, let us know; old photos will be especially welcomed as will be woggles and whistles.

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Peter Wise at the completion of a project at the Lakes College common room with glass partitions, electrical works, flooring, joinery, decorating, etc....

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Peter Maddison, Lynn Downham, Jeff Downham, Phill Roberts and Lynda Wood

At the July meeting of Bromfield & District Horticultural Society at the end of July in Blencogo Village Hall, John Maddison, a well known plantaholic, gave an interesting talk about twelve National Garden Scheme Cumbrian gardens.

Cumbria has some of the best gardens in the country and many of them participate in the National Garden Scheme, including the garden of Bromfield & District members Jeff and Lynn Downham at Blitterlees.

Phil Roberts (chair

of BDHS) said "John Maddison's presentation was very enjoyable and appreciated by all members and visitors to the garden club. The evening raised over £200 for Cancer Research UK. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this fundraising event".

Can You Help?



A deliverer is wanted for our community paper in the following area:

Links Close - 25 house in total.

In addition, if anyone can help in their area as a reserve for the regular deliverer to cover for holiday and/or sickness, which may only be once or twice in a year, this would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Peter or Kath at the Solway Buzz on 016973 32180.

Silloth Primary School Energy Club

Energy Club has just trained its 6,000th leader for the programme that empowers a new generation to get active and make their own healthy choices. The 6,000th Energy Club Leader to be trained was Joanne Brooks, PE Co-ordinator at Silloth Primary School in the Allerdale area of Cumbria.

Sports Leaders UK helps leaders at primary schools and community groups set up their own Energy Clubs. By providing leadership training, equipment and activity card resources, organisations have the ability and the confidence to lead children in their school or local community to sign up to the 30 minute extra-curricular sessions.

To date, over 45,000 children have enjoyed getting

active at one of over 1,172 Energy Clubs throughout the UK.

Silloth Primary school had eight leaders trained, including two teachers, four support staff and two parents, and twenty of the school's Year 6 pupils who have completed the Sports Leaders UK PlayMaker award course will assist the leaders in running the Energy Club.

Joanne Brooks, PE co-ordinator, Silloth Primary School, said, 'We all left the training feeling very positive about the benefits this will bring to the school and our children. The staff and parents feel that Energy Club will bring cohesion to play at lunchtime, and through our Year 6 PlayMakers we can offer opportunities for



the older children to become more responsible and be good role models for the younger members of school. We are delighted to be part of such a well-resourced, easy scheme to follow, which can be implemented across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.'

Linda Plowright, Chief Executive, Sports Leaders

UK, said: "It is great to see so many people sign up and invest in running an Energy Club, getting more children active and healthy in their local communities. Energy Club is one of Sports Leaders UK's most successful initiatives in combatting physical inactivity and childhood obesity."

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Nails Fundraisers



Painted Nails People Ryan Corkill & Mike Faulkner

At Courtfield Bowling Club, Carlisle on 30th July during Cumbria HVP's v Courtfield (friendly) match a collection made by Ryan Corkill, which together with the very generous gift of all the takings on the draw, amounted to an amazing £106.

Ryan Corkill is 12 years old and from Cleator Moor. Together with his dad and grandad he is a member of Cleator Moor Bowling Club. They are regulars with the Cumbria HVP's.

He offered to join the team back in mid June and with 'Painted Nails' to the fore has made many

collections on his own of over £200 to date.

Two weeks previous, at the HVP's game with Silloth and with a helping hand from Club President David Spence, Ryan collected over £70. The bucket was held over to the Friday league game with Aspatria and the final was an amazing £109, thank you to all concerned.

With the total now very close to £900 it looks as if the ambitious target of £1,000 will be reached. Tickets for the **Giant Pooh Bear** are still on sale and he will be raffled at Silloth Carnival.

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Football Bee by Willow Armstrong from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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Subsidised Food Waste Digesters

Cumbria County Council is now offering food waste digesters for sale to residents in Allerdale, Barrow and Eden. These are great products which enable householders to safely dispose of all of their food waste at home. The digesters can take absolutely everything including pasta, bread, meat, fish and even bones.

Food waste is a particular problem to society. We throw away 7 million tonnes of edible food and drink in the UK every year – and while treating it at home is the best option when we have it, the ideal scenario is not to create it in the first instance. By not creating food waste at home, a household could save around £50 a week.

There are two types of digesters on offer – the Green Johanna creates rich compost, and you can put in garden waste and food waste. The other unit is called a Green Cone and is great for households with limited outdoor space. You dig this unit in the garden or in a large plant pot if you have a yard and put only

food waste in this unit. So there should be a digester to suit everyone, even those that don't have gardens. The digesters will help everyone become that little bit greener.

The digesters usually retail at around £100 each but thanks to a DCLG grant we are able to offer them for just £15 for the Green Cone and £20 for the Green Johanna.

There have been Launch Events already taken place in the three districts to introduce the digesters to residents. These events were very successful, and there was a lot of interest in the digesters.

If you would like further information about the food waste digesters we can either send some leaflets about

them or one of the Waste Prevention Team could come and do a presentation on the digesters. If you would like a Waste Prevention Officer to visit, please contact Judith Bradshaw – Waste Prevention Officer, Tel: 07768 724863 or Email: Judith.bradshaw@cumbria.gov.uk.

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Green 'One of the Best'

Silloth Green is still one of the very best in the UK – and that's official.

The award, handed out by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, recognises and rewards the best parks and green spaces across the country. A Green Flag flying overhead is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent facilities.

Three separate park areas, namely: 'The Green,' 'Harbour Green' and 'Skinburness Green,' are collectively known as 'Silloth Green.' The park is one of the largest village greens in the North of England. It boasts spectacular views over the Solway Firth to Criffel and the Kilavorick Hills in the North and the Lake District to the South. The Green forms a green link between Silloth's grand regency townscape and the sea front promenade, for many years attracting visitors seeking fresh sea air and recreational facilities.

Successful funding bids in 2010 resulted in a two-year programme to refurbish the Green and restore its heritage buildings. Heritage Lottery Fund put forward £1.1m and the Rural Development Programme for England provided funds of £100k. The Edwardian ladies toilets, built in 1910 and the spectacular Victorian pagoda built on a mound overlooking the sea have been sympathetically refurbished. The Green also now boasts a modern waterplay area, an entertainment area in local Cumbrian sandstone, a woodland adventure play area, a Putting Green and



newly revamped BMX track. Beautiful oak picnic tables and benches are to be found in various locations, all accessible by new paths. Paths lined with shrub beds allow disabled access to all main areas.

After consultation and a great deal of input from local people in 2013, the Community Garden was professionally designed by 'Moota Garden Centre.' It was landscaped and planted, with local people and youngsters from the school adopting and planting their own plant. The garden opened in May this year and is now being cared for by 'Friends of the Green,' who are making sure it continues to look its very best.

Regular events, organised by volunteers, are held on the Green and a number of free festivals are held annually, including Silloth Green Day, the Vintage Rally, Kite Festival, Summer Carnival, Santa Dash and Christmas Market. In addition, the popular Silloth Music and Beer Festival is held annually. General information and more details about events can be found on the Silloth Green website at www.sillothgreen.co.uk

Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth, said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive a Green Flag Award for the second year from Keep Britain Tidy. This Award recognises Silloth

Green as a well-managed, high quality green space, which could not have been achieved without the dedicated work of our Town Council staff, grounds maintenance team, and community volunteers. People

of Silloth and increasing visitors to the town are benefitting from new public realm initiatives alongside a mature and well maintained space of the highest quality."

Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said: "A Green Flag Award provides national recognition for all the parks managers, staff and volunteers who, through their dedication and hard work, have helped to create these fantastic places for everyone to enjoy. Quality green spaces are a vital resource for communities and that is why it is so significant that we have given out more awards than ever before."

Is This the End of the Silloth Vintage Rally?



The current committee of the Silloth Vintage Rally have all decided that due to ill health and advancing years they will all resign at the AGM during September 2014.

After 15 years the Vintage Rally has just got bigger and better each year and everyone agrees that the Rally this year was by far

the best yet, so it is a case of going out on a high.

The six members of the committee do not want to see the Vintage Rally disappear and will be delighted to hear from others who would be prepared to come along to the AGM and create a new committee.

Can you help?

If you want the Rally

to continue and feel that you can help in some way please contact either Eric Davenport on 016973 32188 or John Graham on 016973 31491.

The whole committee would like to thank all sponsors and everyone who has supported the Silloth Vintage Rally over the past 15 years.

Patchwork Really is Heaven!

Report by: Jennifer Bailey

Well if you weren't there, you really missed a feast for the eyes. I'm a member of The Silloth Patchwork Heaven Group and even I was taken aback when I walked into the Methodist Church Hall on Solway Street on the 19th July to have a look at what Brenda and Pete Dowdell had done with all the offerings of the group. The display was breathtaking. I knew some of our members were outstanding stitchers, but to see the work all arranged around the room, on tables, stands, hanging from the walls and anywhere that could be utilized as a display surface was incredible.

When you're in a

meeting of the group, you see bits of the work going on but you can't imagine what it's all going to look like when put together en-masse. So thanks to Brenda and Pete for making the effort to stage the exhibition and especially to Brenda for all the hard work, encouragement, enthusiasm and help she gives to the group members during our weekly Tuesday meetings at Pennine View and in the workshops she arranges for us at her home.

I can't wait for the group to start again in September Brenda, I might even have my Log Cabin quilt ready by then!



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Abbeytown Carnival

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Queen Sophie Ferguson with Retiring Queen Jenny Harrison

Report by: Sarah Kay
Photos by: Mike Faulkner

After a break of a couple of years, Abbeytown Carnival made a welcome return to the newly developed 'Recreation Ground'. The new facilities including a sunny patio and accessible flushing toilets made the day much simpler for the organising committee and those attending. It was a nice opportunity for many local people to have a look round for the first time.

A fantastic week of sunny weather beforehand made for easier preparations and this was reflected in the quality of the floats and pedestrians who turned out for the big day. The winner of the best Village Float was the Carnival Queen's 'Frozen' float starring the Carnival Queen Sophie Ferguson and her attendants Brooke Steel, Henry Armstrong, Willow Armstrong, Sofia Fogg, Lucy Mitchell, Alfie Bennett and Maisie Parker. Other floats included 'Old Macdonald's Farm', 'We Love The 80s' and 'A Bee Town' which resulted in the village being renamed for the day.

Although the number of floats was down on previous years, there was an excellent turn-out of pedestrians from across all ages including A Question of Sport, The Sugar Plum Fairies and a Compare The Meerkat.

Thanks to successful fundraising by the Carnival



Committee and generous donations by spectators, there were free bouncy castles and life-changing cash prizes available for the winners of the sports with fierce competition exhibited in the egg and spoon and sack race. The egg throwing was as popular as ever with Graham Little leading the nail-biting finale.

Eric Stanwix compered events and had people, including the local Moky dancers, taking to the dance field throughout the afternoon. The live music from the Young Volcanoes was really appreciated too.

As always the Carnival committee would like to thank everyone that has supported our fundraising events during the year and those that came along to participate and spectate. Special thanks to those who volunteered to help on the day with the various jobs that make things run smoothly - it couldn't happen without you.



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50th Anniversary of Silloth Railway Line Closure

Information and photographs kindly supplied by J.N.M. Charters and Peter Ostle

John N.M. Charters travelled on the last train from Silloth.

On Sunday September 6th 1964 I travelled on the last passenger train to and from Silloth (the 6:55pm from Carlisle), hauled by CLASS 4, 2-6-0 locomotive No. 43139, with about eight or ten coaches. All well filled and in the hands of Driver James (Jimmy) Lister, Fireman Michael Bulman and Guard Archie Brand.

Before we departed Tender First from platform 8 myself assisted by locomotive Inspector George Gordon, who rode on the footplate with a Cumberland News photographer affixed a 10/- (50p) wreath to the lamp bracket on the front of the engine's smokebox. I remember standing on the engine's buffer beam, where I was photographed straightening the wreath.

I travelled with members of the Silloth Group, an environmental body, who opposed closure. I as well as various bodies in Silloth had opposed this retrograde step. I set out a plan to cut costs on the 21.5 mile route and sent it directly to the British Railways Board, who eventually replied thanking me for my initiative, but rejected the idea. I still have the letter.

We departed Carlisle more or less on time; at Canal Junction Signalbox the single line tablet for Drumburgh Junction was collected for the last time. Kirkandrews Station passed without a wave from Leading Porter Bob Hope who had lived there since about 1911 and whose father James Hope was the last Station Master here. A little crowd greeted our train at Burgh-by-Sands Station, some with cameras at the ready and others waving. At Drumburgh Junction Signalbox tablets were exchanged for the first time; the station here had closed completely on July 4th 1955, but trains could pass each other in a quarter mile passing loop. On the way bystanders waved to the train from over bridges, roadsides and fields. Kirkbride Station was awash with people waving and a goodly crowd greeted us at Abbeystown, where tablets were exchanged with Relief Signaller Bob McVittie. Approaching Blackdyke Halt, the south wall of the crossing keepers cottage bore in large letters this sign: 'We Want The Line!' Our train then passed quickly over the Mill and Causewayhead level crossing and approached Silloth Signalbox, where Earnest Bowman received the Single Line section tablet.

The road bridge short of the station was crowded and



Picture courtesy of Judith Walmsley

a group of demonstrators blocked the track into the station bringing our train to a shuddering halt. Police removed the protesters and we moved slowly into the long single platform, which was packed. Kate Roberts prospective Labour candidate for Penrith & the Borders was inflaming opinions and she and her young activists were ordered off the premises. Police hung off the engine and carriages to fend off protesters. Our engine had great difficulty running round the train and taking on water. Jimmy Lister used hot jets of steam to clear those lying across the track, aided by the police. I remember our engine crawling at less than 5 mph as she negotiated the passing loop. Four extra coaches were attached by Head Shunter Derek Gass assisted by Kenny Aitken for the return journey. These gentlemen along with relief Station Master Tommy Powley were the last men on duty at Silloth a Class 1 Station and the only one then staffed.

There was more drama near Abbeystown, when the communication cord was pulled on two occasions by some youths. B.T. Policeman H. Thursby eventually got the truth out of some young lads, the carriage door was opened they were told get out. Near Abbeystown the train was halted and searched for about 15 minutes by both civil and B.T. Police, as someone had telephoned Silloth Station to say a bomb was on the train. This was of course a hoax. We eventually reached Carlisle about 45 minutes late and on entering the station all the engines present, steam and diesel sounded their whistles or horns in unison.

On September 7th 1964 (official date of closure to passengers; goods had been withdrawn on June 1st, all the furniture was removed from Silloth and other stations by a special train. I recall on the night of the last train George Gordon Locomotive Inspector was most unfortunately stoned by some wilder sections in the crowd.



Archie Brand with his son Ian (Archie died on 25th May 2014)

Archie Brand Remembers...

When I worked on the Silloth line as a passenger guard, there were quite a lot of passengers coming from Carlisle but very few from Silloth, just a few shop girls travelled on the first train every day.

The reason I was guard on the last train was only because the chap who was scheduled to do it had an accident I was the reserve.

It was just an ordinary run out to Silloth. We stopped at the country stations and exchanged the tablet on the way. When we got to Silloth, the engine ran round the train and we waited to come back.

There were an awful lot of passengers aboard and I couldn't get the carriage doors shut. Every time I closed them, they were opened again. When I got to the back of the train, our boss was there. "Give the right-away, Archie," he said, "They'll shut the doors as we're moving out."

There were still people sitting on the line in front of the engine. Jimmy Lister told me he just opened the steam cocks to scare them off. Finally we got away but on the way to Abbeystown the passengers were doing all sorts of things - pulling the communication cord and the like.

There was more trouble when we stopped at Abbeystown. They didn't tell me it was a bomb scare. Then the train set off without me - somebody on the platform must have had a green flag. Cedric, a porter from Burgh-by-Sands was travelling in the guard's van with me; I yelled for him to get out of the way and jumped on. I couldn't see the driver because of the crowds on the platform and the curve in the line there. I don't know if the police threw anybody off there - I just couldn't see a thing.

I was raging mad when we finally got to Carlisle. We were so late back that I couldn't get a pint. It was after half-past-nine and the pubs closed early on Sunday in those days.



Picture courtesy of Judith Walmsley

Crowds awaiting the last train at Silloth Station



Picture courtesy of Judith Walmsley

Dusk is falling as the last train waits to depart



Removal of furniture from Station (3rd left Tommy Powley Relief Station Master)



Postcard from early 1900's showing the extensive railway lines to the Station, Dock & Mill

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17th Annual Charity
Ploughing Match at Beech
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24th Football Funday
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25th **Silloth Carnival**

26th Criffel Tea Dance in
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29th County Councillor
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September

1st Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

3rd Parkinson's Group
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel
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along with Mary Kipling & her
guitar, all welcome

4th **Silloth Music & Beer
Festival**

5th Arthritis support
Group meet at 1:30pm at
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subject: allergy testing

5th **Silloth Music & Beer
Festival**

6th Coffee Morning in the
Recreation Hall with Silloth &
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6th Blencogo & District
Village Hall Produce Show at
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free

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Festival**

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Festival**

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13th Crunch Service in
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12th Silloth Santa Dash
from Discovery Centre at 1pm
to Rugby Club for refreshments

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30th Children's Halloween
Party in Silloth Rugby Club from
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31st RNLI Race Night in
the Golf Hotel

November

1st Coffee Morning in the
Recreation Hall with Silloth &
District Pensioners

3rd Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

4th Criffel Tea Dance in
Westnewton Village Hall from
1:45pm to 3:45pm, all welcome
Tel: 016973 31528

5th Parkinson's Group
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel
from 11:45am to 2:30pm.
Farming past present & future,
all welcome

7th Arthritis support
Group meet at 1:30pm at
Loveday House, Wigton,
subject: Mary Watson

11th Holme Low Parish
Council meeting in the
Community Hall, Silloth at
7:30pm

12th Causewayhead WI
Ideas For Christmas by Judith
Butterfield (from Rainbow
Flowers), Comp: A Christmas
Bauble

15th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

18th Criffel Tea Dance in
Westnewton Village Hall from
1:45pm to 3:45pm, all welcome
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18th Christmas Sales in
Silloth Convalescent at 2pm,
Entry £1.50, tel: 31493

21st Silloth Christmas
Lights Switch-On from 5pm

29th Christmas Bazaar in
St Andrews Church Hall 10am
to 4pm, crafts, cakes, etc.
Santa in his Grotto - Admission
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December

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meet, 7pm in Community Hall

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songs & Cumbrian tales, all
welcome

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Loveday House, Wigton,
subject: 'All Sorts'

5th Harlequin Choir in
Christ Church, Silloth at 7pm

10th Causewayhead WI
AGM

13th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

January 2015

14th Causewayhead WI
Members Night, Competition:
Smallest Book

17th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

February

7th Coffee Morning in the
Recreation Hall with Silloth &
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14th Crunch Service in
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from 8am to 9:45am

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Errors do occur in Dates
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Do you have an event
in the area bounded by
Abbeytown, Mawbray,
Silloth, Skinburness, if
so please let us know.

**Macmillan
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Friday 19th Sept



**Silloth on Solway
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10am to 12 noon
Various Stalls
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event to promote or you
have something to say,
please note the next copy
date.

**Copy
Date** →

Letters

Dear Buzz,
Jean Maud Clarke

Alan and daughter Hilary and her family would like to thank all friends and neighbours of Silloth, Kirkbride, and Carlisle for their expressions of sympathy following their sad bereavement. A special thanks to the doctors and staff of Silloth group medical practice for their extra care and attention during the last few days of Jeans life, and for the great help provided by Walkers funeral directors for their instructions, cremation and organisation.

Alan Clarke

safety but also because of the effect on the driver and fireman. I took much more care after this lucky let off.

As there were three level crossings within one mile it was not surprising that there were incidents. The Causewayhead crossing was manned by Mr. & Mrs. Wise, at the middle crossings near to Causewayhead school was Mrs. Wishart and at Blackdyke Halt Mr. & Mrs. Story Mrs. Story still lives in Silloth.

Lawrence Marshall

Poem

Thank You
by Joan Bennett

Whatever happened to thank you, two lovely little words,
No one seems to use them now they're hardly ever heard,
Perhaps they are old fashioned, used only by older folk,
If you remind the young to say it, they think its all a joke.
Some young people are polite, they mind their Ps and Qs.
Some just shrug their shoulders and Ta's the word they use,
Some older folk do forget, make old age their excuse,
But there's no excuse for bad manners, they are an abuse.
When someone gives a gift, it's for pleasure not for gain,
But when a thank you isn't returned it really causes pain,
The older generation must be to blame, it must be all their fault,
When children are just small, good manners should be taught.
When new generations join our world there basic needs are few,
Proud happy parents spoil them, they get everything brand new,
It's not their fault that they are spoiled and problems will be few,
Perhaps as they grow up they will learn the words Thank You.

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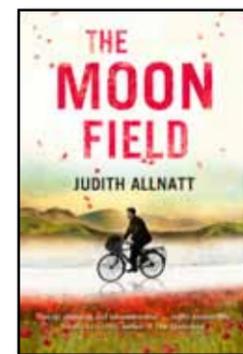
Why not relax with a good book?

The Moon Field
by Judith Allnatt

No Man's land is a place in the heart, pitted, cratered and empty as the moon...

Hidden in a soldier's tin box are a painting, a pocket watch, and a dance card - keepsakes of three lives.

It is 1914. George Farrell cycles through the tranquil Cumberland fells to deliver a letter, unaware that it will change his life. George has fallen for the rich and beautiful daughter at the Manor House, Miss Violet, but when she lets slip the contents of the letter, George is heartbroken to find that she is already promised to another man. George escapes his heartbreak by joining the patriotic rush to war, but his past is not so easily avoided. His rite of passage into adulthood



leaves him believing that no woman will be able to love the man he has become.

A poignant story of the search for love and redemption, The Moon Field explores a man's loss of innocence, through a war that destroys everything except the bonds of the human heart.

My Husband Next Door
by Catherine Alliott

Separated in every way but distance, Sebastian resides in an outhouse across the lawn from his ex-wife Ella's ramshackle farmhouse. With a home crowded by hostile teenaged children and gender-confused chickens, Ella finds comfort in the company of the very charming gardener, Ludo. Then



Sebastian decides to move on, catching Ella horribly unawares...

New Children's Book

Children's illustrator and author Tim Stead has released his second self published book called Fat Bat & the Strange Woolly Hat. The story is about a very cold grumpy hungry bat that finds a rather strange orange looking hat that really is too big for him.

The book is a run of only three hundred copies priced at £5 each. To go with the release of the books



are limited edition framed and signed prints by Tim himself priced at £20 plus a free copy of the new book.

You can purchase these at Winters Newsagent, Eden Street, Silloth.

Tim said "I'm very happy with this book and the title. This time it's a little more for the older children but still a very good bedtime read for the younger ones. My son Thomas who is three is loving it as bed time story."

New book titles coming into stock:
Look out for:

- Darkest Hour** by Barbara Erskine
- Vixen** by Rosie Garland
- Corners of the Globe** by Robert Goddard
- Murder 101** by Faye Kellerman
- Bee Keepers Daughter** by Santa Montefiore
- Invisible** by James Patterson
- Cop Town** by Karin Slaughter



FRIDAY SEPT 5 TO SUNDAY SEPT 7
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Borderlines is Carlisle's first festival for readers and writers, it will be staged at a number of venues across the city, including the Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle Library, Carlisle Cathedral and Tullie House, from Friday 5th September to Sunday 7th September.

For book-lovers, the festival will provide exciting opportunities to hear a wide range of well-known, best-selling authors talk about their work including:

- Rory Stewart MP.
- Hunter Davies.
- Eric Robson.
- Alan Johnson, MP.
- Ben Kane.
- Judith Allnatt.
- Catherine Hall.
- Matt Hilton.
- Sheila Quigley.
- Philip Walling.
- Paula Day and Val Corbett will talk about their new book, Tree.
- David Carter. His book Carlisle in the Great War,

shows how the First World War impacted on the city.

Anyone who loves to write should make a date for the festival's Writers Quarter on Saturday 6th September, when there will be a series of workshops from poetry and therapeutic writing, to writing for children.

There will also be workshops on self-publishing and storytelling, all led by experts in their field, and the day will conclude with a celebration of the written work produced, at a special Litcaff night.

For further information about the festival, contact Gwenda Matthews, Bookends, 56 Castle Street, Carlisle, tel 016973 45618 or email: bookscumbria@aol.com, or Helen Towers, Reader Development & Stock Manager, Cumbria Libraries Service, email:helen.towers@cumbria.gov.uk

Dear Buzz,

During the winter months of 1953/54, I travelled on my motorbike to Parkhead farm near the Blackdyke crossings each morning. I needed to cross the railway at Blackdyke-Halt crossing and as the main gates were closed to road traffic due to the 7am. steam-train to Silloth. I normally pushed the motorbike through the side-gates for pedestrians. One wild wet morning I looked towards Abbeytown and I could see the train light which is situated high up on the front of steam trains. It seemed to me that the train was a long way off so I pushed the motorbike over the line. I just did get over when the train hooted and was right there and really did frighten me. Later that morning a delegation of three Silloth station people arrived at the farm. They correctly gave me a severe dressing down and I was told not to cross the line if the train was in sight at all. As they said not only for my own

Portraits and Commercial Photography
Photography by Peter
Tel: 016973 32180

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 page 10 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. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to us, our address on page 10.

This month the winner is **Kieran Eve** from **Holme St Cuthbert School** with a bee drawing called **"String of Bees"**.

Well done!



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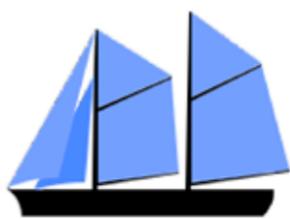
On the Water Front

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

July 2014
1st Helen from Vernon with wheat, then in ballast to Belfast.
7th Atlantica Hav from Hamburg with wheat, then in ballast to Runcorn.
9th Orateca from Amsterdam with molasses, then in ballast to Bremen.
20th Orateca from Bremen with molasses, then in ballast to the Skaw.
23rd Vyg from Antwerp with fertilizer, then in ballast to Raynes Jetty.
28th Verity from La Pallice with wheat, then in ballast to sea for orders.

Sailing Ship Identification (Part 2)

Well here it is. I know it's what you've all been waiting for! The second part of this topic shows a few more sailing vessels, with their own particular rig of masts and sails.

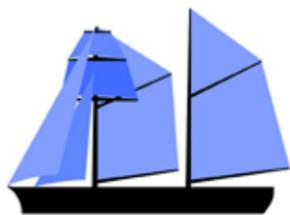


2 masted Schooner

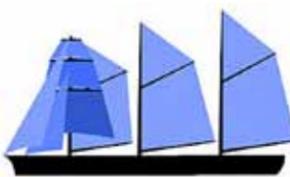


3 masted Schooner

Schooner - Vessels of all sizes could be 'schooner rigged', but all would have two or more masts and 'fore and aft' sails on all masts. In the golden age of sail, i.e. the mid to late 1800's, very large schooner-rigged cargo vessels were built, with up to seven masts! Although not so fast, they were easier to handle compared with square rigged ships and so required fewer crew members to manage the sails.



2 masted Topsail Schooner



3 masted Topsail Schooner

Topsail Schooner - Once again, vessels of all sizes could adopt this particular rig, with two or more masts, 'fore and aft' sails on all masts, plus square sails on the forward mast. In the 1800's and early 1900's, many of the smaller coastal cargo sailing vessels visiting Silloth were two or three masted Topsail Schooners, as was the

two masted 'Vilma', which featured as a pirate ship in the 2009 Dock Anniversary celebrations.



Ketch



Yawl

Ketch and Yawl - Similar looking small sailing vessels, both fitted with two masts and 'fore and aft' sails. The Yawl has a very small mast at the rear of the vessel, mounted behind the rudder simply to balance



Silloth's paddle tug 'Petrel' towing a 3 masted topsail schooner and a 2 masted topsail schooner out through Marshall Dock

the steering quality of the vessel, whereas the rear mast of a Ketch assists with driving the vessel. Ketches were regular small cargo carriers, whilst the yawl rig was predominantly used on fishing boats.

I hope you found these rig descriptions interesting and not too heavy going. There are however, several more that I haven't mentioned but enough is enough, especially as I will soon be stopping you in the street, to test that you have been paying attention. --- ok, just joking!



Topsail schooner in the Solway



Topsail schooner 'Vilma' at Silloth - 2009



Photo by: John Forrester

Atlantica Hav arriving in Silloth Dock on 7th July with a load of wheat

Tide Tables

SEPTEMBER 2014		SILLOTH							
		DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE							
		High Water				Low Water			
Date		Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	M	03 03	6.4	15 32	6.1	10 07	-0.1	22 24	0.1
2	TU	03 50	6.0	16 28	5.7	10 51	0.1	23 18	0.3
3	W	04 55	5.5	17 44	5.5	11 53	0.4		
4	TH	06 24	5.3	19 11	5.6	00 32	0.4	13 19	0.4
5	F	07 52	5.6	20 25	6.1	02 01	0.2	14 42	0.1
6	SA	09 04	6.2	21 27	6.9	03 19	-0.2	15 53	-0.3
7	SU	10 01	6.9	22 20	7.5	04 28	-0.7	16 54	-0.7
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13	SA	02 02	7.7	14 25	7.2	09 12	-1.1	21 31	-0.9
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Silloth Netball News

Report by: Lindsey Whitham

Well Done Ladies!!!

As part of Silloth Netball Club, two teams play in our local league based in Workington; these are the Thundercatz and Solway Saints.

This year Thundercatz came 4th and Solway Saints came joint 5th in the second Division.

At the presentation night Emily Scott (Solway Saints) received the trophy for "player of the year" and "most improved player".

Leeanne Cheng, who plays for the team "Magpies" in Division 1, received the award for "most improved player" and "Player of the year". Leeanne has done extremely well in the Netball community and has gone on to play in the Whitehaven league and even the premierships.

A huge thank-you to all the members that attend the Netball Club in Silloth and



Player of the Year Leeanne Cheng

to the local SOS charity shop who help to fund the netball club and its players.

A **massive** thank you to Sandy Brown (retired Silloth PE teacher) who still attends to help train the Club on a Thursday night 6:30pm -

8pm. If anybody still thinks they have what it takes to do netball again or just want to have fun pop down, sessions will start again in September. Here's to next season 2014-2015.

Arthritis Support Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

Members and friends of the Arthritis Support Group went on their Annual Outing - this time to The Pot Place, Plumpton.

Unfortunately this year was the first time we did not have lovely sunshine but this did not deter us. After a good look around the various outlets we settled down to have a good meal and catch up on our friends. Several people had plants and others lovely birthday cards to take home. Robert was thanked for driving the Community Bus and seeing us all safely back to Loveday House.

The next meeting will be on Friday 5th September at 1:30pm when the talk will be about Allergy testing.

New members are always made welcome.

Astrology

TAURUS

April 21 - May 20

Who smiles at life except when crossed?

Who knows - or thinks he knows - the most?

Who loves good things, boiled or roast?

Oh, TAURUS

Does that last line sound familiar? Still struggling to stick to the diet?! Could be you're a Taurean and your love of fine dining has finally caught up with you! Patient, steadfast and reliable, always a true friend, people generally know where they are with Taurus.



their jewel, the emerald) and shaded browns reflecting the countryside.

The Bright Side:

Earthy, solid, (like its sign, the Bull) and enduring, a Taurean will soldier on with dogged persistence long after everyone else has given up. He, or she, will need to know that the family finances are in good shape and keeps a watchful eye on same; this is one sign who doesn't care much for credit cards and will avoid



Unless, that is, they make the mistake of goading one too far! An Earth sign, motivated by a need for financial (and emotional) security, this sign is often excellent in business matters. However, many Taureans are also at their happiest when outdoors and communing with Mother Nature in some way, be it (dog) walking, gardening, or simply enjoying the fresh air. Consequently, their favourite colours are the greens (of

being 'in debt'.

The Dark Side:

Unfortunately, the Taurean personality can be SO committed to self-preservation and cautious behaviour that they are unable to adapt to new/innovative ways of thinking. Often possessive, Taureans can sometimes display a slow-to-rouse but terrible temper; a 'Bull' on the rampage is to be avoided at all costs!



Electro Bee by Keehan Graham from Holme St Cuthbert School



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Nuclear Dump Views

SPAND'S view of the Government's White Paper on the Geological Disposal Facility. On 24th July 2014 following on from several months of consultation the



disenfranchises local communities and their representatives.

The reason why no community will be able to volunteer until 2016 is that the Government at this point in time

Government released a White Paper outlining the process by which a site for a Geological Disposal Facility (nuclear dump) will be selected.

The key points contained in the White Paper are:

- The Government is looking for a "safe, secure, long-term solution" to the storage of the nation's nuclear waste.
- The proposed geological disposal facility is for DISPOSAL not storage and that the waste will not be retrievable.
- The amount of legacy radioactive waste which needs to be dealt with in the UK will amount to the equivalent of filling six Albert Halls, while new planned reactors will produce at least another Albert Hall's worth.
- A national geological screening survey will take place over the next two years, to find suitable sites.
- Construction is likely to start by 2030 at the earliest, with the first waste likely to be stored in the site from 2045.
- The planning process of a nationally significant infrastructure project means there will be no power of veto from one authority.
- Positive community support will be needed before a final site is selected.
- From 2016, communities will be invited to come forward to talk to Government about hosting a site.
- Those communities who want to be considered will receive up to £1m a year if local people engage with officials.
- The figure could rise to £2.5m a year if drilling of bore-holes to assess the suitability of a site went ahead.
- This money needs to be spent on community projects which would not have otherwise been done.
- A figure of 570 sustainable

jobs is being quoted.

SPAND is concerned that after the previous failed MRWS process and several months of consultation the Government still does not appear to be listening to the people of Cumbria.

- The White Paper clarifies beyond doubt that the Government views the facility as being for ALL the country's nuclear waste including new waste from nuclear new builds taking place all over the country. This emphasises that this is a national issue not a West Cumbrian one.
- It is clear that the proposed geological disposal facility is for DISPOSAL not storage and that the waste will not be retrievable. It must therefore be in safe geology bearing in mind no engineered barriers will last 100,000 years and that geology is the final barrier to contain the leaks which will occur. This must certainly rule out West Cumbria!
- The Government states that a national geological screening survey will take place over the next two years, to find suitable sites. However, this screening will only use existing data and will be overseen by the British Geological Survey the people who have previously manipulated the data to include the Solway Plain as a viable site for a GDF. We have no confidence they will come up with a different answer this time.
- If construction is planned to commence in 2030 then property sales both domestic and commercial will be blighted in the selective community for an unacceptable period of time.
- The planning process has been taken out of the hands of the local authorities thereby placing the final decision regarding the suitability of a site solely in the hands of Government. This effectively

appears to have no idea what a community is. They intend to set up a working group consisting mainly of civil servants, politicians and academics. They have indicated that they may allow representation from other interested organisations. SPAND will seek to have representation on this working group.

As an inducement the Government intends offering bribes of up to £2.5 million per year to any community who agrees to the stage of intrusive, borehole investigations but they do not state for how long this would be. This is not a significant amount of money when it is to be spent on local infrastructure projects. The recent Silloth Green refurbishment cost £1.25 million and does put the £2.5 million offered into perspective.

There is no evidence offered that a GDF could create 570 sustainable jobs and this number they quote appears to have been picked out of thin air. At no time in the White Paper is there the suggestion that these jobs would be offered to the local community. There is every likelihood that the majority of these sustainable jobs would be filled by experienced nuclear specialists from outside the county and even possibly from other countries.

Finally, last week the Government has announced its intention to grant licences for fracking explorations in a great many areas of England. However, it is interesting to note that they have Excluded National Parks and AONB's. We have to question why if they can make this exclusion for fracking they can't make it for a GDF.

The White Paper can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/implementing-geological-disposal.

Silloth Rotary Open Golf Tournament



We had a great day (including a hole in one!) once again this year at the Silloth Rotary Open Golf Tournament and many thanks to the Golf Club for hosting this annual event for us.

The Rotary Club is indebted to Margaret English for all her hard work in sorting out the prizes prior to the event, preparing the prize table and checking the score cards on the day. We would also like to express our thanks to a man who possibly deserved the man of the match award without even lifting a club! Golf Club Captain Dave Hurst, did a sterling job of starting the teams in the absence of the usual starter who was away on holiday.

The winners of the 2014 event were J B Carr and Daniel Lettice from Silloth

with a score of 44 points and the runners up were L Hopkins and A Brown also from Silloth, although originally from Workington. C Watt only managed to achieve a two on the 16th following his brother's 'hole in one'!

We had players from a wide geographical area of the UK and as is usual with this event, it had been fully booked since early in the year.

The above event is made possible by the continued generosity of our sponsors who are: Carr's Flour Mill, The Golf Hotel, Viv Lightfoot Haulage, (Scania) Graham Commercial, Markley Transport, Silloth Café, Yellow Wasp, Isola (UK), Enkev, DataDevil (IT Consultants), Garner Transport, Fiona Buchanan (Dentist), Hope's Auctions Ltd., David Allen & Co, ABP

Ports Ltd., Natwest Bank, Saint & Co., Cumbria Guitars and Don Greaves.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day the success it was.

Rumours have been rippling through the town, that members of the Rotary Club are planning to take part in the Silloth Beach Half Marathon. For the record, a number of our members will be taking part and they will be easily identifiable by their Hi-Vis stewards vests! Only club secretary and fitness enthusiast, Colin Smithson will actually be rising to the sandy challenge on the day and his fellow members wish him well.

That's all from Rotary for this month. For more information about the club at Silloth or Rotary in general please contact Geoff Betsworth on 0774 8098081.



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Silloth Music & Beer Festival has The Quireboys

Silloth Music and Beer Festival starts on Thursday 4th – Sunday 7th September 2014.

North Cumbria's biggest and most ambitious music and beer festival, Silloth Music & Beer Festival, looks set to surpass itself again this year with another tremendous line-up of great beers and fantastic music.

Thursday 4th – Sunday 7th September are the dates for your diary with 2014's highlights including a headlining slot on Friday from the Roy G Hemmings Tribute To Motown show. Roy and his band are guaranteed to raise the rafters (or a marquee roof!) with their high-quality performance of the classic sound of Detroit's Motor City.

Saturday evening sees the splendid good time rock'n'roll of The Quireboys with lead singer Spike take centre stage, headlining the marquee for a night of raucous rocking.

There's a fantastic range of great acts appearing throughout the extended weekend including a cream helping of the cream of Cumbrian talent featuring New England; local rock legend Mr Buzz Elliot; Miss vocally versatile herself, Cindy Hoten; Silloth's own recently re-formed kings of indie rock, Rigsby; West Cumbria's very own

eight-piece rhythm'n'blues maestros, The Mistfitz; the hard-rocking sound of Workington's AWOL; West Cumbrian blues-rockers Secure Unit; and Cumbria's dynamic tribute to Thin Lizzy, Five And Dangerous.

There's always something for everyone at Silloth Music & Beer Festival with other performers including the acclaimed young folk/punk singer-songwriter Joe McCorrison, and Edinburgh-based three-piece Guilty As Sin with their combination of soul and jazz. There's also folk-pop rock a la Mumford & Sons in the shape of Cheshire three-piece The Robin Pierce Band and, to top it off, the most talked about Jam tribute band treading the boards, The Jam'd.

This year aspiring singers can get up onstage on the Sunday night and front a live band as part of the acclaimed



Rockaoke experience while, not forgetting the young folk, an all new Kids Zone Marquee will be available on Sunday.

As ever, there will be over seventy-five real ales and ciders for you to try and to work your way through, from thirst-quenching old favourites to palate-pleasing newcomers. In addition to these we will also be offering draught lager, draught cider, perry cider, white, red and rosé wine, a selection of Alco pops, soft drinks and cordials.

The Silloth area boasts many camping sites, Holiday Parks, Hotels and bed and breakfast accommodation to cater to your needs. So it's easy to stay and enjoy the entire festival weekend.

The Silloth Music And Beer Festival remains a non-commercial event, and any profits generated are

ploughed back into other events in Silloth throughout the year.

The best way to enjoy the festival is to buy a four-day festival pass, which costs £48. This gives you access to all five sessions across the weekend.

Or why not take advantage of a bargain deal of three nights' accommodation for two (at Stanwix Holiday Complex in Silloth a mere 150 yards from the festival site) and two weekend tickets for a bargain £99. Individual passes are also available as follows:
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 Saturday Afternoon (12 – 5pm) £9 adults, £2.50 children.
 Saturday Night (7pm – Midnight) £20 in

advance, £22 on the door. Sunday Afternoon (1pm – 6pm) £9 adults in advance, £11 on the door, £2.50 children.

Exclusive to Sunday, a family ticket will be on sale, the price of which is £15 and will admit 2 adults and 2 children.

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