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Silloth Fairy Trail Opens 27th May

Silloth is poised to get its very own piece of magic hidden within the pines and sprinkled around the town. A fun and free attraction in the form of a simple fairy trail where children of all ages search the woods and the

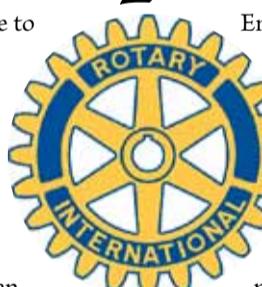
town for fairy houses, doors and toadstools following a map. The map will highlight doors dotted around the town in businesses which will encourage visitors to seek out the doors and have a clear map of where everything is.

Visitors struggle to find the sandy beach and cash points as well as local businesses, the map will resolve this.

The wonderful Green Team and volunteers have been working on improving the paths within the pines while keeping them natural as well as creating a path to a clearing which will be the home of the Wishing Tree. All this with the full backing and enthusiasm of Silloth Town Council and Rotary Club. Everyone is encouraged to hang wishes onto the tree which will make it an unusual but special site within the pines and attract visitors to Silloth.

Wishes can be made from coloured material or tags and children from Silloth Primary School will be the first to place wishes onto the tree prior to the official opening on Silloth Green Day 27th May.

The trail and fairy tree is the brainchild of Vicky Hope owner of the Fairyhut



Emporium and Tanya Briggs owner of Greenview who discussed this at length during downtime filming Four In A Bed. "I'd wanted to do a permanent fairy trail for years and Tanya suggested a Wishing Tree having seen one in Scotland near to where she used to live and I absolutely love the idea" said Vicky who is also taking over the putting green and sheds to make a "Gnome in One Putting Green" and "The Fairydust Cabin" serving drinks and delights, picnics and take away afternoon teas which can be enjoyed on the deck chairs or around the water park.

We approached the council and are thrilled at their enthusiasm and support for this project which will help all of us. I'm also over the moon with the support from local businesses from Carrs Mill to Stanwix Park and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Lifeboat Station door is nearly ready to be installed which will pull

- 2018 Events**
- 27th May**
Silloth Green Day
- 9th + 10th June**
Silloth Vintage Rally
- 16th June**
Abbeytown Family Fun
- 24th to 26th August**
Solfest
- 27th August**
Silloth Carnival
- 6th to 9th September**
Music & Beer Festival

Dorothy Ross Celebrates 100 Years



Dorothy Ross had a wonderful two day family reunion to celebrate her 100th birthday on 6th April at her home in Skinburness.

Grandchildren and great grandchildren came from north, south and east, and as far away as New Zealand.

There were over sixty cards and many, many flowers. Dorothy was truly overwhelmed that so many people sent their good wishes, for which she is sincerely thankful.

Pensioners Coffee Morning

Report by: Jean Day

The monthly Coffee Morning was held on 7th April in The Pensioners Hall in the Playing Field. Coffee, tea, scones and biscuits were enjoyed by all.

After a good natter the raffle was drawn and there were a lot of lovely prizes donated including wine, chocolates and biscuits. Winners today were: Maureen Grey, Freda Rumney, Beatrice

Henderson, Wilf Pollock, Maureen Carr, Isabel Gilmour, Mary Eccles, Linda McCormick, Moira Fearn and Marjorie Dockeray.

The cake stall and the bric a brac did good trade - we always welcome donations to these stalls.

The next Coffee Morning will be held on 5th May, all future dates can be found in the Diary in the Buzz.

Thanks to all who attended.

Enjoy Ukes with the RNLI

On Saturday 5th May, UKES OF ALLONBY come to St Andrew's Church Hall, Solway Street, Silloth at 7:30pm for an evening of concert and singalong.

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Causewayhead WI



Report by: Jenny Stride
Photo by: Pat Bell

At our meeting in April John Miles gave us an interesting insight into the Calvert Trust based at Keswick.

The Trust is a residential adventure centre for people of all ages and disabilities. It has two properties Old Windy Row and Little Crosthwaite. Up to 60 people can stay at the trust at any one time either as individuals, families or groups.

It costs over a £1.5million per year to run and approximately a third is raised from fees and the rest from fund raising. All activities in the sports hall and outside such as Archery, canoeing, sailing, abseiling, cycling and the zip wire have special adaptations made so that disabled people can take part. There's also a wheelchair challenge course.

John showed us slides and videos of some of the activities and included

details of how a specially adapted cycle and numerous volunteers and staff from the Trust enabled him to get his son to the top of Skiddaw. It can be expensive to stay at the centre but they also run a bursary scheme to enable some of the more disadvantaged to also take part. The Trust is helped by lots of volunteers and a buddy scheme.

After the talk the committee had provided a small buffet and a birthday cake to celebrate the 100th birthday of Dorothy Ross. After blowing out the candles Margaret Durham presented Dorothy with a small gift from the members.

Raffle winners:
Marjorie Dockeray,
Theresa Hutchinson,
Christine Warrall.

Competition winners:
1. Val Lodge, 2. Mona Kent
Flowers:
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Rainbow Bee
by Lara Gilfillan from Silloth Primary School

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The Best Days of Your Life

School days.... the best days of your life?

"I wish my school days could have dragged on a little longer, or that I could go back and do it later in life." Cara Delevingne.

"My school days were the happiest days of my life; which should give you some indication of the misery I've endured over the past twenty-five years." Paul Merton.

So the saying goes. Parents tell their children that school days are halcyon... But is that just from the perspective of life in the real world, with rose coloured spectacles on hand? And for those of us who experienced school in the dim and distant past, how much do we really know about what goes on in our children's schools nowadays – especially secondaries?

Of course school in the 21st century has changed. For the better, in many ways; but schools are under increasing pressure to perform, with exam results scrutinised under a microscope; schools are expected to deliver a wide range of experiences for students, and in today's increasingly complex and chaotic world, deal with issues of radicalisation, safeguarding concerns, the dangers of social media – all of which would seem to suggest that school is not the comfortable, protective place we maybe remember when life was more straightforward.

Or is it? We sent Catherine Penrice, vice chair of Governors at Solway Community School, back to school for a day on 15th January to find out what it is really like. She spent the day in lessons, had lunch in the canteen – and came home at 3pm with some interesting and honest observations about her day... "I spent the day with Years 7 to 10, starting with Year 9 Science. This group of children really got involved with the topic for discussion (insulation in the home, what types and then getting them to work out which types were cost effective and why), using their own experiences to answer questions and discuss with the class. They were confident and engaged with

the subject and I personally enjoyed the discussion I had with a couple of the children on the task they were completing.

Next was Year 7 English and IQ Maths. IQ (Intelligence Quotient) is an innovative 25 minute

lesson which the students have every day and is used for mastering red-line objectives in English and Maths, like times tables and reading programmes. "The class were a very enthusiastic group of children, all engaged in the task the teacher set them, they were confident to ask questions and they showed an eagerness to get the task done and they produced some excellent work using the poem Flanders Fields by John Macrae. The children had to use the language and produce a picture from this. Really impressed with the progress a lot of the children had made in the Maths IQ showing that practice does provide positive results. Some of the group are still shy but all were friendly and happy in their work and completely settled into senior school life."

Then on to Year 8 Maths. "Some bright mathematicians in this group but some with big personalities.... I asked one of the boys if he used or had a calculator, his reply was "I only use it if I really have to". This young man completed all the questions correctly not using a calculator once, which I was very impressed by as I couldn't complete the questions without one. Some of this class really knuckled down to the work, but towards the end of the lesson one child wanted to entertain, which was distracting to the others on the table. But overall this group of children were very polite and keen to learn."

Lunchtime – everyone's favourite time of the day, and Catherine is no exception. By 12:25 the students have had



Catherine Penrice

four lessons and are hungry. 99% of the students eat in school, and the canteen staff have won national awards for their dinners, all of which are cooked in house. "I looked forward to this and the catering staff didn't disappoint, just couldn't find any Grasmere ginger cake. The entire school behaved excellently at lunchtime and were respectful of each other," said Catherine.

Batteries recharged, even minus Grasmere cake, it was time to head back to lessons.

"The entire afternoon I spent with the Year 10. A very confident group of children and during English they were engaged and asking questions. Although this group are confident in asking questions and being involved in discussions, when I asked about expected grades a reply was, "but no way will I get that". It surprised me that they didn't believe in themselves even though they can clearly achieve this. Last lesson was Science. I found them a lot quieter and not sure if this was because they were not as confident in the subject to enable them to speak up, when pushed they did know the answers but you could tell in their tone the uncertainty. I did see one child not engaged in the lesson at all with a "could not care less attitude" but on writing notes when prompted did seem to understand the topic.

I have to say the children are an absolute credit to the school all polite and friendly, they have a laugh and to an outsider they all look like they enjoy school!"

And Catherine's advice to the students? "Kids, don't underestimate your

Is This Furniture Yours?



Do You Recognise These Items?

They were discovered dumped by the side of the road around Skinburness Marsh on 10th April. There are two 2-seater leather settees and a round corduroy armchair.

It makes you wonder what kind of idiot would risk a fine and court appearance to despoil our countryside when they could have simply taken them to the free Crunch Service on Skinburness Road on

Saturday 14th April. The dates for the Crunch are always printed in the Buzz.

If you are paying someone to remove your waste, you need to ask to see their waste carrier license. If they don't have one, your waste will more than likely end up despoiling the countryside - and you could get fined as it's the householder's responsibility to make sure waste is properly disposed of. As well

as issuing fines to flytippers, councils can also prosecute - the offence can carry a fine of up to £50,000 or a year-long prison sentence.

This incident has been highlighted on the Silloth Today group on facebook. If you recognise this furniture, name and shame the idiots involved. They do not deserve any sympathy as it is the rest of us who pay our council tax who now have to pay to have the tip cleaned up!



Ice Cream Bee
by Charlotte Wilson from Holm Cultram Abbey School

potential, never say I can't or I won't because you can do anything you put your mind to. Thank you for allowing me to join you for the day."

You are welcome Catherine – anytime! And the school extends its invitation to the community; a regular community roast dinner is well attended. Please contact the school office if you would like to come. And, if you would like a chance to go back to school, Headteacher Judith Schafer says please contact her at school and she would be pleased and proud to show you around.

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£1,768 Raised for Nurses

Money raised for Silloth District Nurses in memory of Leeanne

Nearly two thousand pounds has been raised to say thank you to Silloth's district nurses for the 'fantastic care' they gave a young local woman who passed away earlier this year.

Leanne Cheng-Winter sadly died on 1 January, aged 34 after a long battle with cancer. Her husband, Gary Winter, decided to raise money for the district nurses who helped to care for Leanne in her final months as a way of saying thank you for their support.

Gary said: "I wanted the money that was raised to go to the nurses to say thank you for the fantastic care that they provided. Seeing the same faces every day and getting to know the girls was really reassuring – they all became friends to Leanne and I. They always put Leanne at ease and brought a smile to her face – she looked on the bright side of life, even at the end and could always manage a smile. I did a lot of Leanne's personal care myself so knowing that the nurses were coming gave me a rest and in her final days they took over, visiting every day. Family and friends have been very generous so I think Leanne would be happy to know so much has been raised for a local team that meant so much to her."



The money raised will be used by the team to make a difference to future patients. Gemma Kerr, District Nurse in Silloth, said: "We really can't say thank you enough. We're always very appreciative of any donation but the amount that has been raised in memory of Leanne is overwhelming. We're really grateful and will decide as a team how best to spend the money so other patients can benefit."

£1,768 was raised in Leanne's memory through donations at her funeral and various fundraisers by



family and friends. Leanne was a keen netballer, playing as long as she could through her illness, and members of the Allerdale Netball Team were among those who raised funds.



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by Maisie Parker
from
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Winter Warmth Appeal

An appeal to keep older Cumbrians warm and well throughout the winter has received almost £170,000 in donations – the most ever received in one year.

More than 28,000 Cumbrians live in fuel poverty, defined as spending more than 10% of income on fuel. Cumbria Community Foundation's annual Winter Warmth Appeal has been tackling fuel poverty for the past eight years, supporting thousands of people in that time. Working in partnership with Age UK across the county, small grants are provided to the most vulnerable individuals.

Andy Beeforth, the community foundation's Chief Executive, said: "Health studies show that older people or those with disabilities are more vulnerable in cold weather because they are unable to move around to keep warm. Cold weather can make illnesses associated with respiratory and circulatory conditions far worse. Around 300 people die in Cumbria each year simply because they cannot afford to heat their home properly. We have heard from people who can only heat one room in their home for part of the day, even when temperatures are hovering around freezing outside."

Between October and March the appeal gave out more than £132,000 to just under a thousand individuals and families across the county, many of them elderly or infirm. The rest of the money will be distributed next winter so grants can be made immediately when the weather starts getting cold again.

"The response has been fantastic, people have been very generous," said Mr Beeforth. "We are so grateful to everyone who has contributed. We know these payments make a real difference to those who receive them, it really can save a life."

In West Cumbria, a 74 year old man described the grant as meaning he didn't have to wear his overcoat in the house to keep warm, he said: "I have Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and asbestosis and if the temperature drops I can't breathe properly and I can't talk. If we can keep the heating on, I can breathe and talk normally. Being a pensioner means I can't just put the heating on when I want. This grant meant I could have it on more often though and I'm very grateful for that."

A couple in their eighties from Barrow, said: "The grant meant we could replace

a broken storage heater. It cost £1,700 just for the one heater, but it is much more efficient than the old one and doesn't cost as much to run. Our electricity bills are so high around Christmas time, getting this grant meant it isn't such a worry."

A South Lakeland couple who have health and mobility problems, said: "Being a wheelchair user is limiting as we can't walk around to keep warmer in winter. We were able to split the grant between our electricity and gas meters and that meant we could keep the heating on during the day without worrying about it."

Much of the money has been raised by hundreds of individuals pledging their government Winter Fuel Payment. Donations to the appeal also came from organisations and charitable trusts, Big Sleep fundraisers as well as benefiting from £40,000 match funding from the Big Give Christmas Challenge. Since Winter Warmth Appeal first launched in 2010, the appeal has raised more than £750,000 in total for the county's older residents.

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Report by: Tim Riley & John Gorrill

Due to the tides having been fairly low recently and lots of Northerly and Easterly winds, there was very little plastics on the beach, however between all of us, we managed to fill a 1 ton bag and a half bag. I also drove down the beach and towed the big pile of fendering off a tug that was washed up as well.

Included in all that was a

car seat and a few car tyres. Also some buckets and several syringes.

John Gorrill now has two bulk bags of rubbish, including a car seat, a traffic cone and a fish crate, these are stored at the Solway AONB office. John promised to send four bulk bags to the BBC. We couldn't send the tug-boat fender because it's too big for a bulk bag. I warned Allerdale BC that it will need heavy lifting.

Report by: John Gorrill

A sunny morning brought a record turn-out of twenty-eight volunteers to a beach clean at Bowness on Solway on Saturday 24th March.

After two hours of work, the result was forty-nine black bags of rubbish, one traffic cone, a car bumper, a stuffed lion and part of a fibreglass boat. 'We've stopped wondering how these things get onto a beach,' says organiser John Gorrill,

'we simply pick them up and carry on.'

Volunteers have worked through the winter in hail storms, snow falls, storm-force winds and freezing temperatures but have never cancelled an event. 'Today was a reward for hard times in the past,' adds John, 'but volunteers are tough - we don't give up.'

The average turn-out has been fifteen people, ranging in ages from a three-year-old to the retired. Some



live close to the beach but others come from Carlisle, Penrith, Cockermouth and Whitehaven. Cleaning a beach calls for walking fitness, concentration and clothes to suit the weather but there is no heavy lifting.

This was the 24th beach clean arranged by Fix the Firth, a volunteer group devoted to cleaning the Solway shore between Bowness and Crosscanonby. There is one event per week, working at Bowness on Solway, Silloth West Beach, Wolsty Banks, Mawbray Banks, Allonby North Beach, Allonby South Beach and Crosscanonby.

The group does not

have its own website but publicises events via the What's On pages of cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk, the Volunteering section of lovemybeach.org and the pages of Solway Buzz.

New volunteers are always welcome. Fix the Firth has Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday beach cleans, normally from 10am to midday but sometimes from 1:30 – 3:30pm to avoid a morning high tide. All equipment is provided. Children are welcome with a responsible adult. Dogs are also welcome.

Enquiries please to John Gorrill, nicholasjohng@yahoo.co.uk



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Geoff Bland from Fell Close, Silloth served his national service on former Russian convoy destroyers Wilton and Opportune during 1949-1951. This was followed by three years on Special Reserve which involved three weeks annually on different ships, aircraft carriers Centaur and Albion and frigate Grafton.

These were enjoyable times for Geoff so he signed up in the RNVR for another five years.

In 1956 he was on the Porchester Castle based at Portland. In those far off days when travelling on a warrant, uniform had to be worn, and travelling back to Carlisle Geoff was in London on Cup Final Day, so he decided to go to Wembley to have a look around.

There were thousands of people without tickets and spivs were selling 3/4d (17.5p in new money) tickets for £7.

It was ten minutes to kickoff and a man approached Geoff, he said "hello Jack, would you like to go to the game, my mate hasn't tuned up, you can buy his ticket but don't turn around and sell the ticket".

Spider Bee
by
Liam Stangood
from
Silloth Primary School



Geoff emptied his pocket and came up with 3/4d, "that's near enough sailor" he said "now watch me go into entrance K".

So, Geoff saw Manchester City beat Birmingham City 3-1 for

what in today's money is about 17p. This was the game in which the German goalkeeper for Manchester, Bert Trautman, broke his neck but played on.

A truly memorable day for Geoff Bland.



The Secret Garden, Silloth



The Secret Garden Cafe and Garden Centre are a family run business based on Wigton Road, just outside Silloth. Ellen and her team always have a friendly welcome and warm smile for their customers.

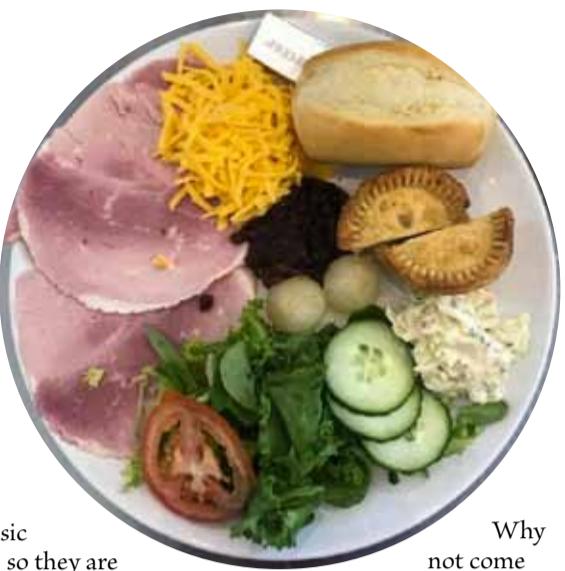
The Garden Centre has a good selection of plants, trees and shrubs, also UK manufactured garden furniture and lots of garden ornaments and statues. Large items are delivered locally at no extra charge.

The cafe has easy access, it is disabled friendly and child friendly and has the benefit of free WiFi. All of the food and cakes are made on the premises, everything from burgers to Sunday Lunches, including lemon meringue pie and sticky toffee pudding are all made here. Each day there is a special which is detailed on the board outside the cafe. The whole family take pride in their kitchen and facilities, they have a five star rating from the Food Standards Agency.

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Drummers, Wednesday 2nd May, 7:30pm at Carnegie Theatre, Workington, Tickets: £22/ £19 concession £12 U18's, T: 01900 602122 www.carnegietheatre.co.uk.

Dying Matters Let's Talk About It

Every year in May, Dying Matters host an Awareness Week to highlight the importance of talking about dying, death and bereavement. In 2018 the week will take place from the 14th to 18th May and the focus is on "What Can You Do... in your community?"

During the week the public are encouraged to discuss, with those close to them, what they want for the end of their lives. People are also encouraged to take five simple steps to make their end of life experience better, both for them and for their loved ones. These are:

- Write your will
- Record your funeral wishes

• Plan your future care and support

• Consider registering as an organ donor

• Tell your loved ones your wishes

Talking about these topics can help families to

cope and can also help make the experience of death as comfortable and peaceful as possible.

Planning your future care and support can be especially valuable in making sure your wishes are known and acted upon. If you are caring for someone who is dependent on you for help and support you can arrange to carry a Carers Emergency Card. Should the worse happen to you the card would alert others present to contact the response centre who would then take action to make sure the person you care for is looked after according to the plan you developed.

Putting a contingency plan in place is free and can give you peace of mind, contact West Cumbria Carers on 01900 821 976 and one of their Carers Support Workers will come and discuss the scheme and help you to develop your Emergency Plan.

Report by: Penny Stimson

On Saturday 17th March St Andrews Hall was decked out with flags and four leaf clovers to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

It was organised by Pauline O'Reilly and her daughter and granddaughter with help from lots of good friends. They spent the day cooking a delicious Irish stew and a family recipe of Apple Cake for pudding.

Over fifty people attended in the evening and sang along to Jazzy Jim's disco and joined in with the

Silloth RAFA line dancers who took to the floor with an energetic display of line dancing. At the end of the evening everyone was sad to leave as they were having such a great time.

Pauline would like to thank Betty who worked very hard raising funds to cover this event. In total over £450 was raised from the evening and was kindly donated to St Andrews Church to help with our renovations. It is hoped this will become a regular event each year.

St Andrews Cream Teas Raise £251



Report by: Penny Stimson

Saturday 24th March saw St Andrews Hall holding one of its delicious cream tea from 2pm to 4pm.

There was a cake stall filled with home made cakes and a tombola. The hall was full with more tables having to be brought out. Everyone had a lovely tea and we managed to raise £251 toward our renovations.

Poetic Tribute to the Crews of the Lockheed Hudson

HUDSON BAY
by Tim Barker

*When the Nazis threatened Europe all the world was called to arms
And an aerodrome was built here, among the peaceful farms;
It was not a combat station, just a work shop and a school
Where men came for instruction, and machines came for renewal.
And the town was full of guests as it had never been before,
Guests who travelled from around the world to exercise for war.*

*Men learned gunnery and bombing, navigation and the skills
How to hunt for submarines and when they found them, how to kill.
But to exercise for battle is to sit a lethal test
And failure claims the lives of both the weakest and the best;
And sixty heroes lie in graves beside the Solway Shore
Who saw the face of death before they ever faced the war.*

*Flying low over the wavetops, flying blind on moonless nights,
Sitting cold in lonely turrets, peering over cannon sights,
They flew many types of aircraft but the name that still survives
Is the fatal Lockheed Hudson, for it claimed so many lives
In the waters of the Solway, and so many went astray
That the waters of the Solway were re-christened "Hudson Bay".*

*Some were instantly recovered, some were never seen again
And many sank or drifted to be cast up now and then;
And many were so damaged that their names could not be guessed,
Flayed and broken by the ocean; and its creatures did the rest
For the creatures of the ocean take whatever comes their way,
And they reaped a royal harvest in the years of Hudson Bay.*

*Now when strangers bring their caravans to Silloth by the sea
They're looking for a holiday with peace and harmony,
And driving into town they seldom cast a second glance
At the little blocks of factories and light electric plant;
But those buildings have a history and where tourists camp today,
Other strangers came to Silloth who have never gone away.*

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*These words were originally written as lyrics for the song "Hudson Bay" with music by Craig Duggan.
They were subsequently included in the book "RAF Silloth Blue Book" compiled by Maggie Clowes, and also in the documentary film compiled by Silloth Airfield Project.*

Abbeytown Carnival Committee Family Fun Day Saturday 16th June At 1.00pm On The Recreational Field, Abbeytown FREE entertainment from Eric Stanwix | Mariola's Face Painting | Tamtaastic | Rodeo Bull | Climbing Wall | Bouncy Castle & Inflatables | Sports & More All welcome Fancy Dress Optional

Abbeytown Carnival

SILLOTH GREEN DAY 2018 SUNDAY 27TH MAY 11AM-4PM

FUNFAIR - CRAFT STALLS - FOOD STALLS - LIVE MUSIC
FAMILY DOG SHOW - KIDS ENTERTAINMENT - DONKEY RIDES
ROTARY SHOWCASE - FACE PAINTING & GLITTER TATTOOS
FOOD STALL - FREE ENTRY - & MUCH MUCH MORE

Rotary Silloth Green Silloth Green

Abbeytown Carnival Committee Duck Race At 11.00am On Saturday 16th June At 'The Big Beck' Abbeytown Ducks £1.00 each (All monies raised go towards the free family fun day) Cash Prizes to be won! Winners will be announced at the Free Family Fun Day

Ducks available from Harrison's Store, Abbeytown Post Office And Carnival Committee Members

Abbeytown Carnival

Silloth Welcomes Our New Hudson Memorial



Report by: Wendy Jameson
Silloth Town Clerk

The Hudson Bomber saluted by the RAFA

On Sunday 1st April 2018, to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Royal Air Force, a new feature was unveiled on Silloth Green.

Councillor Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth welcomed everyone to the ceremony which was well attended, with a broad range of people from Silloth and from further afield, on what was a lovely Spring day. He talked about the Hudson Bomber project, about Silloth's history and the role of the airfield during WWII.

Silloth Airfield was opened in June 1939, just before the start of WWII, and closed on 31st December 1960. It was originally designed to be used by RAF Maintenance Command, 22MU, but was handed over to Coastal Command during November 1939. No1 (Coastal) Operational Training Unit (OTU) was responsible for training pilots and crews from the UK and

Allied countries.

To celebrate the town's involvement in WWII and to support Silloth's 'in Bloom' activities, Silloth Tourism Action Group had the idea of a permanent structure based on the shape of a WWII Hudson plane. Cllr. Markley approached Gen2, the Cumbrian training provider at Lillyhall, to enquire if their talented apprentices could construct a replica Lockheed Hudson plane, as one of their annual projects. The apprentices successfully built the plane which was put on display during Apprentices week in March.

Gen2 has been named Apprenticeship Provider of the Year at the inaugural Annual Apprenticeship Conference which is a brilliant achievement. The plane has been gifted to the people of Silloth and is a welcome addition to the Green. The plane is sited above a new raised

flower bed, built by the Town Council's grounds maintenance team, to be planted up with colourful summer bedding in the shape of an RAF roundel.

The new feature is sited opposite the Silloth RAFA club on Petteril Street which is the only remaining RAFA Club in Cumbria. The RAFA Association was well represented at the ceremony, with members from Silloth, Penrith, Cockermouth and Carlisle branches in attendance, displaying their Ceremonial Standards. Representatives from RAF



Hudson Bomber under construction at the Gen2 Training Centre



Spadeadam were also at the ceremony.

The project has been funded with a Community Grant from Cumbria County Council and a kind donation by the family of a former aero engineer, Rex Morris, who served at 22MU Silloth during the War.

After the plane was unveiled, a moving poem entitled 'Hudson Bay' written and narrated by Tim Barker was played. Tragically, a large number of Lockheed Hudson aircraft and their crews, who had crashed during take-off or approach to the wartime

airfield of Silloth ended up in the Solway, resulting in it being renamed locally as 'Hudson Bay'.

Refreshments after the ceremony were provided by Silloth RAFA club, with a specially commissioned



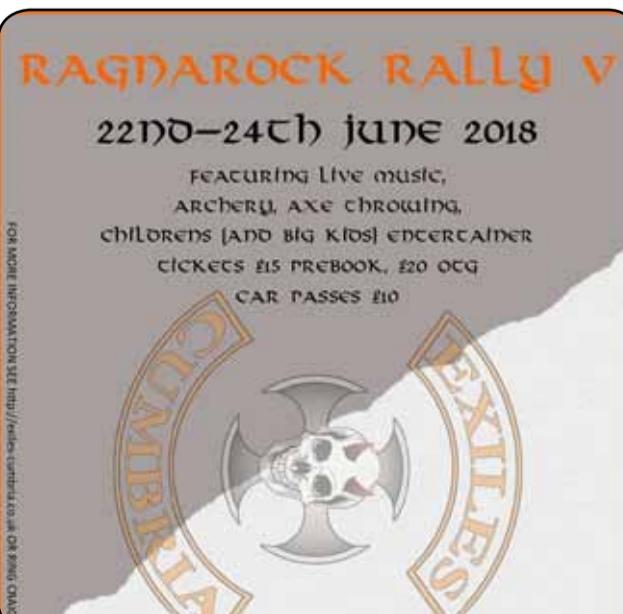
Hudson Bomber by Tom Wood



Hudson Bomber by Craig Wilson



Flag Bearers leaving Silloth RAFA Club



Mayor Tony Markley welcoming everyone



CAN YOU VOLUNTEER FOR THE RNLI?
You don't even have to get wet!

We are recruiting now for a
VOLUNTEER
LIFEBOAT PRESS OFFICER
At Silloth Lifeboat Station

Could you support the work of the station by building friendly relationships with local media and keeping the community informed of operational activity through a range of channels? Do you have good communication, writing and IT skills? Then this could be the role for you.

This is a great opportunity to make a difference in your community, meet new people and use your skills to support the RNLI.

Please visit our website to apply online www.rnli.org/volroles Or phone 07786 668829 to find out more.



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Doors Open Lunch

'Our Doors Open' meets in St Andrews Church every Tuesday from noon to 1pm for a light lunch with good fellowship for a donation only.

First Responders

Silloth Community First Responders train on the first and third Tuesday of every month in Silloth Community Centre at 7pm.

NatWest Mobile

The NatWest Bank mobile van will be outside Silloth Community Centre on Fridays only from 9:50am to 11am

Blencogo Art Group

Every Monday from 1:30-4:30pm in Blencogo Village Hall where members help each other. Refreshments provided, regular outings, tel 016973 61158 or 61327

Bridge Group

Meet on Wednesday evenings from 7 till 9pm, at the Golf Club to play Duplicate. Information from mike.md@btinternet.com.

**Are these entries all up to date
If not - please let us know**

Christ Church

For Christ Church baptisms and other church related business please contact:
Rev Bryan Rothwell
The Vicarage, Wigton Road
Tel: 016973 31413

Martial Arts

Silloth Dragons
Mixed Martial Arts Club train in Christ Church Hall on Thursdays
under 12's 6:45pm to 7:30pm
12's & over 7:30pm to 8:30pm
Keep Fit 8:30pm to 9pm
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
For further details contact Stephen on 07811 761033

Abbeytown Library

Abbeytown mobile library will stop outside the Wheatsheaf Inn at 1pm for an hour every Monday

Production Team

Proprietor:
Peter McRobert
Barn Cottage
Skinburness, CA7 4RA
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office@solwaybuzz.co.uk

Editorial Content
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When sending articles in, please supply a contact name and number in case something requires clarification.
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If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note the next copy date.

Silloth Tots/Toddlers

Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in the Children's Centre, Silloth and is open to all children aged from 0 to 4 accompanied by a parent/carer. Sessions are on Wednesdays: 10pm to 11:30am term time only. Entry is £1 per family and this includes refreshments All Welcome Call in for a friendly chat

Sewing Circle

Have you clothes you don't wear - don't like or don't fit properly? Come along to Silloth Sewing Circle on a Thursday afternoon from 12pm to 4pm at St Andrews Church Hall opposite the Co-op. We will teach you to alter and make cloths and furnishings for the family. Just £2 and you get tea/coffee and biscuits. 016973 31915

Clubbercise Dance

Stanwix Park Holiday Centre
The Sunset Inn,
Every TUESDAY
5:45pm to 6:45pm.
Glow sticks, 90's to present day dance hits.
Just Show up!
Call Gayle 07725 990062 for more information.

Friendship Hour

Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Eden Street Friendship Hour is on alternate Thursdays at 1:45pm. Warm fellowship, refreshments, and good speakers. All welcome

Football Training

Silloth Football Club
(Mini Gulls under 7 years)
Sundays at 10:30 to 11:30am at Silloth A.F.C.

Contact

Geoff Grainger 016973 43370

Under 11's Training
Tuesdays 4pm to 5pm at Silloth A.F.C.
Contacts Martin Slack & Paul Mulgrew 07526 665759

Open to boys and girls. Cost £2
Membership forms available from all coaches.

Men's Team
Silloth over 35's matches on Monday evenings May to end of August. Contact Phillip Scott 07712 549070

Abbeytown Girls

Abbeytown Sports Field
Wednesdays 4-5pm

Silloth Tennis Club

For coaching information call David Wise on 07742 547767

Abbey Monthly Munch

Holme Cultram Abbey Monthly Munch on first Thursday each month at 12 noon, only £4

Dementia Cafe

To be held in
WIGTON METHODIST CHURCH
1st Monday in month
10am - 12 noon
For people with dementia and their carers
Coffee, cake, chat....and more

Dates for the Diary

May

2nd Parkinson's UK meeting at Wheyrigg Hall at 11am, lunch at 12:15pm, all welcome, speaker Rosalind Smith on Tai Chi Exercises Tel: 016973 52527

5th Beach Clean 10am to Noon at Bowness on Solway Meet near Shore Gate House at east end of village

5th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Eden St Recreation Hall

5th Ukuleles of Allonby at St Andrew's Church Hall at 7:30pm, tickets £6 inc Pie & Pea supper, bar available, tel 016973 31502

8th Beach Clean 10am to Noon at Allonby South Beach. Meet in Allonby's southern car park

8th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

9th WI Meeting in Community Hall at 7:15pm

14th Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall 7pm

16th Police Drop In at Silloth Local Links 2pm-4pm

19th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

19th Beach Clean 10am to Noon at Allonby North Beach. Meet in Allonby's northern car park

19th Silloth Carnival Committee Coffee Morning 10am-Noon in St Andrews Hall

20th Plants, Produce & Craft Fair in Mawbray Village Hall 10am to 4pm

24th Beach Clean 10am to Noon at Silloth West Beach. Meet in West Beach car park

27th Silloth Green Day 11am to 4pm on Silloth Green + Water Park Switch-On

Please note that articles, letters and virtually all content of the Solway Buzz are contributed by YOU, the local community. The Editor reserves the right to control what is included, however, no responsibility whatsoever for the content of the Solway Buzz can be accepted by the Editor, or the Publishers.

Civic Amenity Sites

Operated by Cumbria County Council. Tel: 01228 606060
Maryport Tip, tel 01900 66922 open daily 8am to 6pm
Wigton Tip, tel 016973 45617 open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 6pm

Arthritis Support

Wigton Area Arthritis Support Group meet on 1st Friday each month at Fair View Court, Wigton @ 1:30pm

Breast-feeding Group

Mondays 10am to 11:30am Wigton Bowling Club, West Road, Wigton
Have a cup of tea and meet other breast-feeding mums. Support and advice is available from trained Breast-feeding Peer Supporters and from Health Visitors or Midwives. For more information call Wigton Health Visitors: 016973 66608

June

2nd Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning & Eve's Fashions in Eden St Recreation Hall

2nd Beach Clean 10am to Noon at Mawbray Banks Beach. Meet in car park off B5300 opposite village

4th Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall 7pm

6th Parkinson's UK meeting at Wheyrigg Hall at 11am, lunch at 12:15pm, all welcome, speaker Steve Viney on Musical Extravaganza Tel: 016973 52527

8th Funky Town Festival at Stanwix Park

9th Silloth Vintage Rally

9th Funky Town Festival at Stanwix Park

9th Quiz Night in St Andrews Hall with finger buffet

9th Dalston Male Voice Choir & The Gala Trio in Holme Cultram Abbey at 7pm, £10 T: 016973 31413 / 61224

9th Silloth Vintage Rally

10th Funky Town Festival at Stanwix Park

13th WI Meeting in Community Hall at 7:15pm

16th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

16th Abbeytown Family Fun Day and Duck Race

17th Low-Tide shorewalk in Allonby Bay at 9am Tel: 016973 21967

14th Low-Tide shorewalk in Allonby Bay at 8:30am Tel: 016973 21967

14th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

22nd Ragnarock Rally V at Silloth Rugby Club

23rd Ragnarock Rally V at Silloth Rugby Club

24th Ragnarock Rally V at Silloth Rugby Club

RNLI Shop

SILLOTH LIFEBOAT STATION SHOP OPENING HOURS

May & June
Saturday 11am - 4pm
Sunday 11am - 4pm
Monday 1pm - 4pm
Tuesday 1pm - 4pm
Wednesday 11am - 4pm
Thursday 1pm - 4pm
Friday 1pm - 4pm

Our shop is staffed entirely by volunteers and may not open at the advertised time. We do apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Crafting Group

Interested in crafting? come along to Silloth Crafting Group on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm at St Andrews Church Hall.
We are a well established group, friendly people with a variety of crafting talents-willing to share their knowledge. Enjoy the chat and learn from the other crafters , or just sit and chat.

Coast Bus Timetable

60E Maryport to Skinburness the current timetable is available from Silloth Tourist Office or Winters Newsagents or www.ellenvalecoaches.co.uk/service-60e.html

July

2nd Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall 7pm

4th Parkinson's UK meeting at Wheyrigg Hall at 11am, lunch at 12:15pm, all welcome, for a chat Tel: 016973 21967

7th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Eden St Recreation Hall

7th American Night in St Andrews Hall with Ukelele Band & Buffet, 7pm to 9:30pm

11th WI Meeting in Community Hall at 7:15pm

14th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

14th Strawberry Teas 2-5pm at Holm Cultram Abbey

15th Strawberry Teas 2-5pm at Holm Cultram Abbey

25th Police Drop In at Silloth Local Links 2pm-4pm

August

1st Parkinson's UK meeting at Wheyrigg Hall at 11am, lunch at 12:15pm, all welcome, speaker Stephen White on Solway Steam Tel: 016973 52527

3rd Police Drop In at Silloth Local Links 2pm-4pm

6th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Eden St Recreation Hall

11th WI Meeting in Community Hall at 2pm

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

13th Deadline Auction in St Andrews Hall, 2pm to 4pm

November

3rd Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Eden St Recreation Hall

5th Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall 7pm

7th Parkinson's UK meeting at Wheyrigg Hall at 11am, lunch at 12:15pm, all welcome, speaker Frank Mawby on Watch Tree Nature Reserve Tel: 016973 52527

8th WI Meeting in Community Hall at 2pm

10th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

13th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

23rd Fimbulvere Rally at Solway Holiday Village

Errors do occur in Dates for the Diary Please check before attending an event

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

Children's Centre

Opening hours are 9am to 3pm on a Tuesday and Thursday, when a member of staff would hope to be present.
Other Room usage is subject to fulfilling certain criteria and must be arranged and pre booked.
Contact numbers:
Silloth 016973 31509
Wigton 016973 43870
Aspatria 016973 23401

Buzzing Letters

Dear Buzz,

May I note the decision of 25th March at Silloth Town Council not to go ahead with the government proposals to develop a nuclear underground depository on the Silloth plain. Without criticising the decision or the people on Silloth Town Council may I offer an alternative point of view.

For many millions of years the atmosphere has contained 280 parts per million carbon in the atmosphere until the industrial revolution, since then it has increased to 410 parts per million and its rise is accelerating every year a product of burning increasing quantities of coal, gas and oil (carbon fuel).

Scientists have known for more than a hundred years that if you put carbon into the atmosphere you change the chemical composition of the earth in such a way as to increase its temperature. If only 10% of the ice on the islands of Greenland and Antarctica were to melt as a result of the rise in temperature Silloth would be underwater. If I had to choose between a nuclear accident in West Cumbria and the consequences of global warming I would choose to have a nuclear accident every time. However there is an alternative Land Base turbines and solar panels also produce low carbon energy, it is cheaper than nuclear the kind poor people like you and me can afford.

When the time comes and Land Base wind turbines and solar panels are proposed on Silloth plain I hope that Silloth Town Council will look favourably upon them as if the survival of Silloth depends upon them as indeed it does.

Roy Ivinson

CORRECTION

Please note Allerdale Borough Council no longer provide dog bags at any of their offices and have not done so for about a year.

Dear Buzz,



"Unfortunately I was unsuccessful of being voted into the UK Youth Parliament (I came 3rd out of 9 candidates, narrowly missing out by less than 10 votes on being voted Deputy Member of Youth Parliament). I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all my peers at Solway Community Technology College and surrounding schools for taking the time to read my manifesto and vote for me. My thanks also to the teachers at Solway Community Technology College for allowing me to have this opportunity, I hope I made the school proud. Finally, thank you to my family for their constant support and transporting me to various meetings across the district. I am still continuing to be an active member of Allerdale & Copeland Youth Council as I passionately believe the voices of the young people of Cumbria need to be heard."

Max Brough
Year 10
Solway Community Technology College

Dear Buzz,

I would like to say a big thank you to the Wheatsheaf Inn, Abbeytown for making our family gathering for my partner Sid's 80th birthday such an enjoyable evening. We all enjoyed an excellent meal. The staff were so efficient and helpful. Thank you once again, we will certainly be coming back.

Yours sincerely,
Joan Bennett

Dear Buzz,

I now know with the help of son Neil and the wonders of Google that the Captain of my 1984 Concorde flight as featured last month was Norman A. Britton. Some people have asked me for the names of the people on the 1958 flight to the I.O.M. TT races. The only one I know for sure is my very good friend the late Ian Pearson of Blackdyke Farm. He is on far right of the photo, I am next to him. Notice the dress code for a motor-cycle race !! Fashion always changes.

Lawrence Marshall

Dear Buzz,

I would like to say a BIG thank you to my daughter Marion Messenger for the lovely surprise afternoon tea she organised, made and hosted for my 90th birthday. Also to my daughter Christine for leaving the hot and sunny climates of Australia to come over to freezing snow and ice in Silloth to take me on a lovely and very interesting holiday to Marrakech. I would also like to thank all of my friends and family for the lovely gifts, cards and well wishes received.

Isabel Gilmour

This month the winner is Gabriel Gibson from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee drawing called "Flying Bee". Well done!

Do you have a poem or letter for the buzz? We welcome all submissions, there is no charge. Please remember to include your contact information.



Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered Kids Rucksack 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. Return to your school, or the Discovery Centre, or post to the address on page 10 (large stamp) and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered Rucksack 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 the Buzz, our address on page 10.

Over 96% of Children Get First Choice of Primary School

Cumbria County Council's School Admissions team can confirm over 96% of children starting primary school in September 2018 have been awarded their first choice. Almost 99% were offered a place at their first, second or third choice.



Starting school – September 2018

Out of 4,489 applicants resident in Cumbria who applied by the closing date, 4,330 were offered a place at their first preference school.

96.5% of parents/carers were offered a place at their first preference school, with 98.9% of parents/carers securing an offer at their first, second or third preference (providing second/third preferences were given).

Transfer to junior or primary school - September 2018

Out of 1,046 applicants resident in Cumbria who applied for a Year 3 place in September 2018 by the closing date, 99.4% were offered their first preference school.

All applicants

who followed the recommended process of providing more than one preference were allocated one of their chosen schools.

Cllr Sue Sanderson, Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning, said: "It's great news

that the vast majority of pupils have secured a place at their first choice school. Cumbria is a fantastic place to grow up and an important part of that is ensuring children can attend the schools their parents and carers want them to go to. While most will be very pleased with the result of their applications, where places have been refused, applicants have the right of appeal to an independent admission appeal panel."

Details of how to submit an appeal have been included with the notification letters.

If any applicants have changed their mind since requesting a school place they are advised to contact the school admissions team either via email at school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk or on 01228 221582.

Poems

Don't Wish For Something Else
by Penny Stimson

I thought I'd hibernate
As some animals do
To spend the winter
I would sleep through.

No going out
In wind and rain
Battling the element
Totally insane.

I would dream of a beach
With a bright shining sun
Someone to wait on me
Nothing to be done.

Each day I'd sunbathe
Lead on the sand
With pinacoladas
One in each hand.

Then I thought wait!
A week or two
Would be delightful
But then you'd be blue.

You'd miss the robin
Who visits each day
The time you spend
Watching him play.

The icy mornings
Everything white
Tree's covered in frost
A glistening sight.

Or sat by the fire
On a cold winters night.
These are the things
Which are a delight.

And friends that call
For a cup of tea
And neighbours who wave
"Hello" to me.

What's a little rain
Wind or snow
When you have lovely friends
And people you know.

So don't want something different
Or you will find
The things you wish better
Are not as good as you left behind.



Non-Commercial Tourism Websites

solwaybuzz.co.uk
sillothgreen.co.uk
sillothonsolway.co.uk
sillothgolfclub.co.uk
vintagerally.co.uk
sillothbeerfestival.co.uk
silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk
visitcumbria.com/wc/silloth
soldiersinsilloth.co.uk
solwayplain.co.uk/silloth1.htm
facebook.com/sillothgreen
facebook.com/silloth-carnival

Any other suggestions of sites useful for our visitors, please send them to the Buzz at: office@solwaybuzz.co.uk

Masthead Bee Winner

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Remember – you can join the library, search the library catalogue, renew and request books online at cumbria.gov.uk/libraries. Visit Silloth Library in the Discovery Centre

Silloth Local Link & Tourist Information Opening Times

Monday 9:30am-12:30pm
 1pm-4:30pm
 Tuesday CLOSED
 Wed 9:30am-12:30pm
 1pm-4:30pm
 Thursday CLOSED
 Friday 9:30am-12:30pm
 1pm-4:30pm
 Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm
 Sunday CLOSED
 Tel: 016973 31944

Silloth Library Opening Times

Monday 10-1pm 2-4pm
 Tuesday CLOSED
 Wednesday 10-1pm 2-4pm
 Thursday CLOSED
 Friday 10-1pm 2-4pm
 Saturday 10-1pm
 Sunday closed
 Tel: 016973 31944

**Aerial Services**

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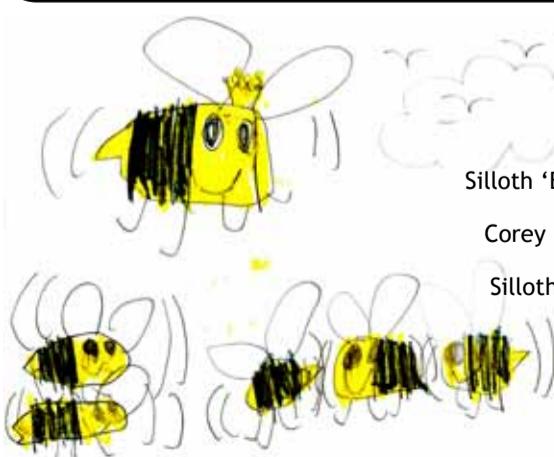
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Silloth 'B' School
by
Corey Hoodless
from
Silloth Primary School

From the Baltic to Silloth Dock

Report & Photos by:

John Forrester

More coverage of shipping at Silloth can be found at www.cumbriashipphotos.weebly.com

The arrival of the general cargo vessel was accompanied by a bitterly cold easterly wind on a bright Spring afternoon. Understandably only a few well wrapped up enthusiasts turned out. WILSON TEES had set off from the Baltic port of Klaipeda a week earlier with a cargo of fertiliser. She had stopped off at Invergordon to unload part of the cargo before a further three day sailing to Silloth.

Entry to Marshall Dock is always a challenge for the pilot. He has to gauge tidal

flow, water depth and wind direction before making his move. Once the decision is made he only gets one chance at the manoeuvre. Experience is invaluable as conditions at the dock entrance are never the same on two consecutive days. On this occasion an approach from the north was chosen and the ship eased gently around the dock wall. Once berthed, the hatches were soon opened ready for unloading to begin.

Ships from the WILSON fleet are generally maintained to high standard and TEES was no exception. She made an excellent subject to photograph in good light on her first visit. Vessels from the Norwegian

company's fleet of more than one hundred are regulars at the port.

Many are named after European rivers and ports. I

keep reminding my contact at Wilson that either of the names 'Silloth' or 'Solway' would look good on any new addition to the fleet.

March Shipping at the Port of Silloth

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

March

5th RMS Rahm from Sligo with a cargo of logs, departed on the 6th to Sea for Orders.

6th Wilson Belfast from St Nazaire with a cargo of wheat, departed on the 7th to Kilroot.

19th Wilson Tees from Sligo with a cargo of fertiliser, departed on the 20th to Newport.

19th Zapadnyy from Bremen with a cargo of molasses, departed on the 21st to Klaipeda.

21st Marjatta from Ayr with a cargo of fertiliser, departed on the 22nd to Belfast.

22nd RMS Rahm from Sligo with a cargo of logs, departed on the 23rd to Campbeltown.

Regular visits by TN Trawlers Ptarmigan, Noordzee, George Lou-N and Philomena over this month.

Silloth Tide Tables

		SILLOTH							
Date		DEPTHES ON NEW DOCK GAUGE (1.8m ABOVE CD)							
		High Water				Low Water			
		Morning	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon	Morning	m	Time	m
		Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	TU	00 12	7.3	12 28	7.1	07 13	-1.1	19 35	-1.1
2	W	00 45	7.1	13 04	7.0	07 48	-1.0	20 07	-1.0
3	TH	01 19	7.0	13 39	6.6	08 21	-0.9	20 37	-0.7
4	F	01 54	6.6	14 15	6.3	08 52	-0.6	21 04	-0.4
5	SA	02 30	6.3	14 52	5.9	09 23	-0.4	21 35	-0.1
6	SU	03 11	5.9	15 37	5.3	09 58	-0.1	22 14	0.3
7	M	04 01	5.4	16 33	4.9	10 44	0.2	23 05	0.5
8	TU	05 04	5.0	17 46	4.5	11 45	0.4		
9	W	06 22	4.9	19 08	4.7	00 17	0.7	13 03	0.4
10	TH	07 33	5.1	20 15	5.0	01 39	0.6	14 18	0.2
11	F	08 32	5.5	21 06	5.5	02 48	0.3	15 19	-0.2
12	SA	09 20	6.1	21 49	6.1	03 46	-0.1	16 14	-0.5
13	SU	10 01	6.5	22 27	6.6	04 37	-0.5	17 02	-0.8
14	M	10 42	7.0	23 06	7.1	05 24	-0.8	17 48	-1.1
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Blencogo & District Village Hall Produce Show

To be held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Saturday 1st September 2018

Admission 50p. School children free. Refreshments available. Auction of produce and donated Prizes
10am -11.30: Staging. 11.30-1.45pm Hall closed for Judging. 2pm Hall opens to public. 3.30pm Presentation of Trophies.
Entry is open to all. Entry fee 30p per item, Children classes are now 20p per item, Prizes 1st £1.50, 2nd £1, 3rd 50p

Now is the time to prepare, any questions tel Linda 07538 027936 or Judith 016973 61051

Flowers

1. Fuchsia Pot Plant.
2. Foliage Pot Plant.
3. Handmade table decoration.
4. Best perfumed rose (does not have to be perfect as scent is more important)
5. Vase of sweet Peas.
6. 3 Dahlias.
7. Button hole for a lady.
8. 4 Pansy on a saucer.
9. Smallest flower you
10. Vase of mixed Garden Flowers.
11. Four fresh herbs in a tumbler
12. 3 free range eggs (one egg cracked into a saucer) (laid from own chickens).
13. 3 onions.
14. 4 Potatoes.
15. 3 Varieties of vegetables



can find in your garden cultivated or not.

not in the schedule.

16. 3 Carrots.
17. 4 Tomatoes - any variety.
18. 4 Cherry Tomatoes
19. 5 Green Beans.
20. 3 Beetroot.
21. Selection of Home grown fruit in a bowl (not exceeding 7).
22. 3 Dessert Apples.

Wine / Liqueur

23. Bottle of Red Wine
24. Bottle of White Wine.

Bakery

25. Loaf of bread (machine or handmade).
26. 3 Chocolate Muffins.
27. 3 Cookies.
28. 3 Pieces of Gingerbread.
29. Victoria jam sponge cake
30. Egg & Bacon pie (on a saucer).
31. 4 Pieces of Flap Jack
32. 3 Drop Scones
33. Homemade Chutney (label)
34. Jar of Jam (label)
35. Jar of Marmalade.
36. Jar of Honey

Handicrafts

37. Photo with caption no larger than 8"x 6".
38. Photo of a waterfall.
39. A handmade card (Xmas

theme).

40. Picture in cross stitch.
41. Handmade wooden item.
42. Hand painted picture (any medium).
43. Dressed doll in homemade clothes.
44. Any article made by Lady or Gent.
45. Pick up and bring an unusual bottle opener.

Children (must display age)

46. 4 cheese straws.
47. A handmade memo board.
48. An item made by a boy or girl.
49. Handwritten Poem of your choice. (ages up to 5yrs and including 5yrs) (Please include age).
50. Handwritten invitation to a sleep over. (age 6years and above) (Please include age).
51. Largest Sunflower head, (diameter of the head.)
52. Pick up and bring a novelty pencil sharpener.
53. A4 Pencil drawing of a clown.
54. Design a poster advertising next year's produce show.



Cyrr Bee
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BEIS are proposing to open the search process to allow anyone to volunteer, even a member of the public, a farmer or a business. They can do this behind closed doors, with no requirement to make public their expression of interest during the first few months. A process being presented as 'open and transparent' appears to fall a long way short. In stark contrast to the flexible approach by which areas can enter the process, if they later wish to withdraw, they are obliged to follow a much more complex and convoluted procedure in order to be allowed to leave. However the most alarming aspect

of the proposal is that the first and only test of public support does not happen until some twenty years after the process starts. During this time the community will have to endure a programme of borehole drilling and other intrusive investigations lasting a decade or more.

The last time this borehole programme happened was in the 1990's with Nirex, and that led Jamie Reed, MP at the time and prominent nuclear advocate, to declare in 2006 "The experience of Nirex endured by my community in the mid-1990s was so wretched that I was minded to entitle this debate 'fear and loathing'. He continued "As long as I have anything to do with it Nirex will never dig another sod of turf in West Cumbria."

What BEIS are proposing will again potentially expose a community to this experience, and with no mechanism for the public to halt the process. Instead any right of withdrawal rests with a defined Community Partnership. Without regular tests of public support, the Community Partnership appears not to be answerable to the public.

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'Be Water Aware' Campaign

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If you are going for a walk or run near water stick to proper pathways and stay clear of the water's edge

Make sure conditions are safe, avoid walking or running near water in the dark, slippery or in bad weather

If you've had alcohol don't enter the water, avoid walking alone and avoid routes near water

Never enter the water to try and help a person or animal - always call 999 and use any water rescue equipment if it is available

If you are spending time near water - whether at home or abroad make sure you are familiar with local safety information

What to do if someone falls into deep water

Call 999 or 112 straightaway. If you don't have a phone shout for help - you may have to look for help but do not enter the water

If you are near the coast ask for the coastguard, if you are inland ask for fire service and ambulance

The emergency services

will need to know where you are.

Accurate information can save precious minutes. If you have a smart phone and have location services or map tool enabled, this can help. If not look around for any landmarks or signs - for example bridges will often have numbers on them which can identify their location.

Don't hang up - stay on the line but try and continue to try to help the person if appropriate

Encourage them to try and float on their back - if there is rescue equipment nearby throw it to them

When you have made the call shout for help from anyone who might be close by.

Human nature says you are likely to want to attempt to help while rescue services are on their way. Never ever enter the water to try and save someone. This usually ends up adding to



the problem. If you go into the water you are likely to suffer from cold water shock which will leave you unable to help even if you are a strong swimmer.

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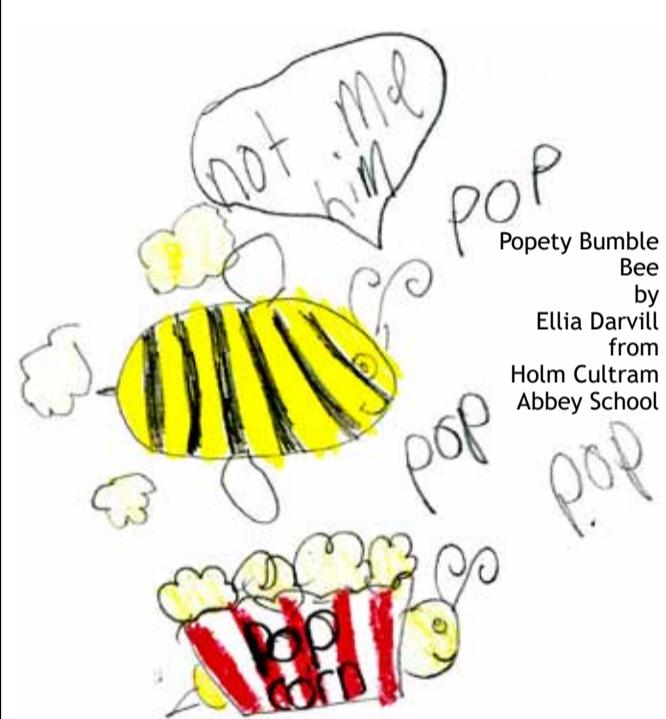
airways clear, push your stomach up and extend your limbs moving hands and feet to help you float.

Try to take and control the effects of cold water shock such as the gasping reflex. Once your breathing is controlled call for help and if possible try making your way towards safety.

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Silloth Seagulls Relegated!

Report by: Mr C Gull

Heading into the final game of what has been an extremely disappointing league campaign the Seagulls found themselves rooted to the foot of the table but remarkably still with a slim chance to avoid relegation from the Premier League. The permutations were many and would require numerous other results to go their way but any survival hopes demanded nothing less than victory at fellow strugglers Cockermouth which unfortunately Silloth could not deliver.

With both teams (as well as Cleator Moor Celtic Reserves) propping up the table on eight points this was a must win fixture for both sides, the proverbial 'six-pointer' as they say. It was Cockermouth who were quickest out of the traps and the home side dominated possession as the Seagulls struggled to get any kind of foothold in the game. Cockermouth took a deserved early lead and spurned a host of other great chances to put the game to bed by half time. Silloth would make them pay for their profligacy in front of goal with a superbly worked equaliser from a long throw. Right full-back Eddie Mullins timed his run into the box to perfection as he latched on to an Ellis Gardhouse flick-on and confidently smashed the ball home for his first ever goal for the Seagulls. The pattern of the match stayed the same though and Cockermouth were still the side in control. It was no surprise that they soon regained their one goal advantage but Silloth were not yet ready to throw in the towel and a set play yet again proved their route back into the game. An over hit corner looked to have been a wasted opportunity for the Seagulls but flying winger Spencer Irving showed great strength and determination to out muscle the defenders and keep the ball in play. He then delivered a pinpoint cross into the six yard box which was clinically finished by the 'Rocket' Kieran Little (man of the match). Two apiece at half time and game on.

The Silloth players knew



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this final 45 minutes of the season would be their most important and they started the second period with a dynamism that had so far been lacking from their play. It was now the Seagulls who were dominating the midfield battles and looked the much more likely side to go on and claim those vital three points. The narrative of the match would decisively change in Cockermouth's favour though on the back of two decisions from the referee. Whilst spearheading yet another incursion into enemy territory Silloth's cultured midfielder Nico Watt was crudely felled from behind. Instead of awarding the Seagulls an obvious free-kick the ref waved play on and from the resulting counter-attack Cockermouth took the lead. The hammer blow came soon after as Silloth lost their keeper to a straight red card for handling outside the box. It was the correct decision but no blame can be aimed at Luke Stockdale for what was just an instinct reaction to a ball blasted at him from close range. This was an unfortunate way to end a season for a player who has once again been outstanding for the Seagulls.

Trailing by a goal and down to ten men any lingering hope of achieving the vital victory that could help Silloth avoid the drop was fading fast. That isn't to say players let their heads drop but Cockermouth used the man advantage effectively to re-assert the dominance they had showed in the first half. The Seagulls battled hard until the final whistle but by that time three more goals had been conceded. The game was lost 6-2 and so was Silloth's Premier League status.

A match that mirrored the season as a whole which had promised so much

after the success of last year but ended in bitter disappointment of relegation and continued the unwanted trend of the Seagulls being a yo-yo club. Since 2012 Silloth have been promoted three times (twice as Division One champions) and relegated three times, with last years highest ever Premier League finish of 3rd being the only top flight season in that period that hasn't ended with the drop. Next season the rebuilding process begins again where every player will have to put the hard yards in if the Seagulls are to have any chance of returning to the Premier League.



Skipper Dan Foster

It was double disappointment for Silloth as skipper Dan Foster was playing his last game for the club. Dan has been a stalwart of the side for the last six years, captaining the side to both our Division One and Divisional Cup double in 2013/14 and our unbeaten Division One title in 2015/16, the Invincigulls. He was also an integral part of our Benevolent Cup winning side of last season that also finished third in the Premier League and reached the quarter-final of the County Cup, Dan's third trip to that stage of the competition with the Seagulls! Dan always lead by example on the pitch, a centre-half who ranks up there with the finest that have ever pulled on the Silloth blue and in this correspondents view the player of the season by a

country mile. I'd just like to wish Dan all the best for the future and let him know he is always welcome back at the club.

So another season draws to a close and while there had been precious little to celebrate on the pitch the club is still extremely fortunate for the people who stand by the team through thick and thin. First off we must thank the fans who create a great atmosphere when the Seagulls grace the Eden Street Bastion. The players know they haven't given you much to shout about this year but really appreciate the dedicated support all the same and will try their upmost to bring the good times back next season. Next up is everybody who has sponsored the club and generously supported all of the club's fund raising activities, with special mention going to long time friend of Silloth A.F.C Lindsay Scott.

As always the club committee has been outstanding especially Stephen Hart puts great pride in keeping our pitch marked and in tip-top condition. Our playing surface is the envy of the league. Last, but not least the club, and most especially the players, owe manager Colin Baty a great debt of thanks. Yet again he has worked tirelessly for the team and his enthusiasm has never waned even when results have not been great. Through his efforts the players had the opportunity to train twice a week (both indoors and outside) throughout the entire season and despite numerous players each week being either unavailable or injured never once did he let the Seagulls take the field with anything less than a full squad. His determination and dedication to the cause is a shining example to the players of what they must emulate to ensure that next season brings more success on the pitch than the last.

That wraps up the 2017/18 season for Silloth A.F.C. Once again thanks for all your support and we hope you will join us in August as the Seagulls begin their march onwards and upwards to glory!

Abbeytown Football Club Riding High



Report by: Carol Harrison

We are coming to the business end of the season and Abbeytown u14 girls are 12 points clear at top of the table with four games remaining. They are also heading to Brunton Park to contest the League Cup Final after beating a very physical Castletown Town 4-1. Goals from Abbie Woodburn and a Lucy Carr hat trick sent them on their way.

The County Cup is hotting up as well. Abbeytown have a home semi final against Whitehaven, giving them three great chances of silverware.

Abbeytown u12 girls are also in the semi final of the County Cup Trophy and the semi final of the League Cup and after a slow start to the league are now climbing up the table to fourth. Just behind them in

fifth is Abbeytown Athletic u12 girls (these girls are all a year younger) they are growing as the season goes on after losing their first four games. They are unbeaten in the league since they are also in the semi final of the County Cup Shield which is a excellent effort, considering they are the youngest team.

Abbeytown u10 girls are proving to be a team of stars being well coached by Abbie Wharton. They were beaten on penalties in the County Futsal Competition after their opponents scored in the last kick of normal time to force the shoot-out. They are also going to Brunton Park with a good chance of a trophy there. We are looking to set up an u16s team next year and are a couple of players short (Year 11 and 10). If interested contact our facebook page Abbeytown JFC.



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