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All Change at Allerdale Council



Deputy Leader Cllr Mark Jenkinson and Leader Cllr Marion Fitzgerald

Councillors have elected Independent councillor Marion Fitzgerald as Leader of Allerdale Borough Council at last night's [22 May 2019] Annual General Meeting.

Marion has been a councillor at Allerdale for five years. She originally represented Bolton's Ward until 2015 after being elected two years earlier, and has represented Dalton ward since a by-election in 2016.

Speaking on her appointment, Marion said: "I think the vote on 2nd May indicates that people want to see change. Although candidates who are independent of the main parties scored the biggest numbers, the vote was very split. To give people what they voted for, I think the way forward is to form an administration where responsibility is shared. Members across the Council need to be working together to produce the best results for every community in Allerdale. I hope to lead an administration that is efficient but at the same time open and transparent."

Marion has lived in Wigton for

19 years and is a primary school teacher by profession, however she is now retired. She is passionate about Cumbria and likes nothing

better than walking in the fells, being in the great outdoors and gardening. An avid chess player, she also enjoys motor sports.

Cllr Fitzgerald also confirmed her

Executive members and portfolios. These are:

Cllr Mark Jenkinson, Deputy Leader with portfolio for Economic Growth (including Tourism)

Cllr Mike Johnson, Executive member with the portfolio for Corporate Resources

Cllr Paul Scott, Executive member with the portfolio for Transformation

Cllr George Kemp, Executive member with portfolio for Environmental Quality

Cllr Stephen Stoddart, Executive member with the portfolio for Housing, Health and Wellbeing

Cllr John Cook, Executive member with the portfolio for Governance and People Resources

World Book Day Winners

To celebrate World Book Day in March, Allerdale Libraries ran a competition for local children to redesign the cover of their favourite book.

We had a great response with many fantastic entries. The winners and runners up attended a presentation and prize giving event at Maryport Library on Saturday 25th May.

Councillor Anthony Markley, Vice Chair of Cumbria County Council and Vice Chair of Allerdale Local Committee presented the children with their certificates and prizes.

Cllr Markley commented: "As one of the judges I was delighted to see such a high standard and creativity across all the entries. I am encouraged to see children enjoying reading and taking part in events in our libraries."

Libraries across the county are also encouraging children to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, which launches on Saturday 13th July 2019.

We're also looking for volunteers to come forward to help run the Summer Reading Challenge in libraries all over Cumbria.

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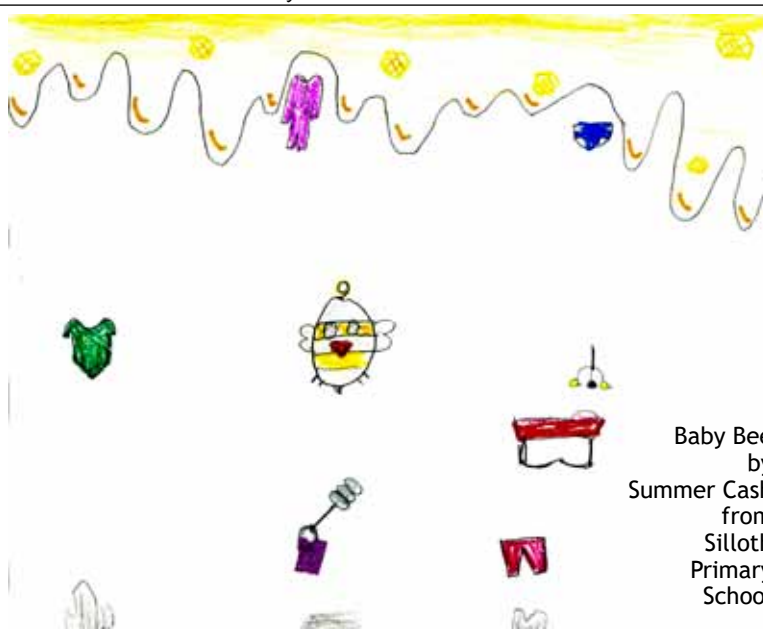
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Annual coastal fatality figures released today by the RNLI lifesaving charity reveal seven people lost their lives off the north west coast last year— over 70% of whom were male. The 2018 figures are identical to 2017, with statistics showing similar gender divides back to 2014.

Over half of those who sadly lost their lives did not intend to enter the water (57%) Activities such as running or walking or some waterside activity or in water play are contributing to people losing their lives.

As the RNLI's national drowning prevention campaign Respect the Water launches for 2019, the RNLI is urging the public to take action and follow this potentially lifesaving advice if they find themselves in trouble in cold water:

- Fight your instinct to swim hard or thrash about – this can lead to breathing in water and drowning
- Instead, relax and FLOAT on your back, until you have regained control of your breathing

Chris Cousens, RNLI Community Safety Partner for the north west says: 'No one should have to lose someone they love to drowning. Many of the tragic deaths at the coast can be avoided if people understand the risks and prepare themselves by practising

the Float technique. We've been contacted by people who say they recalled the Float safety message while in serious trouble in the water, and that following the RNLI's advice helped save their life. But we can't get complacent, we all have a role in getting behind coastal safety education, investing in initiatives and sharing survival skills to help save lives from drowning.'

Chris continues: 'A worrying trend shows men make up most of the fatalities at the coast every year; last year five males lost their lives off the north west coast. Figures show 57% hadn't planned on entering the water, with slips, trips and falls catching them unaware while out running or walking. Knowing what to do if you fall into cold water can be the difference between life and death. The instinctive human reaction when you fall into cold water can cause panic and gasping for breath, increasing the chances of breathing in water. Although it's counter intuitive, the best immediate course of action is to fight your instinct and float on your back.'

For more advice on how to float visit RespectTheWater.com. On social media search #FloatToLive #RespectTheWater.

For those planning to go into the water, the best way to enjoy it safely is to choose a lifeguarded

Residents Concern Over Dog Walker



Report by: Julie Emary
Silloth Lifeboat Press Officer

Silloth RNLI lifeboat was called out at 9:10 on the morning of Tuesday 21st May by Belfast Coastguard, who had been contacted by a member of the public from Skinburness.

Someone had been seen walking far out along the sand banks with four dogs at Skinburness and the tide was coming in. The exposed sand out in the Solway Firth towards Grune Point looks a very desirable place to walk but with the tide turning, it can be extremely dangerous

and the sea can cut you off very quickly.

Due to the low water, the sea was too far out for the lifeboat to launch from the boathouse slipway, so it had to be taken round to the secondary launch site at West Beach. Despite being a working day, twelve members of the crew had arrived, which is an amazing achievement.

Launching from the West Beach means some operational changes have to be made to the tractor and trailer and this all takes time. Silloth RNLI lifeboat crew have been working hard to perfect launching from West Beach, since the original secondary launch site has had to be moved from Skinburness Road, due to the lack of water there when it is low tide.

Silloth Port, which the lifeboat has to go through in order to launch from the West Beach, was very busy and some careful negotiation of port vehicles had to be made. The lifeboat was launched in just over ten minutes from the West Beach; this was the first time the lifeboat had used this site in an emergency, since the new slipway has been built.

The lifeboat went up towards Grune Point as far as it could with

the low water but the walker and dogs could not be seen. Some of the crew also went by road up towards the Point to see if they could see them.

Contact was also made with several residents of Skinburness to see if they could see anyone out walking with dogs.

As no one had been found and the walker and dogs could no longer be seen, Belfast Coastguard stood the lifeboat down at 9:55. It was recovered from the West Beach and taken back to the boathouse, where it was made ready for further service.

The sand banks in the Solway Firth change considerably with every tide and nothing is stable, with the movement of tonnes of soft sand and mud, it is very easy to get stuck very quickly. It is advisable in the circumstances to avoid walking on them although they do look inviting.

Silloth RNLI lifeboat exercises regularly to keep up to date with the ever changing sands but even from day to day there are drastic changes. The upper reaches of the Solway Firth is an area of uncharted water, due to the constant shift of sand.

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Reays are Heading for Wembley

Local business, Reays, have secured their place as Finalists at The National Family Business Awards to be held at Wembley Stadium on 13th July.

The awards were founded ten years ago to honour and celebrate the extraordinary 4.8 million family-owned businesses in the UK which form the engine room of the British economy.

Amalia Brightley-Gillott, Managing Director of Family Business Place who host the awards says, "We're over the moon to welcome Reays as Finalists at this year's awards. They're an exceptional example of how family businesses are leading the way, continuing to innovate and thriving in today's competitive, economically uncertain world."

Kerrie Allison, Head of Sales and Marketing at Reays, commented "We are absolutely

over the moon to be recognised for such a prestigious, meaningful award. At Reays we take great pride in being a family business; built on family values of trust, integrity and loyalty so there couldn't be a better accolade for us to share with our



team. To be a finalist is incredible and we've got our fingers crossed for the big night at Wembley!"

Over 100 finalists from all four corners of the UK and Ireland will now go head to head across ten categories, judged by an independent panel. The winners will be announced at Wembley Stadium on 13th July in what's set to be a spectacular 10th anniversary celebration of the awards.

Kayaker Causes Concern

After spending the morning on exercise with the RNLI lifeboat from Workington, Silloth RNLI lifeboat was called out for a real 'shout' in the early afternoon of Sunday 19th May.

A single kayaker had been seen to leave Silloth at 10:00 heading North towards Annan. He had not returned by 13:30 and with the tide now ebbing and the wind becoming fresher, it would have proved difficult for the lone kayaker to make it back to Silloth and his car.

A member of Silloth lifeboat crew went up by road towards Grune Point to look for the kayak. The coastguard at Burgh was also called to see if they could see him. It was decided to call the coastguard at Belfast, who subsequently requested the launching of Silloth RNLI lifeboat, they also informed the Police, who were able to trace the address of the owner of the vehicle left in Silloth.

Meanwhile the Silloth lifeboat was searching Moricambe Bay and the area towards Annan; Burgh coastguard were searching the upper reaches of the Solway. Members of the shore crew at Silloth RNLI were looking at Grune Point and along the Creek.

Silloth lifeboat was trying to

contact the kayaker by VHF radio but without success.

At 14:08 Silloth RNLI lifeboat reported the sighting of a kayak at Bowness on Solway, moored under

at 14:30.

Silloth RNLI lifeboat crew were a little unsettled, as although the kayak had been found and was safe, there was no sign of the kayaker.



the life ring at the car park. The public house and various Guest Houses in Bowness on Solway was contacted to see if there was anyone there who fitted the description of the kayaker. The crew of the lifeboat were unable to go ashore as this would have proved to be too dangerous with the ebbing tide.

The coastguard in Belfast was contacted at 14:10 to inform them of the kayak sighting.

The lifeboat was stood down at 14:13, it returned to the boathouse

Apparently this particular kayaker parks his car and then paddles up to another place further along the coast, leaves the kayak and walks back to his car, which can take several hours. He then drives back to recover his kayak.

It is always wise to inform the coastguard before going out to sea, telling them where you are going and roughly what time you are expecting to return, particularly on a solo trip. It saves a lot of unnecessary anxiety.

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by
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Wow - Be All You Can Be!

Report by: Eric Martlew

I was invited to visit the new Proton Beam Therapy Unit, the first in UK, at Christie Hospital, Manchester.

I got in conversation with Dr Ed Smith who I understand is in overall control of the project. He told me he is a farmers son from Mawbray, who went to Holme St Cuthbert School then Nelson Thomlinson before studying at Oxford. I consider this to be an inspirational story of someone from our area.

His specialities are paediatric radiotherapy, teenage and young adult lymphoma.

Dr Smith is a member of the National Proton Therapy Panel (Overseas Programme, Paediatrics); also a trustee of the Cyclotron Trust; member of the Equivalence Committee, Royal College of Radiologists.

His biography says: Dr Smith trained at the University of Oxford, gaining his medical degree as well as a degree in Physiological Sciences. As a junior he worked in Oxford, Newcastle and a number

of London teaching hospitals. Dr Smith came to The Christie as a junior doctor in 1999, and after further training was appointed as a consultant in 2007.

His interests include lymphoma and other haematological disorders (giving chemotherapy and radiotherapy). He has a particular interest in treating young people with lymphoma, and patients are referred to the service from across the region.

Dr Smith also practises paediatric radiotherapy and has a particular interest in using advanced radiotherapy to reduce the risk of late effects of treatment, as well as an interest in particle therapies (including Proton Therapy). Since 2009 he has been Clinical Lead for the Proton Beam Therapy Project at The Christie, working with colleagues from across Greater Manchester (and in London) to develop a Proton Beam Therapy facility at The Christie.

Dr Smith runs an annual Young

Persons Survivorship Course at The Christie (commended by the Pfizer Excellence in Oncology Awards). This programme is being adopted nationally. He has also developed a 'Treatment Summary and Care Plan' template for patients' use after treatment (in collaboration with Great Ormond Street Hospital). This template has been adopted by other Trusts nationally in the Young Oncology setting.



Dr Ed Smith BMBCh MA(Oxon), MRCP(UK), FRCR



Mime Bee
by liberty Hagan
from Silloth Primary School

Wow - £833 Raised!

Report by: Jill Martin

Money raised during Christian Aid week this year was going to Sierra Leone to help mothers and babies. Pre natal, post natal and maternity care is not readily available and as a result many mums and babies die.

After the bad publicity received about Aid workers and funding from some big organisations I telephoned Christian Aid head

office and was told that more than 90% of money raised would go to Africa, and be used to make a difference.

So ... what to do?

The Churches in Silloth hold Lent Lunches and collections for Christian Aid are taken at these but Edna Allison and I felt that Silloth should try to make more of a difference.

A coffee morning was planned and held! And the Magnificent sum of £833 was raised.

The people of Silloth rallied round - as they always do - nearly every business in the town donated a prize or voucher for the wonderful raffle ... it did drag on a bit as there were so many prizes! Hair dos, food - raw and cooked, from all nations, make up, wine, the list is endless, were all included in the prizes for the raffle. Thank you to all the local businesses - you know who you are.

The tombola was a great success with fabulous prizes and the cake stall showed what wonderful bakers we have in Silloth.

Thank you to all who came, spent money and supported this really worthwhile cause - even if no seats were available!

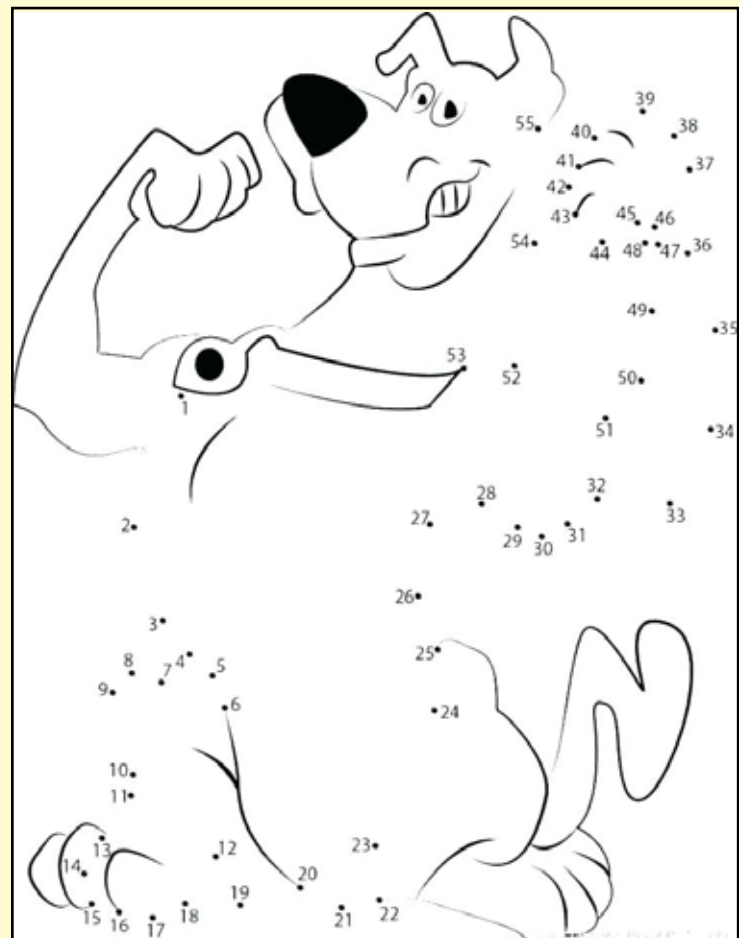
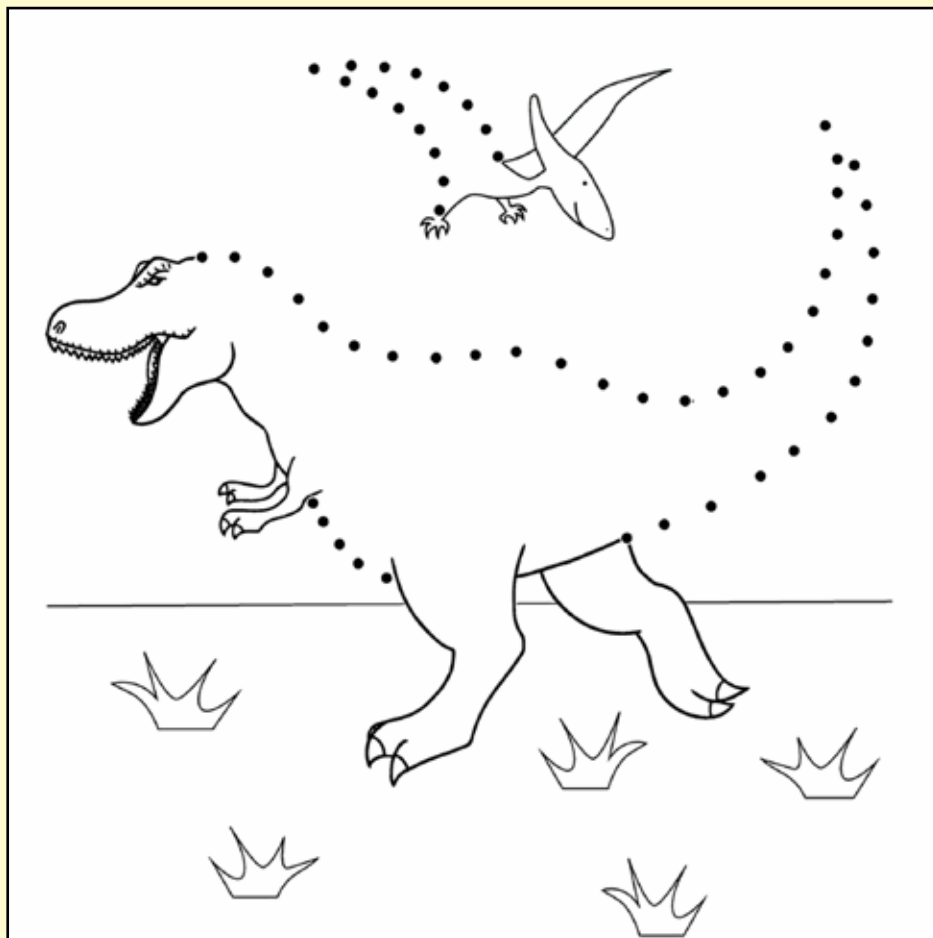
Lastly, many thanks to the Cumbrian Co-op which supplied all the drinks.

Next year....watch this space!



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Jumble Sale & Tea



Report by: Penny Stimson

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Pensioners Coffee Morning

Report by: Jean Day

At June's Pensioners Coffee Morning, the cake stall and raffle were well supported as usual and the winners of the raffle were: Joyce Musgrave, Pat Bell, Eileen Reeves, Freda Rumney, Joan Lamport, Gerry Thorogood, Margaret Pickering and Edna Allison.

We had a small show of Eve's Fashions and everyone was encouraged to try on and treat themselves to any of the mostly casual separates on display.

With donations made today, and some of today's takings, £100 will be presented to Silloth First Responders in memory of Margaret Durham our long serving committee member, great supporter, and friend.

Our next Coffee Morning will be on 6th July and it will be the last to be held in the Pensioners' Hall. After nearly 60 years we now only use the hall once a month and the maintenance and expense of running it are too much for our small organisation. Therefore, from 7th September we will meet for our Coffee Morning, 10am, in St Andrews Hall, Solway Street.

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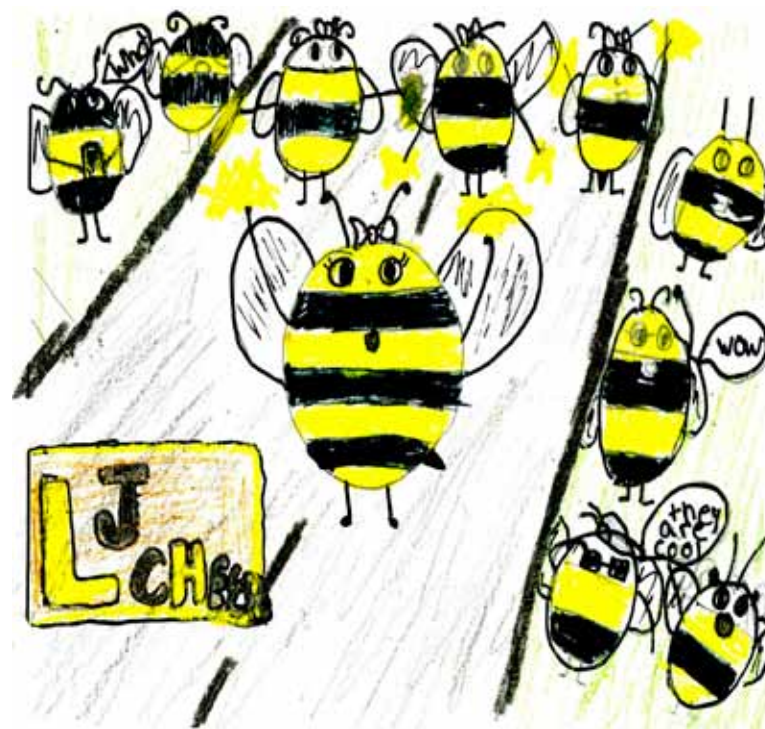
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Silloth Green Day on Sat 26th May



Report by: Owen Martin

Although the weather wasn't at its best that didn't dampen the spirits of the thousands that came to enjoy a fun filled day at Silloth.

The day started with Elaine Hill and her Dog & Duck display, followed by great entertainment on the stage and the ever popular family dog show boasting categories such as best dressed dog, best tricks, and many others. From Jack Russell to St Bernards we had them all!

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Report by:
Wendy Jameson

The 20th Silloth Vintage Rally

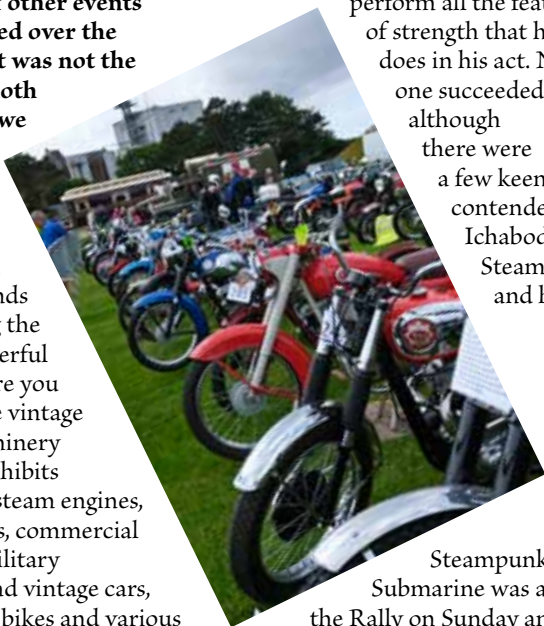


The 20th Silloth Vintage Rally took place over the weekend of 8th and 9th June which proved to be a fantastic event, despite the weather on Saturday which was far from brilliant. A lot of other events had been cancelled over the weekend but that was not the case with the Silloth Vintage Rally.....we simply had a slightly later start.

There were lots of exhibits on show and thousands of visitors making the most of the wonderful venue. Everywhere you looked there were vintage vehicles and machinery on display. The exhibits included vintage steam engines, stationary engines, commercial vehicles, buses, military vehicles, classic and vintage cars, motorbikes, push bikes and various vintage tractors and agricultural machinery.

On Saturday, there was a children's football tournament which is always popular with the kids and their families, with some very talented and determined youngsters taking part. Unfortunately, the Cockermouth Ukuleles didn't manage to get through to the Rally due to the weather. Entertainment was provided by Greg Chapman, who gave an enjoyable and entertaining display of escapology, juggling, storytelling and witty banter. On Sunday, the Border Concert Band performed in the main arena and were a pleasure to listen to. Adrian Smith aka Mighty Smith, who

came 5th in the World's Strongest Man and three times Winner of UK's Strongest Man Competition, also performed in the main arena on Sunday. He organised a £1,000 open challenge if anyone could perform all the feats of strength that he does in his act. No-one succeeded, although there were a few keen contenders. Ichabod Steam and his



Steampunk Submarine was at the Rally on Sunday and attracted quite a bit of interest. Paul also performed on the stage. The Fairground was on the Green over the weekend, along with donkey rides for the kids.

Our thanks go to Carr's Flour, Silloth for having a Museum Open Day on Sunday in support of the Vintage Rally. They raised a total of £256 which has been split between Silloth RNLI and Silloth First Responders. Members of the public had an opportunity to investigate the rare 'Carel' steam engine with giant flywheel that once powered the giant Carr's flour mill plant at Silloth-on-Solway. The museum also contains artefacts reflecting the company's history of flour, bread and biscuit



manufacture over the years.

Cllr. Christine Bowditch, Chair of Cumbria County Council attended the rally on Sunday and picked the overall winner which was no easy feat in view of all the amazing exhibits on show. Christine chose the 1924 Aveling & Porter C Type Steam Roller (reg JS 2044) from Ross & Cromarty County Council owned by Jim & Audrey Smith of Skerrington Mill, Cumnock. The Living Van was bought in March 2017, now fully restored and apparently built by Alex Laurie & Sons, Falkirk. This was their first steam rally, so quite an achievement for their first visit to Silloth.

Funding for this annual event is often hard to find but this year we were lucky enough to secure grant funding of £3,000 from the Hellrigg Community Fund and £500 from the Silloth-on-Solway Community Shop. A very big thank you to West Silloth Motors

at Causewayhead, Silloth who sponsored this year's event. Thanks also to our programme advertisers and everyone who bought the programme. Thanks also to everyone who popped along to the caravan and gave a donation.

Mr Wood raised £78 in donations for the Rally with his De Merel fairground organ. We can't charge for admission to the event due to the nature of the Green, so any financial support received is always appreciated. The other way we generate funds is by charging stall holders and food concessions. We had a good mix of stalls this year, who seemed to have a successful weekend, despite Saturday's weather.

In addition to enjoying the Vintage Rally, visitors were able to enjoy what the Green has to offer, the gardens, the Fairy Trail, the Woodland Play Area, the Water Splash Park and the new Pirate Ship play area. We are so lucky to have Silloth Green which is a perfect location for events and we're grateful to the Town Council

for allowing us to use the Green for the Vintage Rally.

A very big thank you to all our visitors, exhibitors, traders, entertainers, sponsors, advertisers and funders. An especially big thank you to our volunteers for all their hard work over the weekend and in the days, weeks and months before the rally, in the planning, preparation, setting up and organising of the event, to ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible. Without their efforts this would not be the successful event it is today. All the positive comments we receive over the weekend of the Rally makes it all worthwhile. Unfortunately, the one thing we



can never guarantee is the weather but the show must go on. Here's to the next 20 years!

We look forward to seeing you all again next year at the 21st Silloth Vintage Rally, on Sat 13th & Sun 14th June 2020. Put the date in your diary and keep an eye on the Vintage Rally website at: www.vintagerally.co.uk.



Silloth Primary School – New KS2 Play Area



Footballer Patrick Brough

It may have been cloudy, but everyone had a fun-filled afternoon for the official opening of the KS2 Play Area on Wednesday 5th June.

The children were so excited that Patrick Brough, Silloth's very own professional footballer and an ex-pupil of the school, had agreed to open the play area.

After Patrick did the honours, the LJ Cheerleaders, led by Laura their coach, performed three fantastic dances to really get the afternoon off to a flying start.

Patrick happily had a kick-about with the children up the field, whilst others had their faces painted.

The tea-cups that Thomas brought proved popular with everyone and Shelley's ice-creams went down a real treat!



The children thoroughly enjoyed playing on the new play area and some of the adults couldn't resist having a go.

A huge thank you to Silloth Primary School's Fundraising Team which secured funding from three major sponsors for this project; Frances C Scott Charitable Trust, The National Lottery and Cumbria County Council's Healthy Child Fund.

Thank you also to Silloth-on-Solway Charity Shop for their generous donation in support of the project. A big thank you to Alan Quayle and John Cook for the design and production of the banner!

All of our sponsors were invited to the opening and treated to tea & cake as a special thank you.



Report by: Rachel Ingrams
Head Teacher
Silloth Primary School

The Plastic Pollution Solution at Silloth Primary School is a Global Learning School and that means that we think globally about issues affecting the world but act at a local level to help solve the problems (Think Global, Act Local!).

At the moment, we're working on a project called **The Plastic Pollution Solution**, as plastics in the oceans and seas is having a devastating effect on sea creatures and the amazing underwater world that we are so lucky to have on our planet.

In January, we launched our campaign by having an art/creative week called, 'Inspired by Oceans & Seas' and we made an exhibition of this work to show our parents and friends and to encourage them to think about their use of single-use plastics at home and at work.

Our aim is to become a **Single-Use Plastic Free School** by January 2020 and we're hoping that the entire community will join our campaign and together, we could become the first **Single-Use Plastic Free Town In Cumbria!**

We are in the process of writing to all the businesses in Silloth to ask them to make a pledge to reduce their use of single-use plastic or replace them with sustainable

alternatives, we've asked the Town Council for their commitment & support in the campaign and we're asking you to help us achieve this important status as a seaside town.

As part of this campaign, we're following the guidelines set down by Surfers against Sewage (SAS), who have established key objectives that communities must achieve in order

from the Town Council must be named on the Plastic Free Community Steering Group)

Objective 2: Resistance Hubs – Local Businesses – At least three single-use plastic items removed from local businesses and retailers or replaced with sustainable alternatives.

Objective 3: Plastic free allies –

to qualify for the status.

The objectives are as follows:

Objective 1: Town Council/Parish Council passes a resolution supporting the journey to Plastic Free Community Status, committing to plastic-free alternatives and plastic free initiatives within the constituency. (Within that, the Town Council must lead by example to remove single-use plastic items from their premises, encourage plastic-free initiatives, promoting the campaign and supporting events, a representative



widespread community engagement, spreading the plastic-free message to ensure community groups and organisations are involved in the fight against avoidable single-use plastics.

Objective 4: Plastic Free Rallies – Two beach cleans or community clean-ups, one fund raising event for SAS to support plastic free communities.

Objective 5: Local residence 'steering group', which must include Council representative and a flagship business employee to meet twice a year to discuss progress of Plastic Free Communities locally.

Thus far, the school has:

- Launched a whole school project called 'The Plastic Pollution Solution' to educate the children about the unnecessary use of single-use plastics
- Agreed a School Charter saying what we will do to reduce our use of Single Use Plastics and encourage others to do the same
- Carried out class/whole school surveys of the use of single-use plastics
- Carried out surveys at home

& came up with possible 'Plastic Pollution' solutions

• Held an art exhibition, in March 2019, for parents and friends of the school, entitled 'Inspired by Oceans & Seas' – which highlighted the devastating effect of plastic in the oceans

• Featured on Sky Ocean Rescue as #PassOnPlastics Heroes of the week

• Carried out a survey of all the businesses in Silloth & prepared a letter to send out to each one, asking for their commitment (includes a pledge to be signed and sent back to the school) – which will achieve Objective 2: Resistance Hubs – Local Businesses – At least three single-use plastic items removed from local businesses and retailers or replaced with sustainable alternatives.

• Created flyers to go through the doors of each household in Silloth to highlight the issue & get residents on board

Please get on board with our community campaign, by making a concerted effort to reduce or eliminate your use of single-use plastics at home and at work, refuse to buy/use single-use plastic products that have alternatives, re-use as much plastic as you can and recycle plastic waste sensitively & sensibly. Please help us achieve single-use plastic free status, if not for yourself, for your children and your children's children – after all, it's their future we're working together to secure.

School Pupils Say - Make Silloth Single-Use Plastics Free



Fake HMRC Refunds

Action Fraud has experienced an increase in the reporting of malicious calls and voice mails, to members of the public purporting to be from Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC).

• Fraudsters are spoofing genuine HMRC telephone numbers to deceive their victims over the phone. The fraudsters state that as a result of the victim's non-payment of tax or other duty, the victim is liable for prosecution or other legal proceedings in order to settle the balance. The fraudsters suggest victims can avoid this, by arranging payment to be made immediately by methods such as bank transfer or by purchasing iTunes gift cards.

• If the victim is hesitant or refuses to comply, the suspect makes a threat such as immediate arrest, sending bailiffs to the victim's address or, in some cases, deportation.

• Often, the period for which the tax is allegedly due is distant enough to guarantee the victim will have little, if any, paperwork or ability to verify the claims. Once the money is paid the suspects sever all contact with the victim.

• In genuine cases, HMRC will initially make direct contact with you via post/letter and potentially follow up that letter with a phone call at a later date.

• If HMRC contact you via telephone they will quote the reference number on the initial letter you should have received. HMRC will not discuss something you are not already aware of, like a tax investigation, and will NOT demand immediate payment.

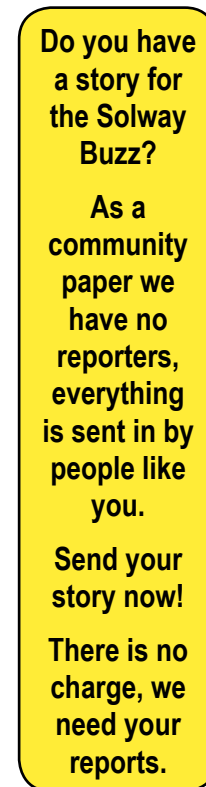
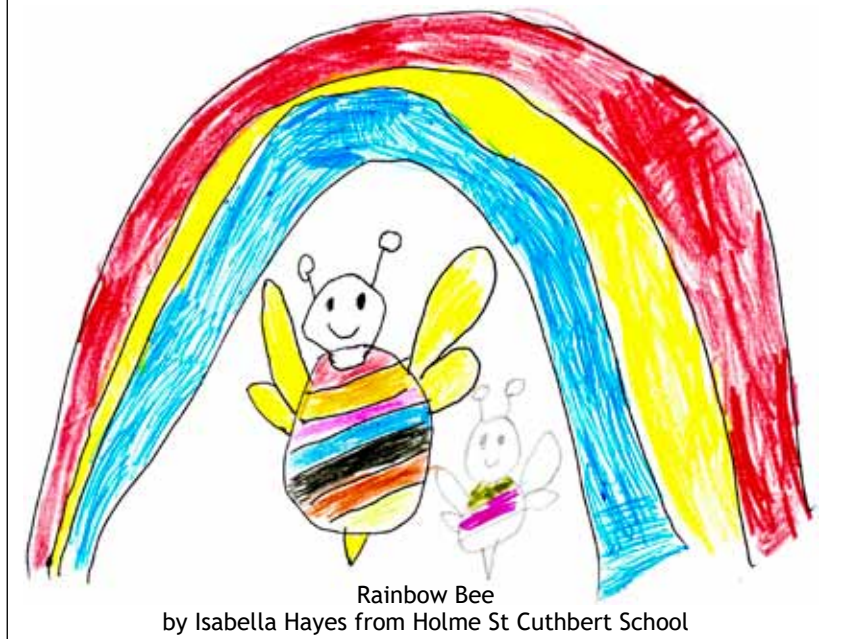
It is vital that the public exercise caution when receiving messages or telephone calls of this nature.

What you need to do • Always question unsolicited requests

Fake Council Tax Refunds

Residents across Allerdale are being warned about fake text messages suggesting they are due a refund on their council tax. These texts are false and appear to be a phishing scam. An example message reads: "You are due to receive a refund from your council. Visit our secure website to begin the process."

These texts have not been sent on behalf of the council and residents are advised not to click on the link and to delete the message. If customers are due a refund the council informs them by post. If the council has the customer's bank details it pays the refund direct. If not, the customer is asked to contact the council direct to arrange a refund. These texts have not come from the council, and the council's IT systems have not been compromised in any way.





Buzzing Letters

Dear Buzz,

I thought when I voted in the local election I was voting in a democratic society? This is obviously not the case. First of all the returning officer got it wrong and announced the wrong result and what a can of worms this opened up! I would compare this to going into hospital and getting the wrong leg amputated. How can you have confidence that the correct result will be delivered in future elections.

After this at least the wrongly elected candidate did the right thing and resigned. Surely the person with the highest number of votes should then have been co-opted onto the council then pro-rata after that.

It would appear that certain elected members of the council co-opted a person that did not even stand for election. Would all those who voted for this explain to the electorate why this happened and is it legal?

I await your reply with interest, if any of these facts are untrue I am quite prepared to apologise as I think the residents deserve better.

C Briggs

Dear Buzz,

For the past several years, my self and Carl have been attending to the graves of Family and Friends with our Lawn mowers at Causeway Head. The reason for this was due to the horrendous state that they were left in after the grass had been cut by contractors, yes cut! But not collected up leaving the Headstones of loved ones in utter disgrace.

A few weeks ago we contacted our new Mayor Mark Orchard and expressed our concerns. Low and behold a week later on my 80th birthday I visited the Cemetery and what a wonderful sight! Grass cut, Headstones clear! For this we would both like to thank Mr Orchard for listening to the people of Silloth, it shows it can be done! Now I'm keeping everything crossed that by my 81st birthday we may have a tap and fresh water installed down there.

Willie Minnican, Carl Phillips

Family Notices

This is a new section as we gauge how much demand there might be over the next few months. Our contact information is on page 14.

In Memoriam

Births

Deaths

Marriages

Acknowledgements

Engagements

Birthdays

and other options

Up to 75 words £20, additional up to 25 words £7, ie up to 100 words £27.
Pay by Cash, Cheque or by Paypal to office@m-smc.co.uk.

Dear Buzz,

What does it take to get a tidy cemetery?
Despite numerous complaints it still remains a blot on the landscape. No matter who is in charge joining two pipes together to get running water seems beyond anyone? Nobody seems to know how to box grass off to get the place looking tidy, even the few bedding plants in front of the old waiting room have disappeared. It is nothing short

of a disgrace and I personally find it an insult to my relatives memory.
Solway Street remains a great advert for the town with more patches than Joseph's coat of many colours.
Congratulations to all those elected to the council! You have certainly taken on a difficult task trying to sort the mess we are in.

C Briggs

Poem

Harbour Porpoises
by Penny Stimson

*Where are my friends
who come to play.
I love to watch them
on a sunny day.*

*I see their backs
as the water they brake,
together they play
what a lovely sight they make.*

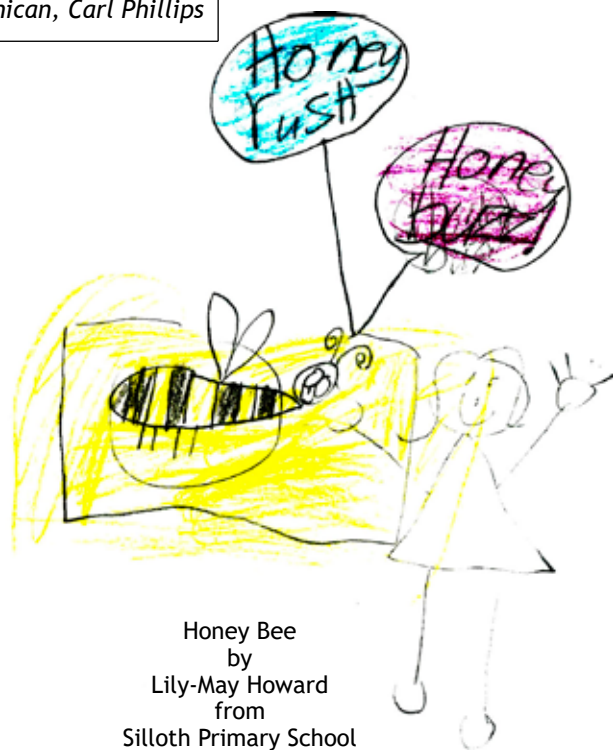
*On a high tide thy come
full of love, full of fun.
Our hearts are full as we watch
then they go when they are done.*

*I don't know where they come from
or where they go to.
I only know they lift your spirits
whenever your feeling blue.*

*But lately I've not seen them,
I sit and watch each day
I hope they've not deserted us
and will come back to play.*

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(Silloth Today)



Honey Bee
by
Lily-May Howard
from
Silloth Primary School

Masthead Bee Winner

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 14 (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 have your bee drawing. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to us, our address is on page 14.

This month
the winner is
Luke Harrison
from **Holme St Cuthbert School**
with a bee
drawing called
"Fortnite Bees
on Everything".
Well done!



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Causewayhead WI

Report by: Jenny Stride

The speaker at our June meeting was Steve Doyle who gave a talk and photos of his trips to South America in 2009, 2015 and 2019.

He explained that most of South America is Spanish speaking and the towns are very proud of their town squares known as Plaza Mayor. They are on the whole very religious and even small towns often have very big churches.

Lima on the Pacific Coast is not usually too busy with tourists as it is usually a landing place for onward travel. Steve travelled from here to Cusco to visit Machu Pichu. As he and his wife were here overnight they decided to walk up a small hill to see a field of Llamas, although not steep they found it very tiring because of the altitude. They found it amusing that they could get a full signal on a mobile phone when they can't in Durdar, Carlisle. There was a lovely train journey and then a bus journey up a snaking road up to Machu Pichu. They were lucky to get good views as this is often covered in low cloud.

It was fascinating to see the photos of Lake Titicaca on the

Peru/Bolivia border. The islands and boats are made from reeds.

As La Paz is 15,000 feet up not many football teams like playing there because of the altitude.

At Iguazo there is a border with Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay, and the biggest waterfall system in the world. Here can also been seen butterflies, geckos and coati.

One of Steve's personal highlights was a visit to the Perita Moreno Glacier one of the oldest glaciers in the world and the only glacier that is not shrinking. It is 38km long approx 78m high and 1.5km wide.

We also saw photos of Rio De Janeiro, Santiago and Tierra Del Fuego.

Steve advised that in many of the African and South American countries you should only go on organised trips as in many of these places there are areas that are very dangerous and should be avoided.

Competition: 1 Pat Froggatt
2 Christine Worrall

Flower Competition:
1 Pauline Parr, 2 Christine Worrall
Wild flower: 1 Pauline Parr,
2 Christine Worrall

Raffle: 1 Marjorie Littleton,
2 Shirley Sharp

Waver Wine Circle Outing



Report by: Stuart & Jan Jones

Our first summer outing this year - subtitled 'As Time Goes Bye' - was to Mr George's Clock Museum of Time at Haydon Bridge. We travelled there in the Wigton Community Bus, driven by Terrance, one of our members.

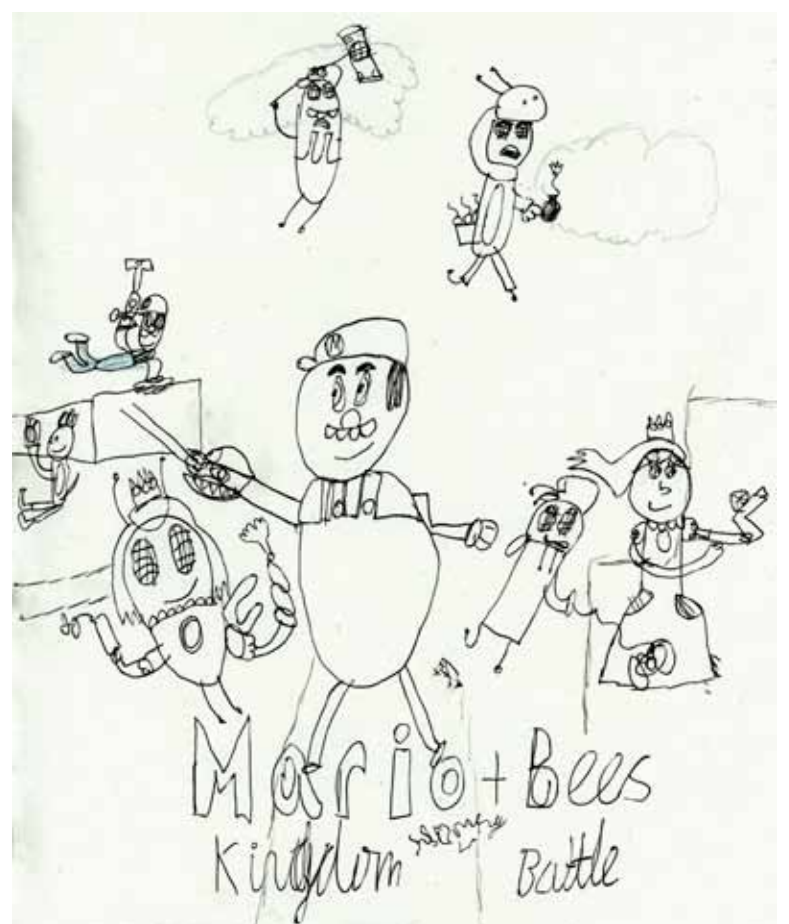
Before going to the Museum we lunched at The General Havelock Inn, conveniently situated directly opposite. The food was excellent and with a generous helping of "craic" time quickly passed until the arranged time for us to meet Mrs Bell, who runs the Museum.

There is an amazing array of time pieces, ranging over many centuries. If you have a timepiece that needs some tender loving care Mrs Bell will do her best to bring it back to life. She gave us a very

informative talk about the history of some of the clocks and the Museum. If you have not been there it is well worth a visit.

Thanks go to Janet and Graham for arranging the trip for us and to Terrance for driving us there. The raffle prize, donated by Anne, was won by Vera.

Our next trip will be on Wednesday 10th July, when we are going on La'al Ratty at Ravenglass.



Mario Bees Kingdom Battle
by Gethin Scott
from Solway Holiday Village

Online Vehicle Sales

Fraudsters have been advertising vehicles and machinery for sale on various online selling platforms, this includes vehicles and machinery used by the agricultural industry.

The victims, after communicating via email with the fraudster, will receive a bogus email which appears to be sent by a trustworthy third party, often Paypal or Escrow.

The emails are designed to persuade victims to pay up-front via bank transfer rather than through a protected payment method via the website. The victim pays the deposit before visiting the seller to collect the goods, believing there is a 'cooling off' period to reclaim the payment if they change their mind.

This gives victims the false sense of security that their money is being looked after by this trustworthy third party, when in fact, it is not and the money has gone straight to the fraudster.

It is vital that the public exercise caution when receiving emails or messages of this nature.

What you need to do •Never transfer money for a vehicle you haven't seen in person.

• Avoid paying for the vehicle by

ActionFraud
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bank transfer as it offers you little protection if you become a victim of fraud. Instead, use a credit card or payment services such as Paypal.

• If you're purchasing from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, or ask friends and family for advice before completing a purchase.

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Copy Date



Copy date for the August issue is:
1st July 2019

If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note the next copy date.

Please let us know of any changes within this section

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

Cancer Support

Open to anyone who has/is living with cancer or anyone caring for someone with cancer. Feel free to drop in for a chat and refreshments any time between 2pm and 5pm on the second Wednesday of each month, at Wigton Bowling Club. For information contact: Gill Edmondson: 016973 71696

Abbey Monthly Munch

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

First Responders

WE train on the first and third Tuesday of every month in Silloth Community Centre @ 7pm

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. Information call Wigton Health Visitors: 016973 66608

Send Your Bees to the Solway Buzz
There is a Bee Shortage and we Need Yours!

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Football Training

Silloth Football Club
At Recreation Ground,
Eden Street Playing Fields
Silloth, CA7 4AX

Over 35's Mens

April to end of August matches on Monday evenings - Contact Phillip Scott 07712 549070

Open age Men's 16+

Contacts: Liam Wilson 07394 561704 & Brian Hayhurst 07717 532828

Under 6's - Ages 4 & 5 year olds - Sunday's 10am to 11am
Contact:

Geoff Grainger 07732 695875

Under 7's Sunday 10am to 11am & Wednesday's 6pm to 7pm. Entering the West Cumbria Youth League in September 2019. Age's 6 years old & those becoming 6 years old after 01/09/19.

Contacts: Jamie Hearton 07340 572475 And Jamie Harrison 07518 600220.

Under 9's Ages 7 & 8 years old before 01/09/19 playing in the West Cumbria Youth League. Training Sunday 10am to 11am & Wednesday 6pm to 7pm
Contacts:

Peter Wise 07732 690696 & Stuart Flynn 07931 884066.

Under 11's Ages 9 & 10 years old before 01/09/19 entering the West Cumbria Youth League in September 2019. Training Wednesday's 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Contacts:

Dan Jeffrey 07836 778504 & Anotoliy Petrov 07584 428383.

Under 13's Ages 11 & 12 years old before 01/09/19 playing in the West Youth League. Training Wednesday's 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Contacts:

Martin Slack 07584 563683 & Paul Mulgrew 07526 665759.

All other enquiries to Secretary:
Colin Baty 07754 890297

Abbeytown Girls
Abbeytown Sports Field
Wednesdays 4-5pm

Silloth Tennis Club

For coaching information call David Wise on 07742 547767

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. Contact Penny on 016973 32255.

June

29th Silloth Pride at noon

29th Westnewton Church Summer Fete in village hall 2pm

July

1st Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

3rd Silloth Art Group Meeting Golf Hotel 10am - 1pm

4th Allonby Village Hall Bridge Club 2pm to 4pm Social Bridge with tuition. Beginners and Intermediates welcome. £2 Phone Wendy 10900 881297

5th Allonby Village Hall Chess Club 2pm to 4pm. Beginners welcome £2 Contact Roger 01900 881782

6th Coffee Morning at Silloth & District Pensioners in the Recreation Hall

6th American Night with Ukulele Band in St Andrews Hall 7pm - 9:30pm, £7

6th Allonby Village Hall Elvis Rock n Roll Night with Bailey & Kream @ 7:30pm, £5, BYOB, Tel 01900 881447

7th Open Day at Mawbray Village Hall 2pm-4pm

9th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall @ 7:30pm

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

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

Friendship Hour

Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Eden Street Friendship Hour is on alternate Thursdays at 1:45pm. All welcome

Arthritis Support

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

Children's Centre

Open 9am to 3pm on a Tuesday and Thursday, when a member of staff would hope to be present. 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

Dates for the Diary

July cont'd

10th Causewayhead WI meeting at 2pm in Silloth Community Hall, talk on Gemstones & Jewellery

11th Allonby Village Hall Bridge Club 2pm to 4pm Social Bridge with tuition. Beginners and Intermediates welcome. £2 Phone Wendy 10900 881297

12th Allonby Village Hall Chess Club 2pm to 4pm. Beginners welcome £2 Contact Roger 01900 881782

12th Christ Church & St Pauls Men's Choir Summer Concert

13th **Crunch collection at Skinburness Road car park 8am to 9:45am**

13th Strawberry Teas at Holm Cultram Abbey 2-5pm

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

15th Allonby Village Hall Book Club. Small friendly group that would welcome new members. Meets 7pm. £2 Phone Janet 01900 881447

26th Allonby Art Exhibition 10am to 6pm Cards Calendars & Original Art Work for sale Refreshments and Tombola Admission £1 Janet 01900 881447

27th Allonby Art Exhibition 10am to 6pm Cards Calendars & Original Art Work for sale Refreshments and Tombola Admission £1 Janet 01900 881447

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

NatWest Mobile

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

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

Walking Football

Every Monday 1pm - 2pm at Silloth football pitch by the tennis courts. Followed by tea/coffee at Methodist church hall.

August

2nd Soul on the Green Warm Up Party in Silloth Rugby Club at 7pm, £3 OTD

3rd **Soul on Saturday 11am to 8pm in aid of Friends of the Green**

7th The Solway Plains Artists Meeting Golf Hotel 10am to 1pm

10th **Crunch collection at Skinburness Road car park 8am to 9:45am**

17th Cream Tea in St Andrews Hall 2-4pm

23rd **Solfest**

24th **Solfest**

24th Afternoon Tea at Mawbray Village Hall 2pm-5pm

25th **Solfest**

26th **Silloth Carnival**

September

1st Silloth Community Craft Show, Caldew Hall 12pm

2nd Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

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5th **Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green**

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September cont'd

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Do You Want to be an Apprentice Firefighter

Cumbria County Council's Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) is recruiting four firefighter apprentices to be based countywide.

CFRS is seeking people who want to work within their community to improve safety awareness, help protect the public and promote fire safety.

Applications are open and will close on Sunday 7th July. You can find out more and apply online at cumbria.gov.uk/JoinCFRS.

Applicants must be aged 18 or over and will undergo a rigorous selection process, including physical fitness tests. Successful candidates then undertake an intensive 14-week training programme starting in January 2020.

CFRS has a strong track record of success for our firefighter apprenticeship programme in recent years, with an overwhelming majority of our apprentices going on to careers as full-time firefighters.

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about the job role and fitness requirements at one of our presentation and practice evenings: Monday 1 July, 6.30pm-8.30pm Carlisle East Community Fire Station

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CFRS Station Manager Roger Exley said: "This is a fantastic

opportunity to join Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service as an apprentice and receive full training and support to become a professional firefighter. We are fully committed to our apprenticeship programme and

offer a career path that can often lead to a permanent full-time firefighter role. I would encourage anyone interested to come along to one of our taster events at fire stations throughout the county."

Applications must be made via the county council's website at cumbria.gov.uk. Applications for operational firefighter apprenticeships close on Sunday 7 July.

If you have any questions or you would like an informal discussion about the apprenticeship opportunities, please contact: Roger Exley, Station Manager, tel: 07917 305763 or email roger.exley@cumbria.gov.uk.



Silloth Facelift Opportunity



Aspatria and Silloth are next in line to get a spruce up from Allerdale Borough Council's successful Facelift Scheme.

Business and home owners located in the centre of both towns can apply for funding to help pay for improvements to look of their property.

The Facelift Scheme provides up to £900 for each property, with the property owner match-funding this with 10% of the grant total. Therefore a £500 grant requires match funding of £50.

The money can go towards things like materials such as paint and any labour costs, the repair or replacement of damaged items like drain pipes or guttering, and any external lighting. The grant is not eligible for some work and it is best to consult with the council before making an application.

The scheme has already proved popular in Maryport and Wigton in recent years.

Mark Jenkinson, deputy leader and executive member responsible for economic growth, said: "This is a great scheme which has worked really well in other towns and shows how a small investment can make a huge difference. I'd encourage everyone eligible to take advantage of this money which we are providing."

Mark Orchard, Mayor of Silloth, said: "This is a scheme

which will be welcomed by both home and business owners of Silloth and one we fully support. Silloth's main focus as far as visitors are concerned is obviously the Green and has had a lot of money invested, both from internal and external sources, so for this facelift scheme to be open to the residents and business owners of the town is a great boost to everyone and will be a huge benefit to all. This scheme has been used in other areas of Allerdale and will help the proud Sillothians maintain the town's attractions. We will ensure everyone

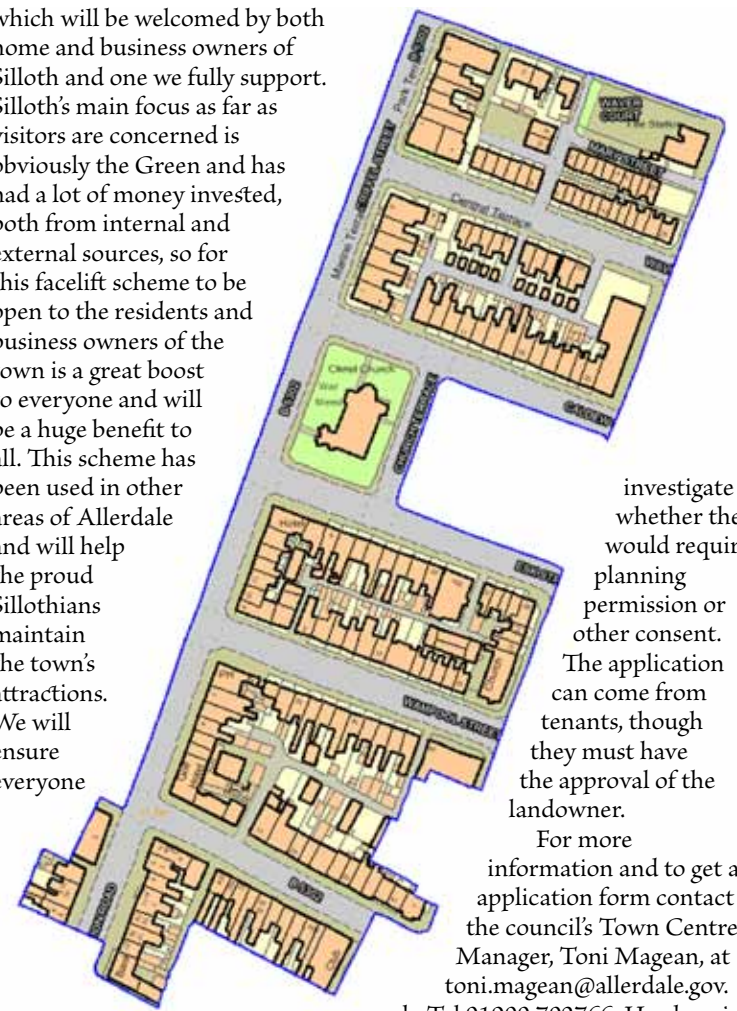
investigate whether they would require planning permission or other consent. The application can come from tenants, though they must have the approval of the landowner.

For more information and to get an application form contact the council's Town Centre Manager, Toni Magean, at toni.magean@allerdale.gov.uk, Tel 01900 702766. Hard copies of forms are available in both the towns' Local Links offices.

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Busy Weekend of Shipping at Silloth

Report & Photos by:

John Forrester

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



There has been plenty of shipping action at the dock recently, the highlight being the arrival of four ships over the May Day weekend. Anyone walking the road to the west beach on Bank Holiday Monday would have seen three of those ships occupying berths. Cargos being delivered were grain and fertiliser from Europe, and molasses from a little further afield, India via transshipment in Belgium. Silloth regular, ZAPADNYY brought the molasses and was quickly turned around, whilst the three new visitors, EEMS STAR, ALECTO and VEDETTE stayed over the weekend.

The arrival of EEMS STAR coincided with dramatic lighting conditions. Waiting photographers were able to capture the ship brightly lit against dark clouds across the Solway. Thankfully rain held off and the ship passed

smoothly into New Dock on the lunchtime tide. She was tied-up at a temporary berth alongside the mill as other berths were occupied. EEMS STAR would have to wait her turn to unload her cargo of fertiliser from Belgium. The ship which was built in 2008 is one of sixteen coasters operated by her Dutch owners on busy European routes.

ALECTO was the one night-time arrival of the weekend resulting in only dockside photos which is always a disappointment for enthusiasts. The ship had the longest sailing to reach Silloth, seven days from the Baltic port of Klaipeda via the Kiel Canal and English Channel. ALECTO was seen in the traditional orange livery which many Dutch owned ships bear reflecting the national pride of the Dutch people. Coincidentally, ALECTO and another weekend visitor, VEDETTE, described

below, were built to the same design at the Damen Shipyard in the Netherlands six years apart.

The fourth ship of the busy weekend, VEDETTE, arrived on a gloomier day from the French Atlantic port of La Pallice, a three day sailing. La Pallice is one of six French ports which regularly supply Silloth with wheat. The ship made easy work of entry to the dock and was soon brought alongside. She was photographed entering the dock, and in brighter conditions the following day whilst unloading. VEDETTE is an unusual visitor being owned by a UK company, 'Faversham Shipping' based on the Isle of Wight. She is one of ten vessels operated by the company which describes itself as a 'friendly little fish in a very big pond'.



May Shipping at the Port of Silloth

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

5th Vedette with a cargo of Wheat from La Pallice then on to New Ross.

6th Alecto with a cargo of Fertiliser from Klaipeda then on to Dublin.

6th Eems Star with a cargo of Fertiliser from Ghent then on to Ellesmere Port.

19th Zeeland with a cargo of Fertiliser from Ghent then on to Dublin.

21st Rosi with a cargo of Fertiliser from Klaipeda then on to Dublin.

25th Ayress with a cargo of Logs from Ardrishaig then on to Drogheda.

24th Liva Greta with a cargo of Lime from Larne then on to Larne.

29th Liva Greta with a cargo of Lime from Larne then on to

Campbeltown.

Another good month in Silloth Port.

This month has seen nine vessels calling here in Silloth, with the return of the TN Trawler Philomena and two calls by the Liva Greta with Lime from Larne.

Liva Greta is the smallest cargo ship that has arrived in the last year or so at 64m in length, she is also the only one that has no bow thruster to assist with turning in the dock.

Due to a rush of vessels over the first bank holiday weekend, we had to bring back Chris Puxley to assist with some of the vessel pilotage as we have strict rules on hours of rest.

We are due to start a dredge campaign in June where we are aiming to get the mud down by at

least 80cm throughout the dock, this will enable us to bring vessels in on neap tides and reduce the number of times vessels will sit on the bottom in the dock due to lack of water and a leaky gate.

Ashraf Hossain, our latest addition to the team of Silloth pilots is now qualified for bringing vessels in and out of the port and will also act as the Deputy Harbour Master here in Silloth and a second pilot for Ayr and Troon.

This has been a good month for the port, with approximately 22,000 tonnes arriving in the month. Looks like the weather is playing an important part in the requirements for fertilisers and we hope a warm and mostly dry summer will bring additional demand for barbecues, bread rolls and French sticks!



Highways & Transport Survey

Local people are being asked for their views on Cumbria's highways and transport services – from the condition of roads and footpaths to the quality of cycling facilities. Their answers will be compared with the views of other members of the public across England and Scotland, thanks to the National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction survey.

Cumbria County Council is one of 111 Local Authorities to sign up to a standardised survey that will ask members of the public exactly the same questions, wherever they live in Cumbria.

The survey, which is being run for the tenth year is the largest collaboration between Local Authorities offering the opportunity to compare results, share in best practice and identify further opportunities to work together in the future.

The questionnaire will be sent to a minimum random sample of at least 3,300 of Cumbria's residents from Friday 7th June, followed by a reminder, with local and national results to be published in late-October 2019. Since the survey is based on a sample, residents that receive a copy are being urged to take part.

Residents that receive the questionnaire can complete the survey on line if they prefer, a short URL link will be printed on the front of the questionnaire and they will be required to enter a code before completing the questionnaire.

The results will enable us to find out what people in Cumbria think about these important services. This will provide one of several ways Cumbria County Council can assess how it is performing. It gives the public an opportunity to say which services they think the council should prioritise, and improve.

Cllr Keith Little, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: "There are clear benefits to conducting a public survey in this way. As well as providing excellent value for money, it also enables everyone involved to identify areas of best practice and spot national, regional and local trends. This is not about producing a league table to champion one geographical area over another, it is about understanding customer views better and working together to deliver the most satisfactory yet efficient outcomes for local residents."

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23 TU	03 14	6.2	15 37	5.7	10 07	-0.1	22 19	0.1
24 W	03 57	6.0	16 20	5.4	10 46	0.0	23 03	0.4
25 TH	04 45	5.6	17 15	5.2	11 32	0.2	23 59	0.5
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27 SA	06 56	5.3	19 34	5.3	01 08	0.6	13 45	0.3
28 SU	08 04	5.5	20 40	5.6	02 23	0.4	14 56	0.1
29 M	09 06	6.0	21 36	6.2	03 33	0.1	15 59	-0.1
30 TU	10 01	6.4	22 26	6.7	04 34	-0.3	16 56	-0.5
31 W	10 52	7.0	23 13	7.3	05 32	-0.6	17 51	-0.7

Abbeytown Girls Win League Cup Final!

Report by: Eddie Harrison

Abbeytown u12 Girls competed in the League Cup Final at Brunton Park against their big rivals Northbank.

After a very close game ending 0-0, the result was finally settled by a penalty shoot out in which Abbeytown won 5-4.

Abbeytown ended the season as joint top of the league narrowly missing out in a play off game as league cup winners and also won the Warwick Wanderers tournament in what was a very successful campaign.

Their record for the whole season was played 33, won 26, drew 3 and lost 4. Scoring an impressive total of 133 goals on the way.

The girls are moving up to under 14 level next year and along with another u14 team are looking for new players. Training through the summer is on Thursday night 18:30-19:30 at Wigton Park.

Contact Eddie Harrison on 07800 751931.

Report by: Carol Harrison

On Saturday 15th June Abbeytown Junior Football Club girls had their annual presentation night at the Stocksman, Wigton. There were over 160 attending with teams from u10 to u16 getting awards.

The special guest was local girl Beau Studholme who now plays for Manchester City Ladies (the Disney land of football in Beas words). She explained how her passion and drive got her to this stage of her career with many hours after school being spent travelling up and down the motorway with her mam Sarah to fulfil her dream. Changing in the car, eating in the car and doing homework in the car. Beau has also represented England at youth level. So a big thank you to Beau from all at Abbeytown Junior Football Club, we hope to see her playing on the big screen for the full England team in the not too distant future.

The u12 girls were celebrating winning the league cup at Brunton Park and they also won the

Warwick Wanderers Competition playing teams from across the north of England.



The younger u12s were County Cup runners up which was a great achievement as they are all one

year younger than most of the teams they will look forward to playing against their own age this coming season. The u14 were league and cup winners finishing an excellent team effort. This team will split next season so if anyone is interested in playing (September year 8) contact Carol Harrison on 07502 142508 and she will forward to the relevant coaches.

The u16s were League runners up which was a massive achievement with such a small squad. They will look to go one better this year playing against their own age as they were the younger last season. Also joining them are six younger girls moving up from u14s, when last together they claimed County Cup honours.

The u16 player of the year was Abi Heaton, to top this award off Abi has been offered a scholarship from Sunderland Ladies for September 2020 to do a BTec in sports and play loads of football which is her dream. Once again it was a family effort as she has been travelling to Sunderland twice a week to train, so a big well done to Abi and her family.



L-R: Evie Branthwaite, Emily Taylor, Gracie Scott, Edith Turnbull, Freya Stokes, Lucy Chester, Lily Neaves, Alice Bowe, Emma Fisher, Esme Thompson, Gracie-Mai Harrison

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