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Issue 191

# Celebrating 20 Buzzing Years



Issue 2 was the first issue to be called the Solway Buzz. It was A4 in size and had just eight pages with no colour printing at all. Everyone loved it and we soon had plenty volunteers to ensure the Buzz went on to be a success story

Thanks to all who have supported the Solway Buzz for the past twenty years. Without our advertisers and volunteers we would never have reached this milestone.

Please keep sending in all your stories and photographs, your community paper relies on you.

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Issue 190 and this, the 191st issue are now in full colour and tabloid format which is almost twice the size of the original A4 paper. Many of the original volunteers, advertisers and supporters are still helping to keep our community paper fresh

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# Operation Respect to Reduce Fly Tipping



## A message to the people and businesses of Allerdale:

All authorities and partners in Allerdale are calling on residents, visitors and businesses to play their part in eradicating fly-tipping from our communities.

Here in Allerdale, we live, work and play in an amazing part of the world - a borough which is home to the Lake District, the Hadrian's Wall UNESCO World Heritage Site, the stunning Solway Coast and some of the most vibrant and welcoming communities you'll find anywhere.

But unfortunately for a minority of people, they see this beautiful landscape and our streets as a dumping ground for unwanted furniture, broken white goods, building waste and more. Collectively we deal with thousands of incidents of fly-tipping each year costing the public purse hundreds of thousands of pounds to clean up.

We know the issue of fly-tipping is an important one for everyone and by us all coming together, we're sending out a clear message to those who are flouting the law - enough is enough.

Today we launch Operation Respect and are making a pledge to do our utmost to tackle this issue and allow Allerdale continue to be an incredible place. However, we cannot do this alone and that's why we need your help to make this operation a success.

Each and every one of us can contribute to reducing fly-tipping in the area by doing simple things like only using licensed waste carriers to take away unwanted goods and always putting things into a bin, rather than just leaving them out in the street or countryside.

In turn, as public authorities and other partners, we'll commit to making this an even bigger

priority than it already is and come down hard on this illegal and unsightly activity.

Thank you to all those who currently play their part in keeping our communities clean and we look forward to working with our communities over the coming months.

### Signed by:

Allerdale Borough Council,  
Allerdale Waste Services Ltd.  
Solway Coast AONB,  
Tivoli Group Ltd.  
Cumbria County Council, Home Group,  
Westfield Housing Association,  
Castles and Coasts Housing Association,  
United Utilities and  
Forestry England.

### How to get rid of unwanted items properly

All households will have waste, large items, unwanted or broken items from time to time. Knowing how to get rid of them properly is extremely important as it will help stop fly-tipping, save money and be better for the environment.

### What should I do if I have something to get rid of?

Firstly, ask if this can be re-used, either by yourself, a friend or family member, or someone else in your community. If it can, try to find someone else who can use it, give it away to a charity, advertise it on social media or on a community notice board, or use websites such as Freegle to see if anyone else can make use of it.

If it's a larger item, such as furniture, some local charities may come and collect it for you.

### Advice for using private waste collectors

There are several private waste carriers operating in the area. However, anyone transporting waste must have a valid waste carriers permit and they must also provide a waste transfer note which proves that the waste has been transported and disposed of legally.

So before using a private company to come and collect your unwanted items make sure they are licensed to do so



and if they are, make sure they provide you with a waste transfer note. Permits are granted by the Environment Agency and you can search for local permit holders on the Environment Agency website.

We all have a legal responsibility, called duty of care, to ensure that our rubbish is passed on to an authorised person so that it can be disposed of safely. If you use an unlicensed contractor and the waste is traced back to you, then you will be subject to prosecution.

Using licensed waste carriers helps prevent items being fly-tipped and protects taxpayers' money as every dumped item costs the council to clean-up.

### Advice for businesses

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, all businesses, including those operating from home, have a legal 'duty of care' to take all reasonable steps to ensure that their waste (including recyclable materials) is properly managed.

This includes ensuring that

your waste is managed correctly through its complete journey to disposal or recovery. It is also illegal to place business waste in a domestic bin or take it to a household waste recycling centre for disposal.

The council offers a trade waste service for businesses in Allerdale. More information can be found here. Other commercial options for trade waste collections are also available.

### What are the penalties?

If you are caught fly-tipping you may be fined up to £50,000 or sent to prison. You may also be prosecuted if fly-tipped items can be traced back to you, even if you weren't the person who dumped them.

We all have a legal duty of care to ensure that our rubbish is passed on to an authorised person so that it can be disposed of safely.

Don't get someone else you don't know or trust to get rid of your waste. If it is fly-tipped and we can trace you then it is you we will prosecute as the person responsible for the waste. Take your waste to the Household Waste Recycling Centre, get a bulky waste collection or use a licensed waste carrier.

## Waver Wine Circle Outing

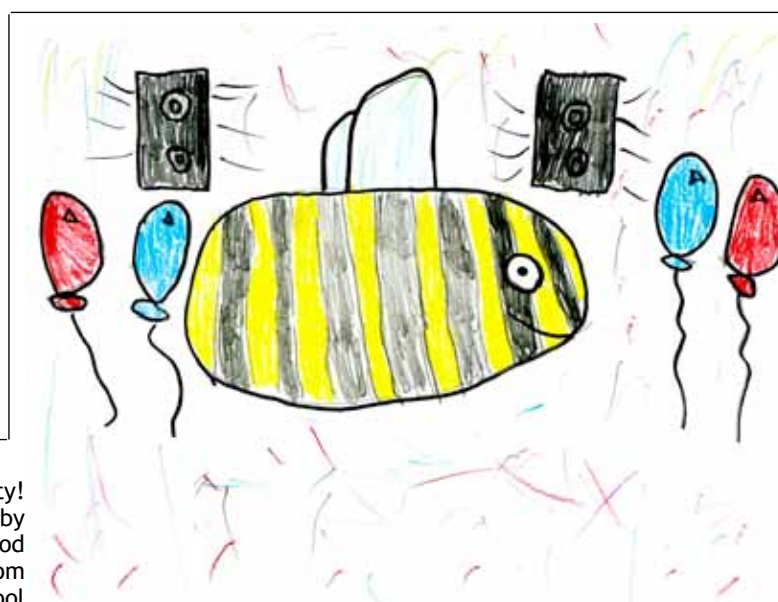
Report by: Stuart Jones

Our second summer outing, organised by Graham and Janet Stukins, on the 21st July, took place on The Green at Sillioth. Noon saw a crowd, very busy, gloriously hot summer's day but that did not deter us eventually finding a parking spot and a shaded area in which to prepare for our alfresco lunch.

The Stukins arrived with everyone's selection of pizza supplied by Mario's on the appointed time of 12:30pm. I didn't ask if the pizzas were good but they disappeared very quickly. Janet then produced a watermelon which together with a drink brought a very successful conclusion to our final outing of the year.

Many thanks for your excellent organised outing Graham and Janet.

The Circle will next meet hopefully in September when our Chairman, Bill Henderson, will have a competition on guessing the contents of his home made wine which he has been busy making during these difficult times.



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# The Lowther Arms in Mawbray is Now Open



Cutting the ribbon and looking to the future - the youth of today (our future) Molly Tunstall (left) and Hannah Byers (right)



Chris Atkinson (Chair) saying a few words at the formal opening ceremony



The blessing was given by Revd Canon Bryan Rothwell, Team Rector of the Solway Plain Team Ministry



A camping pod on the new caravan site (opening soon)



The Lowther Arms is a traditional country pub in the heart of Mawbray village, close to the sea on the Solway Plain in north-west Cumbria. Set in peaceful countryside and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty within Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site Buffer Zone, we are surrounded by stunning views of the Lakes and Scotland.

Come and enjoy our warm and friendly welcome, real ale, good beer and great pub food.

The Lowther Arms is a cooperative and community-owned pub, saved from permanent closure and conversion to a house by the local community and over 300 shareholders.

Re-opened in June 2021, it is more than a pub – we offer a comfortable place to have a drink, morning coffee, enjoy a meal, meet with friends, or simply a quiet corner to read in. Whether you are a local, a visitor, walker, or cyclist, come and relax in our lovely pub with its beer garden and stunning views of the Lake District.



The beer garden on opening day, Saturday 26th June

## New pub Opening Times

Monday	10.00 am – 10.30 pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10.00 am – 10.30 pm
Thursday	10.00 am – 10.30 pm
Friday	10.00 am – 12.00 am
Saturday	10.00 am – 12.00 am
Sunday	12.00 pm – 10.30 pm



The Lowther Arms Community Project Ltd (LACP) is a Community Benefit Society created to buy and save the Lowther Arms village pub.

LACP retains control of the small caravan and camp site associated with the pub and income generated from this site, plus the tenant's rent, will enable the Project to continue to invest to maintain the fabric of the building and improve the facilities.

LACP has set the overall direction of the business as a traditional country pub and Warren and Maddie are free to run the pub within this broad framework.

Come and taste our delicious home-cooked, traditional, pub food, cooked by chef Warren, that will satisfy most appetites and tastes.

On Sunday, we open at midday – when you can try our famous Sunday lunch! Hot lunchtime and evening meals are available on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Booking is advisable.

A range of sandwiches and cold snacks are available on other days.



*Bless this pub O' Lord we pray  
Keep it open night and day  
Bless the lager and the stout  
By the neck or poured out*

*Bless the people here within  
Give them tonic with their gin  
Bless the bar helps either sex  
Keep them free from bouncing cheques*

*Bless the half when cold or hot  
Whether on the slate or not  
Bless the Monk and Carlings beer  
Lord it's getting awful dear*

*Slow me up on rum and coke  
When you find I'm getting broke  
Bless me when the going's hard  
Re-instate me when I'm barred*

*Bless them all now come what may  
And see them home at the end of the day.*



## Free Craft Patterns to Enjoy



Judy Simms from Carlisle suffers from Multiple Sclerosis and spends her time creating craft designs, she also knits and crochets both socks and Aran jumpers. She has created printable

patterns of her creations which are free to download from the internet.

These are just a few of the patterns available to download and print. Just go to:

[www.sewingbadgers.org](http://www.sewingbadgers.org). to get the patterns right-click the name under the picture and print the pattern. Then you just follow the drawings. Everything is totally free to use.



## Warning to Stores Selling Alcohol



**Stores asked to be vigilant on selling alcohol to teenagers in Allerdale.**

Cumbria Police have investigated an offence of a store in Workington selling alcohol to underage teenagers. The sales have been via online sales and apps.

The stores have been spoken to, licence conditions improved and processes put in place to stop this ongoing issue.

Officers will continue to be proactive in responding to concerns of residents and urge stores to always challenge for ID when they suspect a person, under the legal age, is attempting to purchase alcohol. Cumbria Police would advise all store to adopt "Challenge 25" as their age verification. With a clear message of No ID means no sale.

Sergeant Scott Adams said, "The issue of youth disorder and specifically young people drinking

alcohol had been raised to us by concerned residents. We acted upon these concerns and have spoken to stores regarding their vigilance in challenging those they suspect may be underage. We will continue to work with stores involved and stores across West Cumbria to educate and build processes to challenge this. These stores have a professional duty not to sell alcohol to children. During our enquiries and work with young people to reduce antisocial behaviour we have found that there are adults who are purchasing alcohol on behalf of underage drinkers. This will simply not be tolerated and we will be looking to identify any person who is doing this. We work very closely with partner agencies, businesses and local residents to tackle antisocial behaviour and we continually look to address the concerns of the communities we serve."



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# E-Scooters Rules

Officers from the force's roads policing unit are urging people to fully understand the law before buying or riding an E-Scooter.

E-Scooters are illegal to use on roads, footpaths, cycle tracks/lanes, bridleways, or byways. The only legal place these privately purchased scooters can be ridden are on private land with the owner's consent.

E-scooters have become popular this year, after the Government permitted the start of trials for rental schemes in July. However, while the use of rental e-scooters is now legal in some parts of the UK, Cumbria Police are keen to remind people that it remains against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter in any public place in the UK.

The E-Scooters also are potentially dangerous to riders and other member of the public with some reaching speeds of 30+mph. E-scooters are classed as a powered transporter and come under the same legislation as motor vehicles, therefore you need a licence and insurance to ride them. They also need to be registered to be ridden on the road and are subject to technical standards such as MOT and vehicle tax.

Sergeant Craig Hynes from the Mobile Support Group said "Any person who uses an electrical scooter, powered transporter on

Reporting Anti-social behaviour



a public road or other prohibited space as listed above in breach of the law will be committing a criminal offence, therefore can

be prosecuted as well having the scooter seized under road traffic legislation. I would urge anyone who is considering buying an e-scooter for themselves or for their children to think again unless you have private land in which you can use them. We have seen a surge of anti-social behaviour involving these scooters and we are actively enforcing legislation- Please be warned that if you are found riding an E-scooter on a road, footpath, bridleway, or byway we will be seizing the scooter and reporting you for offences, ultimately resulting in penalty points on your driving licence, driving disqualification and or fines. Please help keep yourselves and out communities safe."

Police and Crime

Commissioner Peter McCall said: "It is against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter in any public place in the UK and the trial scheme to use hired e-scooters on roads can for some people, lead to confusion. The legislation for hiring an e-scooter is the same as if hiring a car, and people using them must follow the rules and regulations for using a vehicle on a public highway or they may be awarded penalty points on their driving licence, a fine or be disqualified from driving. Keeping people safe on our roads is an issue that everyone can be involved in. Individuals, families, friends and communities all have a role to play in helping to promote safer driving in county. It is only by working together that we can improve road safety and ultimately, help save lives."

# Win a Fantastic Day Out



Photo courtesy of: Penny Wilson Photography

Following its popularity last year, people are once again being given the chance to win their 'perfect day' in Allerdale, a beautiful part of Cumbria.

The district of Allerdale is home to a large part of the stunning Lake District, the scenic Solway Coast as well as the western end of Hadrian's Wall. But it doesn't end there – the area offers fantastic shopping trips in thriving market towns, cultural experiences in galleries and theatres and a host of taste-tingling eateries and drinking spots.

The team at Visit Allerdale - part of Allerdale Borough Council - has partnered up with competition sponsors The Lakes Distillery, Go Ape at Whinlatter Forest, the Lake District Aquarium in Maryport and the Embleton Spa Hotel to give one lucky person and a guest the chance to win their perfect day out in the area simply by telling them exactly what that day would consist of.

To enter go to <https://>

[visitallerdale.co.uk/my-perfect-day-in-allerdale-competition/](https://visitallerdale.co.uk/my-perfect-day-in-allerdale-competition/) and tell the team about your perfect day in a maximum of 500 words via the online form. The closing date for entries is midnight on the 22nd August 2021.

The main prize will see the winners get to experience their ideal day in Allerdale for free alongside a family member or friend. The day will be filmed by professionals from Fluid Productions and a short film posted on [www.visitallerdale.co.uk](https://www.visitallerdale.co.uk) to inspire others and showcase what the area has to offer visitors. As a perfect finish to their perfect day, the winner will spend the night at the fabulous Embleton Spa Hotel and wake up to a fantastic breakfast.

There are also twelve fantastic runners-up prizes on offer, which are:

- 4 x pairs of tickets for The Lakes Distillery tour and tasting
- 4 x pairs of tickets for Go Ape at Whinlatter Forest

- 4 x family day passes for the Lake District Coast Aquarium in Maryport

The competition entries that are judged to best showcase what Allerdale has to offer as a visitor destination will be added to the Visit Allerdale website to inspire others.

The winning film from 2020 and some inspiring itineraries can be found at <https://visitallerdale.co.uk/things-to-do/perfect-days-in-allerdale/>.

Tony Markley, the council's tourism portfolio holder, said: "We ran this competition for the first time last year and we were met by a great response, receiving entries from all over the country. It was clear that Allerdale is a special place to many people and it was brilliant to read the itineraries they submitted which really do showcase why the area is a superb place to visit. I look forward to judging this year's competition and seeing the wonderful days out that people can have in Allerdale."



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by Savannah-Rose Hannigan  
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Bee Movie  
by Harry  
from Holme St Cuthbert School



# Solway Cycle Challenge

Report by: Senga Blackmore

**Watchtree Nature Reserve kicks off its fundraising, accessible cycling project by launching a new cycling event for 2021; The Solway Cycle Challenge.**

The Solway Cycle Challenge is a virtual event that uses local landmarks to explore the beautiful and varied Solway Plain. The event has been put together to help raise funds for a Velo plus bike. This is an amazing piece of equipment that helps Watchtree continue to provide a fun biking experience for those with limited movement.

The event hopes to encourage all cyclists, all ages to explore our fabulous local area, spend time together with friends and family, and get outdoors! All that is needed is a bike and a helmet, and if you like, you can use a fitness tracking app like Strava so you can track your route. There are twelve landmarks in total, all based in different places around the Solway Plain. Entrants can create their own routes to get to all the landmarks or use suggested routes created by Watchtree Nature Reserve. When you get to one SAY CHEESE and grab a selfie at the landmark.

Those who want a challenge can complete the route in one day, or those who just want to have leisurely rides, can do multiple short rides to complete the Challenge between the 17th of July to 30th September 2021.

Watchtree are delighted to announce that they are working with over 27 local food and drink vendors around the Solway plain. These fantastic local businesses will have various discounts or deals that only Solway Cycle Challenge ticket holders can use. (Tickets must be shown as proof). These businesses include; Aikton Arms, Holme Cultram Coffee Shop, Harrison's Store Ltd., The Wheatsheaf Inn, Surf Bar/

Baywatch, Allonby Tearooms, Springlea Holiday Centre, Twentymans, Bistro, The Kings Arms Inn, Pear Tree Tea Room, Greyhound Inn, R&J Mulholland & Son, The Wellington Inn, Inn at the Bush, Kirkbride Store, Bike & Bite, The Lowther Arms, Joiner's Arms, The Bird in Hand, The Hope & Anchor, Cups & Saucers, Fairy Dust, Paramount Amusements, Silloth Café, The Ice Cream Factory and Winters Newsagent.

Watchtree are huge supporters of working and supporting our communities and small independent businesses, and are very excited to have the above businesses, as well as the fantastic Dodd & Co Chartered Accountants sponsoring this fundraising event.

Senga, (marketing team leader for Watchtree) says "Watchtree prides itself on being one of the best accessible cycling centres in the North West. However, we are falling short on one aspect; we currently don't have enough bikes

to cater for multiple wheelchair users at one time. Unfortunately, accessible bikes are often very expensive, which is why Watchtree is commonly relied on as an accessible cycling service. We want to give the same opportunities to those with limited movement, to enjoy the cycling experience with their friends and family. This is why we need YOU to join our challenge and help us raise money to purchase the Velo Plus! From just a £3 membership rate, someone with additional needs can use our bikes for 90 minutes, spending time outdoors having fun and enjoying a bit of nature".

All entrants receive a certificate of participation and one of Watchtree's fabulous Cycle the Solway medals, as well as the various deals or discounts available from the approved food and drink vendors.

Tickets are now on sale! Grab yours before 1st September, by visiting the website at [www.watchtree.co.uk/events](http://www.watchtree.co.uk/events) (Ticket prices Adults £15, Children £12)

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If you don't have a tracking app and you just want to have fun, we need to see your best selfies with the landmarks. So you will need your best smiles and a camera phone. (that way we know you have been there and we can see how much fun you are having!)

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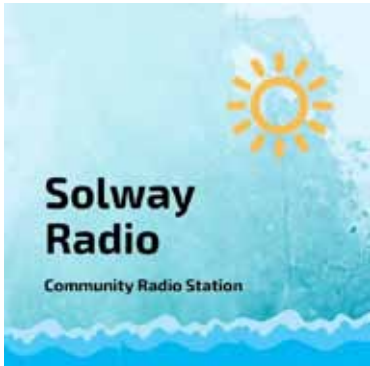
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Queen Bee  
by  
Ruby Beverley  
from  
Holm Cultram  
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## Soul on Silloth Green Free Music Event Sat 31st July



Report by: Vicky Hope

Come to Silloth Green on Saturday 31st of July for a great Free Music Event from 11am to 8pm.

The North's Top Northern Soul DJ's join up again to provide the best music of Northern Soul, Motown and Club Classics and Dancing, this is what we all need right now. All donations on the day go to the Friends of Silloth Green Volunteers to pay for equipment and plants continuing their amazing work on our beloved Green. Their recent work building disabled friendly beds to

plant at the community garden is wonderful and they have lots more planned for the future.

There is a Real Ale Marquee, the Topsy Filly Gin Bar, Annie Mackays Burger Bar, Doughnut Bar, Coffee and Waffle Bar. Bring your deckchairs and picnics just like in the past and enjoy a wonderful day of music with friends and family

This year the event will be opposite Mrs Wilson's next to the public facilities allowing everyone much more space to dance.

Unmissable Event and the first event on the Green this year.



Super Bee by Mason from Silloth Primary School



Shrek Bee by Cody James Baxter from Silloth Primary School

## Holm Cultram Abbey Strawberry Teas



Report by: Laura Sim

On Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th July we held our annual Strawberry Teas. This event was a welcomed start to returning to some sort of normality following the Covid-19 pandemic.

Due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 restrictions it made it difficult for us to plan ahead and we managed to turn this event round in just 10 days.

We are very grateful of Allerdale Borough Council for the tents so that we could have a takeaway service and stalls outside to allow us to safely have table service inside

without overcrowding.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event especially those who donated towards the ingredients, baked tasty treats and helped by volunteering over the weekend with out everyone's support this event would not have been a great success.

We are pleased to announce that a fabulous £2,717.30 was raised and will go towards the ongoing work of the church.

Sorry if anyone missed out on the event but don't worry we will be back doing them on 9th and 10th July 2022.



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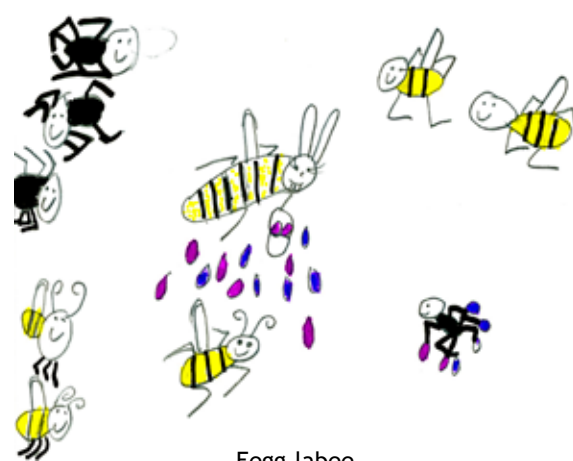
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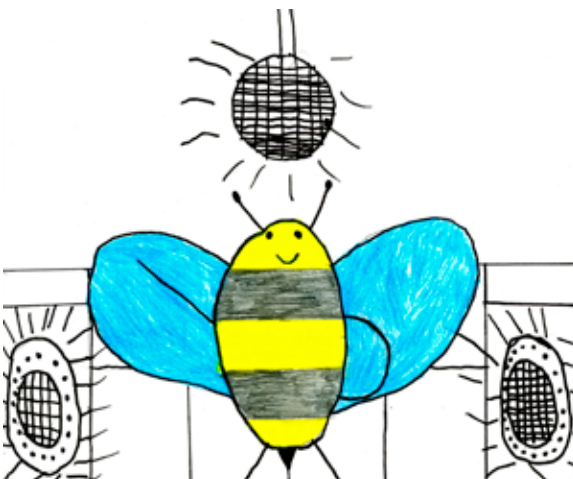
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by  
Freddie Winter  
from Silloth Primary School



From Harry Potter  
by  
Harvey Askew  
from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Honey Bee  
by  
Alistair Ledingham  
from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Disco Bee  
by  
Nicole Bell  
from Silloth Primary School

## Allerdale GDF Working Group announces series of public drop-ins

The Allerdale GDF Working Group has announced a series of dates for community drop-ins due to take place across Allerdale throughout July and August.

The Working Group formed in January 2021 to start a conversation with the community about whether Allerdale is the right place to build a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) to permanently dispose of the UK's higher-activity radioactive waste, and with the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions expected on 19 July, they have now been able to plan a series of face-to-face drop-in sessions to listen to the views of the community.

Geological disposal is one of the UK's largest ever environmental protection projects, which would provide a safe and secure long-term solution for the disposal of higher activity radioactive waste and could create investment and jobs over many generations.

Over the past six months, the Working Group has engaged with the community largely through their digital channels and e-newsletter, but these drop-ins will now provide a safe space for people to have real life conversations about what a GDF could mean for Allerdale, and find out whatever information they need to take part in the discussion.

As well as the opportunity to ask questions and share opinions with Working Group members, there will also be a range of learning resources to help people of all ages explore the science behind a GDF and see what the facility could look like and how it might work.

The Working Group, who are neither for nor against building a GDF in Allerdale, is independently chaired by Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong, and members include local representatives from Allerdale Borough Council, Radioactive Waste Management Ltd (RWM), Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC), and Genr8North Ltd – the Interested Party that came forward and asked for Allerdale to be considered as a potential location.

Eva Chua, the Group's Community Engagement Manager said: "Launching the

Working Group in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic has been challenging, but I'm really pleased we can now get out into the community to have as many conversations as possible and understand what local people want for their future. Their views are important to us. We are here to listen and to provide information to encourage the community of Allerdale to take part in the discussion about GDF and what it could mean for the community. We want to invite everyone to come along to a drop-in near them and tell us what they think."

The first of 12 community drop-ins is due to take place at Thursby Village Hall on Thursday 22nd July and all sessions will be subject to any Covid-19 restrictions which may be in place at the time.

Further information, including the full programme of drop-in sessions, can be found on the website: <https://allerdale.workinginpartnership.org.uk/>.

- Saturday 24th July, 10:30am–6pm, Bothel Village Hall, CA7 2HL
- Thursday 5th August, 10:30am–6pm, Crosscanby Community Centre, CA15 6SQ
- Friday 6th August, 10:30am–6pm, Gilcrux Village Hall, CA7 2QD
- Saturday 7th August, 10:00am–5:30pm, The Wave, Maryport, CA15 8AD
- Thursday 12th August, 10:30am–6pm, Blindcrake Village Hall, CA13 0QH
- Friday 13th August, 10:30am–6pm, Broughton Village Hall, CA13 0NE
- Saturday 14th August, 10am–4:30pm, United Reformed Church, Cockermouth, CA13 9LU
- Thursday 19th August, 10am–4pm, Seaton Village Hall, CA14 1PL
- Friday 20th August, 10am–6pm, Northside Community Centre, CA14 1AX
- Saturday 21st August, 10:30am–5pm, Carnegie Theatre & Arts Centre, CA14 2BD

Anyone who is not able to attend a drop-in but would like to ask questions or share views is encouraged to contact the Group through its website where they can also access a range of digital resources, including an interactive Virtual Exhibition.

**The future is in your hands**  
Come along to our community drop-ins





# A 20th Anniversary Look Back at the First Two Years of the Solway Buzz

## Silloth on Solway NEWS

August 2001 local news - for you - by you - about you - free to you - local news Issue 1

### This is Issue One

And the first issue is - what do you want to call it?

We need your help to find a new name for this new newspaper. As this is your local paper, it is only right that you should decide on a name for it. We have given it the working title you see above, but the choice is not ours, it is yours.

There have already been 2,000 flyers distributed asking everyone to the impending launch of this exciting local project. These have provided some suggestions regarding possible titles for this new publication, but it has been decided to hold a competition to find this choice new name, now we need you to get involved.

We need a name that has a special meaning for every one in this area. We are hoping to distribute the paper freely to everyone in the area detailed below.

The paper will also be available to all the many tourists who come to enjoy this special area with us.

Please send us your suggestion. A mystery prize awaits the winner and the chance to see her/his title printed every month on our front cover.

So get those thinking caps on and get your entries in....

I think the title should be:

or, I would prefer to vote for one of the following options:

Silloth on Solway News ☐

Silloth on Solway Reminder ☐

Silloth on Solway Informer ☐

The Silloth Buzz ☐

Entries before 1<sup>st</sup> September please....

Hand your vote into: The Golf Hotel, or Winters Newsagents, or post to: M-SMC, Freepost, Wigton, CA7 4ZZ.

### Where is this paper distributed?

This map shows the catchment area we intend to receive the paper. Of course, where it is actually delivered is down to YOU!

Apart from the printing, volunteers are doing everything else, and that includes distribution.

A few people are doing a lot of work to try and get this paper off the ground. To survive we need lots more volunteers, otherwise we will not be able to continue. The more people there are prepared to deliver the paper, the easier it will be for each volunteer.

How much information is in the paper about your community is also down to the people in your village sending that information to the Editor. Although we are based in Silloth, we want to be relevant to every corner of this fairly small catchment area. Please send as much information as possible to Denise, the Editor, otherwise your community may be left out. Only you know what is happening in your locality, we almost certainly do not.

You now have a simple way of reaching everyone in your village as well as the neighbouring villages, very easily, each month.

Remember - your help is important, whether for distribution, articles and news, or as advertisers. It is the advertisers who are paying for the printing of the paper, if we have more advertisers, then there will be more space available for local news items. Please give us your support! Contact information is on page 2.



The first edition was A4 format and just eight pages, all in black & white

Issue two was increased to ten pages and our title was decided after public consultation

Issue three grew again to 12 pages

Issue four was 14 pages

Issue 5 12 pages

Issue 7 16 pages

Issue 13 20 pages

Issue 20 August 2003 Tabloid 12 pages

Issue 23 Jan/Feb 2004 12 pages with some colour

Issue 33 April 2005 16 pages

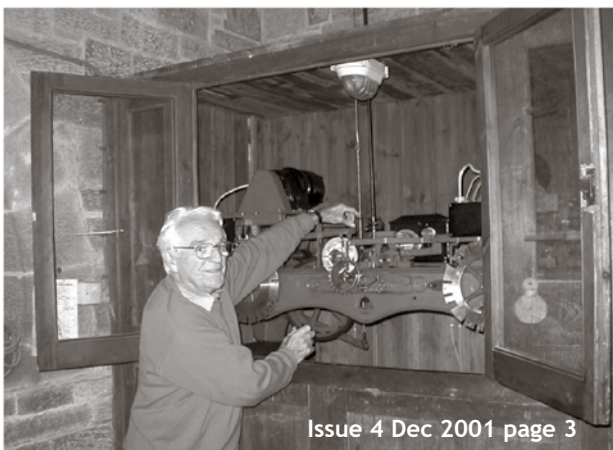
Issue 93 April 2011 all 16 pages in colour

Issue 165 June 2018 20 pages first Newsquest

## Christ Church Clock

We all look up at the clock on Christ Church in Silloth without giving a thought to the fact that the time is always correct.

This doesn't happen by accident. Twice a year, and at other times when there has been a lightning strike, Mr Arthur Bragg undertakes the long climb to the clock workings to re-set everything



Issue 4 Dec 2001 page 3

Photo courtesy of Bill Allen

Did you know - every issue from Issue 1 in August 2001 is available to read on the Solway Buzz web site, check out:

[www.solwaybuzz.co.uk](http://www.solwaybuzz.co.uk)

You can find these items and many more there.

Many will find the advertisers very interesting, some are still with us but it is quite surprising how many have gone. Take a trip down memory lane and see how much you remember.

Our first issue coincided with the creation of the first Silloth Beer Festival. Not so many bands or such big names.

Back when the paper was first printed, it was all in black and white of course. An interesting detail is that if you check it out on the website many of the pictures are in colour because there is no surcharge for colour on the internet whereas back then colour printing was quite expensive and rare in newspapers.

Fortunately the whole Buzz is now in colour as the extra cost is much more reasonable than it was at that time.

We hope you enjoy the next few pages as we look back over the first two years.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Silloth Beer Festival

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>  
September

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Beer Festival advert on page 5 of Issue 1



Photo courtesy of: Bill Allen

Local TV personality Tim Barker presenting prizes to the winners of the best self made kites competition.

L. Bain, on holiday from Musselburgh and A. Dockery.

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Bee Good for Santa

by: Liam Eland

Masthead Bees

For issues 2 and 3 a talented local lady, Susan Winter, created some bees while we organised for the primary schoolchildren from the three local schools to send theirs in. The first child's bee was by Liam Eland in issue 4, December 2001

but you - free to you - local news

## Do You Remember When?

Perfectly True - It Actually Happened  
I Was There

On the first day of September in 1962

Our Golf Club ran an outing for folk like me and you  
They put a sheet up on the board for names who wished to go  
And left it to the Captain to organise the show  
They left the Golf Club car park in a Blair & Palmers bus  
There wasn't any trouble, there wasn't any fuss  
They piled the clubs into the boot with a crate or two of beer  
And started on their outing full of fitness and good cheer  
There was Tom Slack and Tom Fraser, Dicky Robinson and John Todd

Frank Shuttleworth, Ellis Beattie, Jacky Tinnion and Bob Dodd  
Tony Allison, Douglas Oliver, Bill Cameron and Carr Scott  
Johnny Lowes and Doctor Dolan, now wait that's not the lot  
Our Captain went and of course you know his name was Alfred Grieve

We'd Bill, Fred and Eddy Todd and our old friend George Ritchie

Frank Jacobs and John Gass were there and of course we'd Dr. Gray

And we went to the Dumfries and Galloway course in a competition to play

We stayed at Dumfries for the night at the old County Hotel  
Bonnie Prince Charlie once stayed there, now they've had Harold Bell

We were up sharp in the morning, we'd hardly time to dress  
'till we piled into the bus again on the way to Southernness  
We arrived at the course about half past nine not as fit as the day before

We'd drunk a lot of whisky and pints of beer galore  
Then out we went to do our best full of good intent  
And the way I felt from the night before I wished I'd never went  
But we struggled round for eighteen holes then went and had some grub

Just across the road from the golf course there's the Paul Jones Hotel and Pub

Then out we went in the afternoon in a Stableford Four Ball  
And the state of one of the winners made you wonder how they won at all

Now you'll be getting sick of hearing this and listening to me sing

So before I leave this microphone there's just one other thing  
Next year when we run this outing get your name onto the sheet  
And come with us wherever we go and give yourselves a treat.

Harold Bell

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Queen Bee by Susan Winter

# Solway Buzz

September 2001 local news - for you - by you - about you - free to you - local news Issue 2

## We now have a name!

The working title of "Silloth on Solway News" has gone.

The majority of votes cast were for "The Silloth Buzz", although there were many other suggestions made. It is now obvious given our distribution area of Maxbury to Abbotstown to Skimburness that not everyone considered using Silloth in the title to be totally accurate or considerate. We have therefore gone with the majority vote with the necessary modification to "Solway Buzz".

As suggested by one of our voters and in keeping with the 'Buzz', we are using a 'bumble bee' logo. As we intend this to be a light-hearted as well as informative read, we will be using cartoon images with a different 'bee' for every issue.

**Can you draw?** If your drawing is used, we will put your name on the paper masthead. Remember to enclose your name and address with your drawing, if still at school, tell us you're age and School as well. There are lots of talented people in this region, so let's see those entries flooding in, send them to Peter McRobert, address on page 2. This month's drawing is by Susan Winter of Skimburness.

## Summer of Success

Silloth has been celebrating not one, not two, but three successful events over the past month.

First came the highly successful 'It's a Knockout' weekend, August 17th and 18th. Despite the appalling weather, it rained for most of the whole weekend, the event proved a winner with both young and old. It also brought the crowds in from far and wide.

Saturday saw the Junior event taking place. 15 teams competed in a variety of games and the winners were Silloth Junior School and Silloth Junior Football Club.

On Sunday the weather and the grudge matches got worse when it was the turn of the adults' 22 teams took part in a hard fought series of games with the eventual winners being Silloth Fire Brigade.

The organisers are already planning for next year's event!

One week later and it was the turn of the **Annual Town Carnival** on Bank Holiday Monday, but this time, thank

goodness, the rain stayed away. The event was sadly marred by the recent Foot and Mouth outbreak, which meant that many of the usual competitors stayed away.

The event included the ever popular Cumberland and Westmoreland Wrestling, a Springe aerobics display, Lifesport demonstration, plus numerous stalls and exhibitions on the green. Again the crowds came, proving this event as popular as ever.

Next year's Carnival is already being organised!

Finally, the 1st Silloth Beer Festival. This took place September 6th - 9th.

(Continued on page 3)

## Silloth Community Development Centre



Top left: Hazel Allen, Linda Cork, Carol Carr, Judith Davison, Gillian Jones, Christine Strickland.

Bottom left: Tommy Akitt (Community Tutor) Marlene Abbot, Diane Graham (Manager & Community Tutor), Juliet Thomas, and David Catton. All these students completed short courses in either Introduction to IT or Desk Top Publisher.

Certificates were also sent out to students who completed a full days course on Food Hygiene. These students are:

Geoff Betsworth, Sarah Betsworth, Dee Bosward, Jacqui Der-rane, Kay Elliot Irwin, Debbie Fearon, Amanda Fisher Jean Pat-tinson, Peggie Richardson, Nicola Scott and Deborah Fearon.

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# Some Early Solway Buzz Articles from 2001 & 2002

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## Junior Football



Silloth Under 8's B Team  
Back Row: Malcolm Wise  
Middle Row: Ross Beresford, Matthew Jones, Bethany Wise  
Front Row: Robbie Harrison, Ryan Morris, Megan Wise, Jonathon Tallentire.



Silloth Under 8s A Team  
Back Row: Sam Brough, Callum Beattie, Lewis Mulla, Cally Martin  
Front Row: Carl Lightfoot, Ben Gribbon, Patrick Brough, Ben Scott, Ivan Mulla coach.

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## Solway Tennis Club



On Saturday 1st June Mayor Bill Allison was on hand at the Skimburness courts to officially present the club with the 4 mini tennis nets that the town councils grant paid for. Committee members David Pigeon, David Wise and Gareth Lewis were on hand to thank the mayor for the council's generous contribution.

July 2002, Issue 10 page 16

## Junior Football

### Silloth Under 8's football team



Top left: Cally Martin, Carl Lightfoot, Ross Beresford, Lewis Mulla, Sam Brough and Coach Ivan Mulla  
Bottom Left: Ben Gribbon, Patrick Brough, Bradley Johnstone, Ben Scott and Callum Beattie

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A few companies were brave enough to support the fledgling Solway Buzz by advertising in issue 1. These were:

- Balmoral Hotel
- Lynn Devine Chiropodist
- Winters Newsagents
- Golf Hotel
- P. Scott Furnishers
- Threads Haberdashery
- Peter Josef Hairdressers
- S & A Printing
- Bailies Coffee Bar & Ice Cream Parlour
- Oak Leaf Hardware
- Memory Lane Gifts
- The Mill Shop
- SG Hart Windowcleaner
- Longwood Garden Centre
- Occasions Florists
- Clive's Shape & Style
- Bowman's Chemist
- Silloth on Solway Community Shop
- Spar

Then, as now, there were several other adverts for community events. The Solway Buzz has never charged for community adverts where they are run by volunteers and are not for profit.

There is also no charge for submitting articles and photographs, these are what makes the Solway Buzz special. So, please send us reports and photographs of your groups activities, we need your input to keep the Buzz relevant. We used to get lots of sport reports but that has died off with the pandemic, hopefully more will be forthcoming soon.

The Buzz was set up as a community paper by Silloth Regeneration Partnership and although no longer part of that moribund organisation it is still run with that same ethos. We exist to support the community and are supported by over 65 volunteers.

**Our Predecessor:**  
**Silloth Community News**

This is an extract from Issue 1, page 6

## Silloth 41 Club Donations



L-R: John Graham, Mary Fraser, Arthur Norman & Laurence Marshall

Mary Fraser, Chairman of the Golden Jubilee 2002 Committee receiving a cheque from Arthur Norman, 41 Club Chairman.

The 41 club comprises retired Round Table members and as the town no longer has an active Round Table, the 41 club looks after the Wishing Well on Silloth Green and donate the takings to local causes.

On this occasion both the Golden Jubilee Committee and Silloth Youth Centre received cheques for £40 each.

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written by Denise Pattinson

From October 1982 until mid 1994 the Silloth Community News was an integral part of rural life in the Silloth and District area.

The newspaper was delivered to over 2000 homes in the areas stretching from Allonby to Abbotstown, and was a voice for many organisations and informed local people of the news and views from the area.

The Friends of Solway Community School produced the first newsletters. They were a by-monthly publication that relied heavily on the news coming from the local groups themselves.

Sue Jones and Morag Hill, became the Editors in 1984, and they changed the face of the newspaper by reporting on Town Council activities and other more topical affairs.

Sadly Morag died some years ago, she is still sadly missed by everyone who knew and worked with her.

After two years they decided to resign and the mantle for supplying news fell to Sheila Edgar and myself (Denise Pattinson). Our style was slightly different as we introduced

## Silloth OAP's Association



Committee and helpers in the kitchen, left to right, Angela Hoodless, Isabel Gilmour, Isabel Thomlinson, Dorothy Maxwell, Margaret Smith, Maureen Irving, Dorothy Rowell.



Chairperson - Diana Shaw and Mrs Denard on the cake stall.

Silloth OAP's held the first coffee morning of the year, which was a great success, £115 was raised. These are normally held on the first Saturday of the month.

The money raised from

these and the weekly whist and domino drives is used to fund the Annual Trip, Christmas Party, as well as the upkeep and running of the Pensioners Hut.

Whist drives are held every Tuesday at 2pm and Thursday evening at 7:30pm and Friday afternoon at 2pm.

Everyone is welcome. Coffee morning dates are: March-cancelled, April 6th, May 4th, June Trip July 6th, Strawberry Tea Sept. 7th, October 5th, November 2nd.

The Christmas Party will be held on November 30th.

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more feature writers and in-depth profiles of local people. Sheila died, after a long illness, while still Editor of the Newsletter, she was, and remains, an inspiration to everyone who was fortunate to know her.

Nina Wood, a close friend of Sheila's joined the Editorial team. A more controversial attitude was adopted, with the questioning of decisions that were being taken by local and national governments, concerning our area. Unfortunately at this time the parent body of the newsletter changed and the editors after some deep consideration decided to resign.

The newsletter then went through some major problems and again it was Solway Community School, with Isabel White at the helm, who took over the running of the paper until it ceased to be published in 1994.



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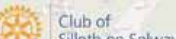
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# Your Buzzing Letters & Poems

Dear Buzz,

My wife and I lived and worked in Silloth-on-Solway for seven years or so, about thirty-five years ago. Very recently, from 8th of June, we spent just four days with you. The first time that I have ever returned. What a pleasure to have been back! We had forgotten the warm and friendly reception from all received as passing in the street, the amazing cleanliness and beauty of the Green and the variety small shops, not only surviving, but thriving, and, of course, the choice of fine eateries. When you live in a community, you rarely eat out, since you can more readily cook for all you need at home. BUT, in our four-day stay we made up for our seven negligent years: breakfasts at the Queen's every morning, Monday evening at the Golf, Tuesday lunch at the Fairy dust Emporium, Tuesday evening at the Cumberland Inn, Wednesday lunch at Mrs Wilson's, Wednesday evening, at the Bank, Thursday lunch at Jack's Surf Bar and, finally, Thursday evening at Stella's Bistro. All so different, these restaurants, but all the same in quality, quantity and value for money. Thank you all for your warm welcome and friendly service. In so limited a stay, there were places we would love to have sampled but time did not allow. My wife and I have planned a quick return for the whole week in mid-September, just to repeat the hospitality of this visit and catch up with any missed opportunities.

Peter Lynn

Dear Buzz,

After three years of trying to get action to improve Causewayhead cemetery I feel I have been bitterly let down by both Silloth and Holme Low parish councils. I was promised the water would be switched back on. Well Yes! But not in the middle of a rat infested dilapidated broken down building. Do you really expect the older generation to clamber over broken down doors and numerous unmentionables to fill a watering can. You Should Be Ashamed Of Yourselves. The war graves are immaculate and the maintenance contractors are doing

their bit to keep things tidy. Then we go over the road to the old church yard. Whoever is responsible for the upkeep? Bow your head in shame. Grass is over the height of many headstones and nearly above the retaining wall. I have heard that the M.O.D. want to use it as a training ground for jungle warfare. Get it sorted it is a blot on the landscape.

C. Briggs

Dear Buzz,

I find it rather ironic that millions are being dished out in Allerdale and yet Solway Street cannot be completed because of a lack of funds. It would appear that Northern Allerdale, ie Silloth, Wigton, Aspatria and Kirkbride appear to be forgotten. Well almost! We did get two new waste paper bins on the green. I would be very interested in how grant money has been distributed throughout the borough over the past five years.

Keep smiling, C Briggs

Disco Bee  
by Michaela Nichol  
from Silloth Primary School



After the storm  
by Penny Stimson

The sun is now shining brightly  
like diamonds twinkling in the light  
where tiny drops of water lay  
making such a wonderful display.

Dew drops, rain drops, all in a line  
waiting for that magical sign  
when sun comes forth with all its might  
and prism's sparkle shining bright.

But soon with the heat they will be gone  
leaving not a trace of their shining throng  
and we wait another storm  
to wake us with a sunny dawn.

Periwinkle  
by Sophia Lodhi

Combing the beach, it caught my eye:  
A shell, whose beauty made me sigh;  
Pearly-pink, with no decay,  
I scooped it up without delay.

To set it on my windowsill  
May well have been against its will...  
Recalling then, the fishwives' tale:  
I put it to my ear, this shell...

Sure enough, I heard the call  
Of sea and waves and thunderous roll...  
Just then, I knew I would be wrong  
To take it from its ocean home.

With much regret, I said goodbye,  
And as I heard the fulmar's cry  
I cast it far away from me:  
Back into the sparkling sea.

Cows  
by Joan Bennett

You needn't be frightened it's only a cow.  
I don't think that you'll make a milkmaid somehow.  
The farmer was scathing, I could tell by his frown.  
Didn't he know I grew up in a town.

I've come to country to live now I'm grown.  
Back to the city I'd have run if I'd known.  
A horse is quite big, but a cow it is massive.  
With huge swinging udders and eyes that are pas-sive.

Overcome your fear, do come have a look.  
The only cows I'd seen were drawn in a book.  
Come closer said he, she will do you no harm.  
But I shuddered its wet nose had slid up my arm.

I felt so unhappy, I was sweating with fear.  
I must go back home I must get out of here.  
I walked the road home feeling much calmer now.  
I even felt silly being scared of a cow.

My peace was soon shattered, I heard a strange sound.  
It sounded like mooing and thumps on the ground.  
And then to my horror round the corner they came.  
A heard of cows running though some of them lame.

A young man came running he was waving a stick.  
Get out of the way he yelled, better be quick.  
Where can I run to I wondered in terror.  
To walk home alone had been one fatal error.

It was then that I saw it all shiny and red.  
A lovely tall phone box that stood just ahead.  
I'll make it I think if I run very fast.  
I just need the shelter till that lot has passed.

It was then that I realized that I wasn't alone.  
A tall man, all shirty was using the phone.  
You can't come in here he said, the box is engaged.  
Well that's just too bad I said, those cows are enraged.

Down the phone he said, sorry, I won't be long now.  
A stupid woman in here with me is scared of a cow.  
I was feeling so silly, the humiliation was great.  
But I still only view cows from behind a large gate.

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.

## Non-Commercial Tourism Websites

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## 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 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. Or send it to us, our address is on page 14.

This month the winner is Chloe Durnberger from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee drawing called "School Bee".

Well done!





# Silloth RNLI Called Out

Reports by Julie Emary, Silloth RNLI Press Officer



Rescue at Southerness by Silloth RNLI lifeboat

Silloth RNLI lifeboat was launched on 7th July at 09:55 to a person stranded on rocks, cut off by the tide at Southerness, Scotland.

The volunteer crew arrived on scene at 10:09, by which time the casualty was standing in seawater about 300 meters off shore. With considerable skill the helmsman was able to negotiate a way through the rocks and get the lifeboat close enough to the girl for her to be taken safely on board.

Steven Henderson, the senior helm at Silloth RNLI lifeboat, was then able to manoeuvre the boat back through the rocks and drop the casualty close to the shore. A member of the crew accompanied the girl safely onto the beach, where Portlino Coastguard were waiting. Also involved in the incident were Kippford RNLI lifeboat and Kirkcudbright Coastguard.

The lifeboat returned to station and made ready again for service by 11:00am.

If you see anyone in trouble on the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Check the times of the tide and don't walk out too far.

Have a phone with you, so that you are able to contact someone if you get into trouble.



Silloth RNLI lifeboat called out to swimmer

Silloth RNLI lifeboat was called out on Sunday 18th July to a swimmer who was spotted off the coast of Silloth.

Members of the public had expressed their concern for the safety of the person. The lifeboat was launched from West Beach due to the state of the tide. Maryport Coastguard were also called.

Silloth lifeboat crew made contact with the swimmer, who had swum from Scotland and intended to swim back to Caerlaverock Castle, Scotland.

The tide in the Solway Firth is particularly strong and unpredictable and Silloth RNLI lifeboat crew were concerned for the swimmers safety and consequently decided to escort him back as far as possible.

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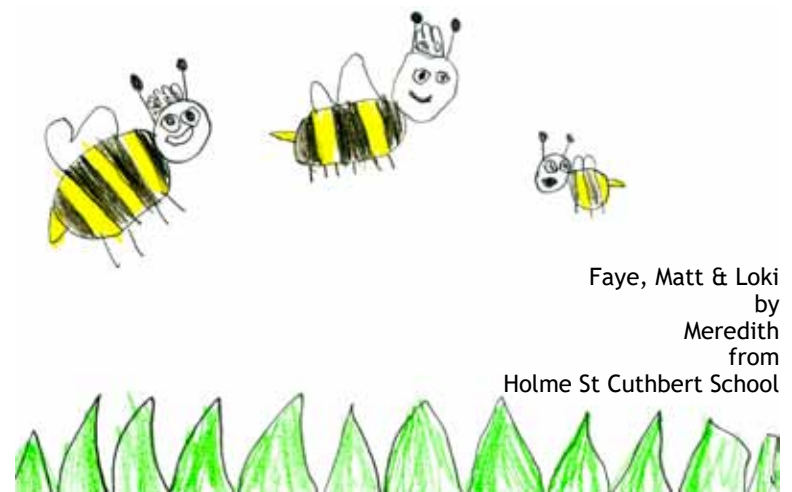
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Have You Sent in Your Dates yet?

# Dates for Your Diary

## July

30th Soul on the Green warmup evening in Silloth Rugby Club

31st Soul on the Green from 11am to 8pm, all free, It's Time to Dance!

## August

5th Holm Cultram Abbey Alternative Monthly Munch collection 11:30am to 1pm, order: 016973 61224 or 61113

11th Causewayhead WI meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 2pm, all welcome

15th Model Railway Exhibition in Allonby Village Hall from 10am to 4pm, admission £3, accompanied children under 12 free Refreshments available

21st Afternoon Tea in Culterham Hall to celebrate 70th Anniversary, 2-5pm, £7.50 to book Tel 07926 810074

26th Solfest

27th Solfest

28th Solfest

28th Silloth Carnival Mega Weekend on Silloth Green from noon to 6pm

28th Tea & Coffee Fundraising Event in Silloth RAFA Club from 2pm

29th Solfest

## August con'd

29th Silloth Carnival Mega Weekend on Silloth Green from 11am to 6pm

29th Tea & Coffee Fundraising Event in Silloth RAFA Club from 2pm

30th Silloth Carnival Mega Weekend on Silloth Green from 11am to 6pm

30th Craft Fair in St Andrews Church Hall 12-4pm, we will be serving take away tea/coffee and cakes To book a table call Penny on 016973 35522

## September

4th Silloth RAFA Club Leek Show, staging 10am, judging noon, hall opens 4pm contact Ian Caulfield on 31531

6th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

8th Causewayhead WI meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 2pm, all welcome

11th Solway Cycling Festival on Silloth Green with cycle rides, maintenance workshops, kid's activities, skills sessions and much more

18th Table Top sale in St Andrews Church Hall, 12-4pm. Take away tea/coffee and cakes

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## October

4th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

12th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

13th Causewayhead WI meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 2pm, all welcome

23rd Craft Fair in St Andrews Church Hall 12-4pm, we will be serving take away tea/coffee and cakes To book a table call Penny on 016973 35522

## November

8th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

10th Causewayhead WI meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 2pm, all welcome

## November cont'd

20th Craft Fair in St Andrews Church Hall 12-4pm, Afternoon Tea, To book a table call Penny on 016973 35522

## December

6th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

8th Causewayhead WI meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 2pm, all welcome

11th Christmas Sale in St Andrews Church Hall 12-4pm, To book a table call Penny on 016973 35522

## January 2022

1st Allonby Bay New Year Swim in the Solway with Allonby Bay Dookers

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

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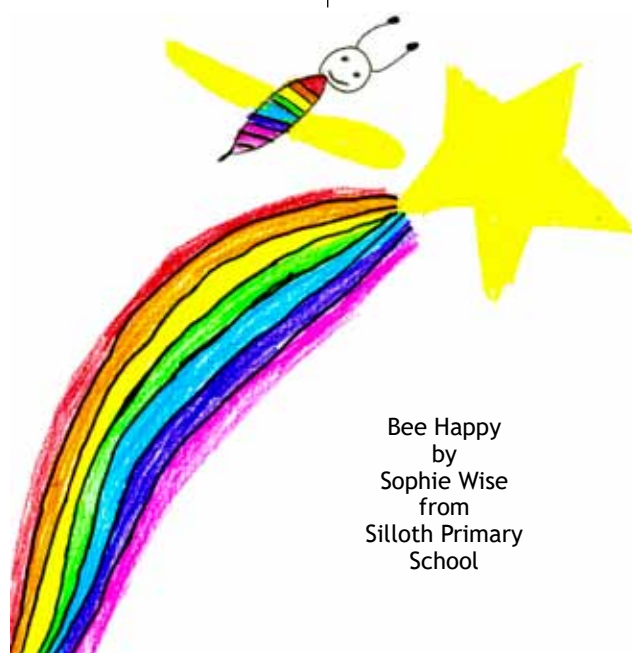


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(orders to be placed by Wednesday 4th August 2021)

Please support us if you can and we look forward to seeing some old and new faces. Thank you



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## Causewayhead WI

Report by: Jenny Stride

Our first meeting since lockdown began will be in Silloth Community Hall at

2pm on 11th August.  
Please come along and join us.

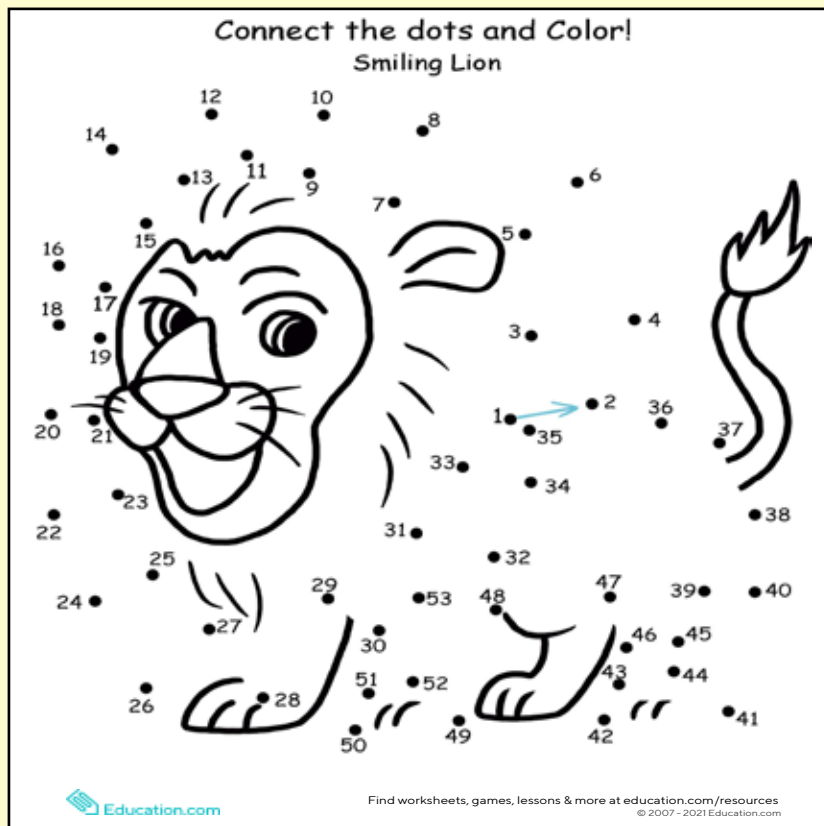
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(Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)

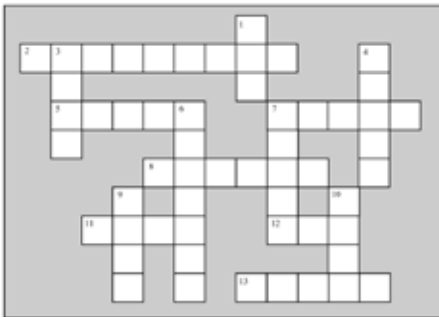
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### Word List

BLOOM	POOL
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LEAVES	WARM



## Farm Crossword

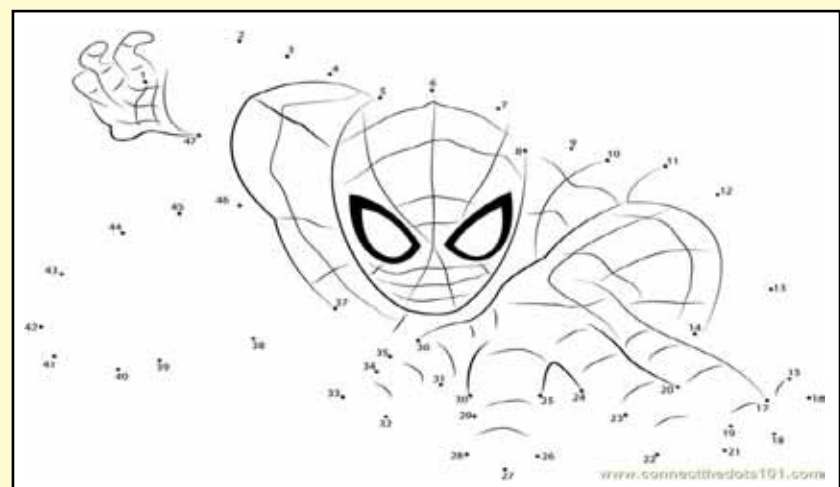
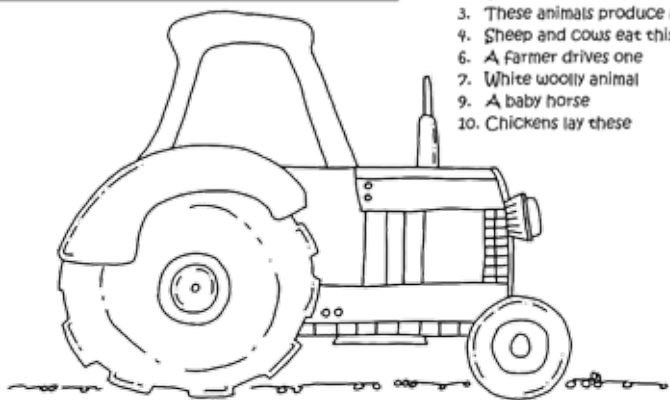


### Across

- This is put in a field to frighten the birds away
- This cereal is used to make flour
- Cows eat this and animals sleep on it
- The person who runs a farm is called one
- A male one of these is called a billy
- These animals "oink"
- Cats love to chase a one of these

### Down

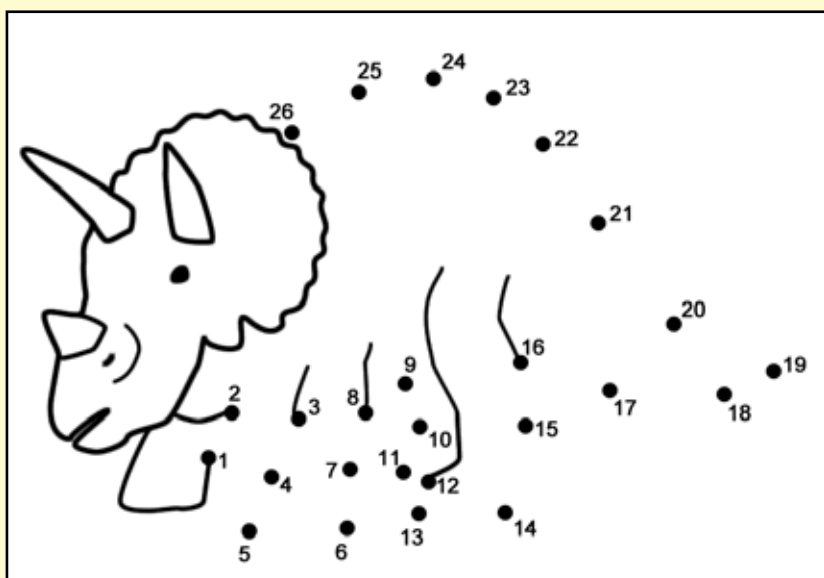
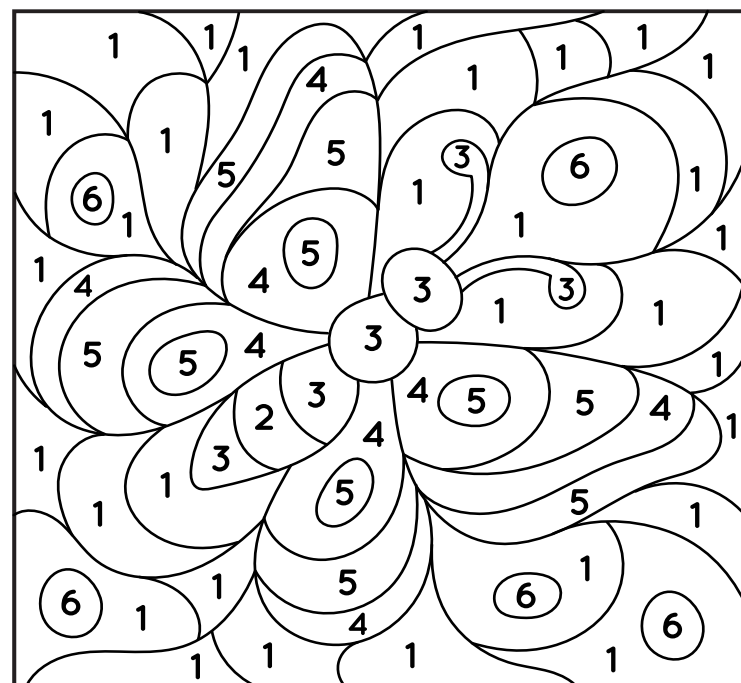
- This animal lives in a kennel
- These animals produce milk
- Sheep and cows eat this
- A farmer drives one
- White woolly animal
- A baby horse
- Chickens lay these



## Color by Number Butterfly

**Directions:** Use the color key below to reveal the beautiful butterfly.

- |           |            |            |
|-----------|------------|------------|
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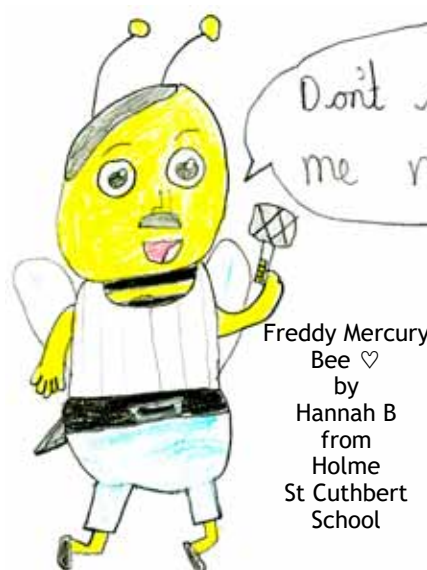
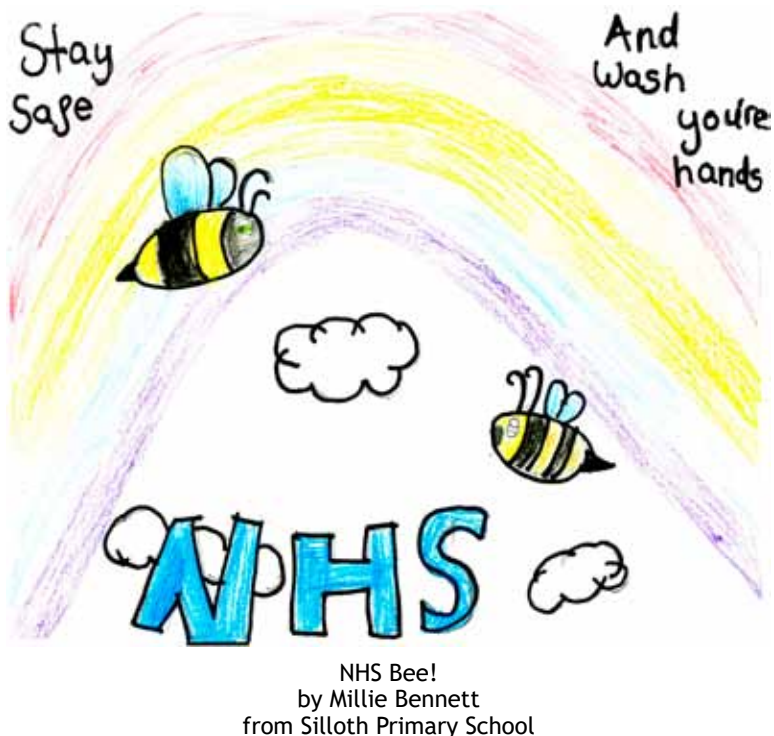
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# Duo of Dutch Ships Visit Port of Silloth

Report & Photos by:  
John Forrester  
More coverage of shipping at  
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By coincidence, June saw two ships built to the same design visit the port. They were constructed within months of each other at the same Dutch shipyard. The different liveries of EMMA & JOLYN may disguise their likeness at first glance.

The multipurpose vessels were built to a high specification capable of sailing in extreme conditions such as those found in the Baltic. Silloth has seen several examples of this popular ship design over the years.

Both June visitors were bringing fertiliser from the Belgian port of Ghent.

EMMA was photographed leaving Silloth having spent Whitsun weekend at the dock. Crew could be seen preparing for departure before orders were given to release the ship from its moorings. The bright red ship was carefully manoeuvred before passing through the dock entrance, where it made a dramatic subject to photograph. The ship gave a blast on its horn as it made its exit on the hot sultry afternoon. Crew at the stern looked happy to be on their way as they gave a friendly wave.



## Silloth Tide Tables

AUGUST 2021							SILLOTH		
Date	DEPTHS ON NEW DOCK GAUGE (1.8m ABOVE CD)								
	High Water				Low Water				
	Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon		
	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	
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2 M	06 17	5.1	18 57	4.9	00 24	0.6	12 57	0.6	
3 TU	07 28	5.0	20 09	5.0	01 35	0.7	14 07	0.6	
4 W	08 38	5.1	21 11	5.3	02 47	0.6	15 12	0.4	
5 TH	09 36	5.4	22 00	5.7	03 50	0.4	16 08	0.2	
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23 M			12 19	7.1	07 06	-1.1	19 19	-0.9	
24 TU	00 30	7.5	12 57	7.1	07 47	-1.1	19 57	-0.9	
25 W	01 08	7.5	13 33	7.0	08 24	-1.1	20 31	-0.7	
26 TH	01 44	7.3	14 05	6.7	08 57	-0.9	21 04	-0.6	
27 F	02 18	7.0	14 38	6.4	09 24	-0.6	21 32	-0.3	
28 SA	02 54	6.5	15 12	6.0	09 50	-0.3	22 00	-0.0	
29 SU	03 32	6.1	15 52	5.5	10 17	0.1	22 35	0.4	
30 M	04 17	5.5	16 42	5.1	10 55	0.4	23 23	0.7	
31 TU	05 16	5.0	17 52	4.6	11 48	0.7			

Times shown in UTC. Add 1 hour for British Summer Time.

The beach was busy with visitors whose attention was caught by the unexpected sight of the passing cargo vessel.

The weather wasn't as bright for the arrival of JOLYN two weeks later; it was a grey day for a grey ship. Nevertheless, enthusiasts always turn out when there's a new visitor to see.

JOLYN bears the familiar

livery of the large Dutch company 'Wagenborg', for which it operates on charter. As high water approached, the ship was piloted towards the dock entrance after being carefully lined up. It was another well-judged manoeuvre as the ship passed the pier. One crew member was keen to record the event on his mobile, and spectators gave a welcoming wave.

Once in New Dock the ship was turned and brought alongside its unloading quay. Eagle-eyed observers often get an unexpected insight into life aboard, on this occasion a string of freshly caught mackerel were hanging after being cleaned, ready for the pan.

The crew could look forward to a tasty dinner!

## June Shipping at the Port of Silloth

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

June was a very pleasant month, about average for the number of vessels, although the mill is a little slow at the moment, with no grain being shipped by sea.

Three loads of fertiliser to our customer at Origin for the local and borders farming communities will keep us on track for normal cargo volumes for the year. With little rainfall up here over the last few weeks, there has been no washing in yet of product, but as rain is forecast this weekend, we are hoping that a new round of imports will begin once this has washed in. Many fields are already on second cut and some in wetter, lower areas may even be ready for a third!

Our Friends at Thomas Armstrong have brought in some furnace ash to

add into their concrete blocks, and we are looking to take a second load of this in the near future.

DA Harrisons are due to remove the old port office building shortly, just waiting for a lull in their busy lives. After which we are hoping to have their new portcabins painted up in the Harrison colours.

Solway Logistics continues to do well and has expanded year on year to now having three hubs in the UK, Silloth, Shrewsbury and Carrickfergus. Having expanded, they now take up a considerable amount more space on the port land at the docks and we ask the public accessing West Beach, especially pedestrians to be more vigilant when passing vehicles as they are loading and unloading. It may be necessary for public safety that we close this access

off periodically during the day and divert access along the road towards the convalescent home and walk up the side thereof to get to the beach.

Parking is available on the corner opposite the port sheds, prior to passing Solway Logistics.

It has been a welcome change to be able to go out in some warm weather recently and we look to start a dredging campaign in July or early August for a week or so to remove silt build up in the dock.

### June

13th Jolyn from Antwerp with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Loch Aline.

15th Elsborg from Klaipeda with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Belfast.

22nd Shetland Trader from Kilroot with a cargo of FBA then on to Pennyghael.



## Tea & Coffee at the RAFA

Report by: Sarah Armstrong

The Royal Air Forces Association Silloth RAFA Branch Fundraising Group will be holding a Tea and Coffee event at the RAFA Club in Silloth on Carnival Weekend, the 28th and 29th August starting at 2pm in the downstairs room. Families welcome so please come along and support us.

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The RAFA Association fundraising groups work tirelessly throughout the year to raise the vital funds needed to support serving and ex-RAF personnel and their families, whenever they are needed. It is the aim of Silloth RAFA Club to extend this out to include other members of our community.

If you know anybody who may be lonely or require help of any kind, can you refer them to our welfare liaison team at Silloth branch. They do not need to be an ex-veteran. We are here to help both our armed forces community and our local community. No problem is too small or too large.

If necessary we will arrange for additional help or advice. This notice is very important for our elderly population.

They can contact myself: Sarah Armstrong on 07821 698542 and all concerns will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Any one of our committee will be delighted to pass on any enquiries or needs for assistance.

The RAF Association offers friendship, help and support to the 'RAF family'. This includes current and former serving RAF personnel, their spouses, widows, widowers and other dependants. From something as simple as a visit to have a chat, to financial support in time of need, the Association is there to help. The majority of this support is delivered by local branch members on a voluntary basis.

Branch Fundraising is an important part of your RAF club and our work is a vital part of the RAF Associations ongoing fundraising efforts to support the local community. I urge everyone to look out for people collecting for the RAFA and for our vulnerable persons.

Our Tea and Coffee event is just one part of a range of exciting upcoming initiatives we have planned for our local RAFA club.

## RAFA Club Mural



Report by: Sarah Armstrong

On Wednesday afternoon on the 7th and Friday afternoon on the 9th of July a group of year 10 girls and their art teacher joined the artist Beardy aka Ian Alcock to begin the mural the RAF Social Club had commissioned.

The girls had great fun learning to use spray paints and listened to all that was said. The RAFA committee are delighted with the way that all involved conducted themselves and can say that the girls are a credit to Solway Community School.

The mural has received some very positive remarks and we are grateful to the artist and his helpers. It is hoped that the mural will be enjoyed by everyone for many years to come.



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# Blencogo & District Village Hall Produce Show

An amateur event open to everyone

To be held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Saturday 11th September 2021

Entries on the day. Entry fee 30p per item, children classes are now 20p per item  
Admission 50p  
School children free. Refreshments available.

10am -11:30: Staging  
11:30-1:45pm Hall closed for Judging

**2pm Hall opens to public.**

3:30pm Presentation of Trophies.

Auction of produce. Followed by distribution of prize money. Prizes 1st £1.50, 2nd £1, 3rd 50p  
Points: 1st = 3 points 2nd = 2 points 3rd = 1 point.

Trophies will be awarded to the person gaining most points in the following sections.  
Bromfield Parish cup for flowers.  
Harry Douglas Fuchsia Plaque.



Tom Carrick Cup for Kitchen Garden.

Ferguson Salver for Bakery.

St Mungo's Cup for Handicrafts.

Blencogo Village Hall Children's

Trophy for 8 years and over.

Alfred Greive trophy for children

7 years and under.

High Aketon Trophy for most points in show.

Any schedule queries to Linda on 07538 027936 or Judith 61051.

Please have a go – support your local show.

## Flowers

1. Fuchsia Pot Plant.
2. Cacti or Succulent in a plant pot.
3. A single stem of any flower.
4. A rose.
5. Vase of sweet Peas.
6. 3 Dahlias.
7. 3 Hydrangea Blooms.
8. Bowl of 5 floating flowers.
9. Autumn display to include flowers, foliage and berries.
10. Vase of mixed Garden Flowers.

## Kitchen Garden

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. Any other single vegetable not in the schedule.
16. 3 Carrots.
17. 4 Tomatoes - any variety.
18. 4 Cherry Tomatoes
19. 5 Green Beans.
20. Any Mis-shape veg.
21. Selection of Home-grown soft fruit in a bowl.
22. 3 Dessert Apples.

## Wine/ Liqueur

23. Bottle of Red Wine
24. Bottle of any alcoholic drink in a clear glass bottle.

## Bakery

25. **Men only** Lemon drizzle cake (using a loaf tin).
26. A decorated chocolate cake.
27. 3 pieces of Tiffin.
28. 3 chocolate shortbread hearts. (recipe available on Village Facebook if wished.)
29. Marmalade loaf. (recipe available on Village Facebook if wished.)
30. Treacle tart (short crust pastry).

31. Sausage plait.

32. 3 savoury Scones (label).

33. Homemade Chutney (label)

34. Homemade apple jelly.

35. Jar of Lemon curd (recipe available on Village Facebook if wished.)

36. Jar of Honey

## Handicrafts

**Must be own work.**

37. Photo with own caption no larger than 8"x 6".
38. Photo of a local Landmark. No larger than 8"x 6".
39. An article of handicraft not listed (eg jewellery, sculpture, pottery.)
40. A handmade article of soft material eg woven knitted, crocheted, patchwork or embroidery.
41. Handmade wooden or metal item.
42. A painting or sketch any subject.
43. Handmade get-well card.
44. Picture made using buttons and beads.
45. Pick up and bring a thimble.

## Children (must display age)

**Under 7 and including 7 years.**

46. A jar of rainbow jelly.
47. Cress grown in a container.
48. A piece of schoolwork you are proud of.
49. A drawing or painting of a butterfly.
50. Make a hat for a pirate.
51. Make a Hedgehog cake
52. Make an edible necklace.
53. Photo you took yourself of an animal or bird.
54. A painting or sketch (any subject)
55. Collection of garden flowers in a jar.



Rules:

1. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. No exhibit allowed that has previously won a prize.
3. Handicrafts to have been made in the last 3 years.
4. Exhibits to be staged between 10am and 11:30am and may not be removed until 3:40pm when any produce remaining will be auctioned.
5. Labels must be collected on arrival and attached to the exhibit by the exhibitor.
6. Exhibitors to provide own vases, etc.
7. 1 Entry per class per person.
8. No one will be allowed in the hall during the judging except the organizing committee.
9. Entry fee is 30p per item, children's classes 20p.
10. Prizes: 1st - £1.50, 2nd - £1, 3rd - 50p. No prizes will be awarded unless entries are of sufficient merit.
11. The committee cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to exhibits or containers.
12. The decision of the judge is final.
13. If any entry is submitted, it is presumed that the entrant agrees to the foregoing rules.
14. Children's ages to be shown.



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