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Soul Weekend 12th to 14th May at Stanwix Park

Silloth Green Day 28th May on Silloth Green

Silloth Pride 17th June on Silloth Green



Silloth Vintage Rally

22nd & 23rd July

Soul on the Green 29th July on Silloth Green



Silloth Carnival 27th & 28th August on Silloth Green





Music & Beer Festival 7th to 10th Sept on Silloth Green









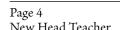


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Silloth Parkrun Gets Grant



More than £1.5 million has been awarded to a range of good causes in Cumbria by Cumbria Community Foundation, helping to tackle issues including loneliness, unemployment, mental illness and fuel poverty.

115 community organisations received a share of £1.4 million and more than 80 people received grants totalling £54,352, including support to young athletes, refugees, and survivors of domestic violence. The money came from funds set

up by local people and businesses including Carr's Group, Lamont Pridmore, English Lakes Hotels, Lakeland Ltd, Thomas Graham & Sons and Herdy.

£2,500 was awarded from Hellrigg Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund to set up Silloth Parkrun, a free, community event where all ages can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate.

Geoff Toogood, Event Director, said: "Once established, the weekly 5km run will take place every Saturday morning at 9am. The course will use Silloth Green and the promenade. Participation is free to all who want to jog, run or walk. We hope to attract members of the local community as well as holiday makers and parkrun tourists"



Emergency Alerts

NEW: Government Emergency Alerts system live soon.

The UK government's new Emergency Alerts system will be live early this year, and you should expect to receive a test message.

The system will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger. It will be used to warn you in the event of emergencies, such as severe flooding. Emergency Alerts are sent to all compatible mobile phones within an area of risk. They don't track your location, need your phone number, or collect personal data.

Only the government and the emergency services will be able to

send them. If you don't have a mobile phone, you'll still be kept informed through other channels.

If you get an Emergency Alert on your phone, you'll

hear a loud, siren-like sound. A message on your screen will tell you about the emergency and how best to respond. You'll be able to check an alert is genuine at gov.uk/alerts. If you receive an alert, read the alert carefully and follow the instructions.

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Ash Dieback Throughout Cumbria

Cumbria County Council is informing residents of the disease Ash Dieback (also known as Hymenoscyphus fraxineus), that is within Cumbria.

It is the worst tree disease since the Dutch Elm outbreak in the late 1970. The fungal infection is widespread in the UK. There is no cure for the disease, once first infected through the leaves or twigs, the speed at which a tree is overcome varies. Young trees are more suspectable and die within a couple of years, mature trees usually take longer and can also succumb to secondary fungal infections. Large trees can become dangerous as a result of both Ash Dieback and the secondary infection long before they die. The

council's tree specialists have been surveying Cumbria's Resilient Road Networks, (most As, some Bs and C roads) to gather data and record where Ash trees are and what level of infection they are showing. This information helps to prioritise any action required, such as felling, maintenance or further inspections.

To date 5,326 Ash trees have been surveyed, both on the highway and close by on private land which may affect the highways network. Of this, 1,102 (21%) have been identified as severely diseased and require action to protect the highways network. Cumbria County Council are working closely with districts, boroughs and parish councils, as well as members

of the public who own Ash trees close to public highways.

The county council are contacting landowners who have an Ash tree on their property or land, that is infected and could be dangerous, so that the landowner can organise appropriate companies to manage the infected trees, to ensure it does not become a risk to other people or property.

For more information about the disease and how to spot it, please go to the Woodland Trust website.

If landowners have received a letter regarding felling Ash trees and need more assistance, please either go to our website or contact Cumbria Highways on 0300 303 2992.

Dead Pilot Whale Found on West Beach, Silloth



Silloth RNLI and Silloth Harbour personnel recovered the 13ft long juvenile pilot whale so it could be taken away for autopsy.

It will be transported to Liverpool where a full postmortem will give marine biologists a better idea of what caused this young whale to die.

If you discover a dead whale you should call the Cetacean Strandings Investigation team on freephone 0800 652 0333

with a clear location description and whether it is fresh, slightly decomposed, moderately decomposed or in advanced decomposition.

If you find a live stranded whale you should call the British Divers Marine Life Rescue service on 01825 765546 who will decide on the best action to take.

The best way to give a precise location is by using the free What3Words app.



Become a Cancer Champion

Every 2 minutes, someone is diagnosed with cancer There are thought to be over 200 types of cancer.

Through Cancer Awareness Sessions and Cancer Champion Training that is delivered to community groups and workplaces, we are helping people in Cumbria to be more cancer aware. Informing people about the importance of screening programmes can help to reduce the risk of cancer

Training and awareness sessions are free to attend and by taking part you can support people to be more informed about cancer to save live

Benefits of becoming a cancer champion



Increased awareness of cancer signs & symptoms



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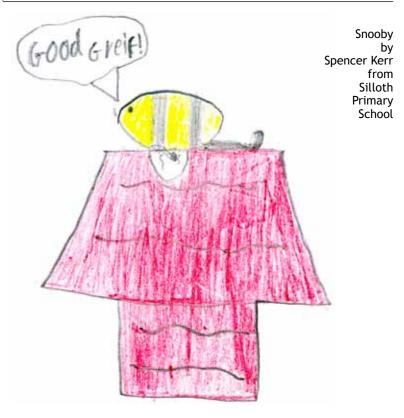


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Pupils Grill New Head Teacher



Holme St Cuthbert School Council interviewed their new headteacher, Mrs Claire Fleming.

What made you want the job as headteacher at Holme St Cuthbert School?

Holme St Cuthbert School is a lovely community and the school and grounds are also an excellent environment for learning. I felt that my values fitted with the school's as I believe that whilst it is important to help children to do their best academically, it is equally important to support their development as a whole person. Holme St Cuthbert School is a unique and special place and I wanted to be part of it!

Why do you like teaching? Every day in school is interesting and different. I get to learn lots of new things myself and work with wonderful children and people. Teaching is also very rewarding as you are part of helping someone to grow and develop both academically and personally.

What is your favourite hobby?

I enjoy cycling with my family. I love getting outdoors and enjoying the amazing landscape we have in Cumbria. I also try to do some cycling when I go away on holiday too.

What do you like about outdoor learning?

Children enjoy being outside and don't realise they are also doing lots of learning at the same time. It boosts confidence, social skills, communication, motivation and physical skills. It has also been found to boost children's selfesteem, self-confidence, ability to work cooperatively and positive attitude to learning.

What is your past job experience? I worked at a school called Eaglesfield Paddle for 24 years. I had lots of different roles and taught every age group in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. For the last six years, I was deputy headteacher.

How will you make our school better?

I would like to build on what

is already good about the school as it is a lovely place to be educated. My vision for school is for it to



be a place that provides everyone the chance to shine. This means everyone having the opportunity to try new things, gain the knowledge and skills to take them wherever they want to go and to know how to stay healthy, stay safe and have good mental health and wellbeing. The nursery is quite a new addition to school and so I will continue to develop the provision there. We have already purchased some new resources to support our provision for 2-year-

Fantasy Bee Campbell Scott Silloth Primary School

Causewayhead WI

Report by: Olga Hetherington

You are never too old to learn new skills was the introduction by Lesley Connolly to her talk on "Silversmithing" at the November meeting of Causewayhead WI on Wednesday 9th November 2022. Twenty four members and one visitor attended.

Final arrangements were made for the Christmas lunch at Silloth Golf Club.

Two teams have been entered for the Federation Quiz evening in Dalston on November 24th.

Silver by ensuring every part of a piece of jewellery is 97% pure silver.

It was a truly fascinating journey that Lesley took members along ending with a stunning display of jewellery.

The competition winners for a pice of jewellery were: 1st. Dawn Airey 2nd. Christine Worral Flower Competition 1st M. Kent 2nd. L. Taylor Raffle winners. 1st. M. Peach

INSPIRING WOMEN

celebrated twice this year. On Monday 13th December our Christmas lunch took place at Silloth on Solway Golf Club

2nd P. La Plante. Causewayhead WI at Silloth

meal After lunch the Dalston hand bell

where Liam served

a delicious festive

ringers entertained with carols and Christmas music. A history of hand bells, both the making and ringing gave greater meaning to the lovely carols they played. After this, members were invited to ring the bells (by numbers) and a fairly competent rendition of "Away in a Manger" rang out with enthusiasm and a great deal of help from the Dalston Ringers!

We would love to welcome new ladies to our meetings. Do come along and see what we have to offer. Just turn up at 2pm on the second Wednesday of the month at Christ Church Open Space, Silloth, where you will receive a very warm welcome. Ladies who live in the outlying villages or down the coast and have no WI nearby perhaps would enjoy an afternoon out once a month in Silloth with friendship and entertainment.

Raffle winners. Kate Lawrence: M. Peach: Frances Jackson Flower Competition: M. Kent Lake District Playing Card: M. Kent: S. Robertson.

Lesley began her talk by explaining that following retirement she tried several new crafts but it was silversmithing to which she was attracted. She attended courses and bought the tools and silver and practised very hard to perfect her skills. She brought with her the tools of the trade and showed how each one was used in the making of silver articles.

Beautiful collections of silver jewellery were on display as well as the tools and silver involved in the making of these stylish and intricate works of art.

Who knew that a crème brulee torch burner was the perfect tool for melting silver as well as finishing a delicious pudding?

Members were shown how to set stones in silver and how old silver spoons can be redesigned to make beautiful and unusual earrings and cuff links. It was common in Regency and Victorian times for spoons to be stolen and jewellers would melt them down to make wedding rings.

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WI January Meeting

The January meeting was held on Wednesday January 11th.

A new member Janice was welcomed. Gaynor came as a visitor and Glynis and Helen visited from Dundraw.

Two teams have been entered for the RNLI quiz in Silloth. Our own quiz will be held on April 20th. The previous one was a great success and we are expecting good numbers

again. Members were asked to volunteer as many helpers will be needed.

The speaker was Mr John Molyneux with the second part of his History of Silloth. Old photographs and slides of Silloth from before the turn of the 20th Century were seen. These included ships that docked from all over the world, from as far away as America via Cape Horn....Tunisia and all over Europe.

A pier was built in 1857. Eventually it had a railway built on it. Over the years the pier deteriorated and eventually it was demolished in 1973. The old photos included The Bowling Club which had competitions running

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sets on the "front", hundreds of day trippers all bringing back memories.

An insight into Silloth in its heydays was a treat for members who have chosen Silloth as their new home and a trip down memory lane for those whose family lived in Silloth all their lives.

all day.....the original Golf Club

hockev team.

brought back

These all

memories of tales

and grandparents

visits to the Pierrot

which included

tickets were 6d..

3d and 21/2d if

you sat on the

grassy hill. Tales

of double decker

buses rumbling

down the perfect

Show where

told by parents

and a fascinating picture of a mixed

A vote of thanks was given by Maureen Irving.

Competition Winners: Flower Competition 1. M. Kent, 2. L.Taylor Silloth Memento 1. A. Harrison, 2. J Heywood

Raffle

1. O Hetherington 2. J. Graham The next meeting will be on

February 8th at 2pm Christchurch Silloth.

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Silloth Nursing Home Charity Night Raises £2,802!

report by: Anne Blair & Linda Faulder

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our charity night on the 19th November at Stanwix Park. Without exception everyone's kindness especially during these difficult times with increasing costs has been truly overwhelming.

It was a fantastic night with live music by the Moon Dogs and Silloth's very own Carl Philips, plus a fabulous raffle only made possible by all the wonderful donations.

We are delighted to announce the total amount raised was £2,802 which will be used in its entirety for the wellbeing and ongoing care for all the Silloth Nursing Home residents.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Stephen Stanwix, Claire Austin, Carl Philips and all the fabulous staff at Stanwix, without your hard work and generosity our charity night would not have been possible.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2023











Seven Top Tips for Losing Weight with Slimming World

Is 2023 your year?

January is famous for New Year's resolutions - there's something so motivating about pressing the 'reset' button and starting a New Year with a fresh set of goals - a brand-new year for a brand-new you.

For many of us, becoming slimmer, fitter and healthier will be at the top of the list of our New Year's resolutions for 2023. And let's not forget, getting into great shape is the very best thing that we can do for our long-term health.

If you're ready to make 2023 the year that you take control, lose weight, get fitter and find your confidence, read on. Here are seven top tips to help you succeed in reaching your goals and make 2023 your healthiest and happiest.

1. Don't go hungry

To lose weight you have to eat less, right? Well, not always. The kind of food you're eating is much more important than the volume. Swapping high calorie, unsatisfying foods (think chocolate, alcohol, pastries) for foods that are lower in calories and more bulky, so they fill you up for longer, is key to losing weight in a way that's easy to live with. Research shows that by basing your diet on foods relatively low in calories, like fruit and veg, and foods that are most filling or satiating – like lean meat, fish, eggs, pasta and potatoes, you can actually eat a larger amount of food and feel more satisfied while losing weight.

Some quick and easy changes include using less fat when you cook, so you boil or dry fry instead of frying in oil, swapping full fat dairy products for low fat or fat free, ditching sugary drinks in favour of low calorie drinks and adding more fruit and veg to your daily meals.

Slimming World's Food Optimising plan takes away the tedium of weighing, measuring and counting the calories in everything that you eat (and drink). Every week in their local group members learn how to make healthier choices to satisfy their appetite and



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lose weight beautifully, without hunger or guilt. It's based on an understanding of the science of energy density. Evidence shows that eating more low energy dense foods (foods that are lowest in calories per gram) naturally limits energy intake, reduces hunger and results in better weight loss.

2. It's OK to walk before you run!

If it's your goal to get fitter, remember you don't have to become a professional athlete to get active - just making a commitment to moving more, it all adds up. Many people make the mistake of joining a gym, overdoing it in week one and quickly giving up, thinking 'exercise isn't for me'. Finding an enjoyable, achievable, and sustainable way of building new active habits into your routine is key - anything that gets you moving more, from heavy gardening or vigorous housework to brisk walking, dancing, cycling, or playing frisbee in the park, counts. What's most important is making it a regular habit – as natural to your day as brushing your teeth. Slimming World groups are packed with motivation and ideas on how to get more active, and there's library of more than fifty on-demand activity videos to do at home. There's everything from a gentle introduction to getting started with moving more to cardio workouts and dance

3. Be kind to yourself

We all start January with great intentions, but it's all too easy to go off track. It's what you do next that matters most – and the most important thing is not to beat yourself up about it. A Slimming World survey of 1,700 slimmers showed that when they did have a slip up, being self critical was more likely to lead to comfort eating and giving up completely, whereas when they were kinder to themselves (imagine how you'd talk to a friend who's had a setback), they more quickly got back to healthy eating, lost weight and



they kept it off. So, cut yourself some slack!

4. Set a goal

It's hard to achieve a goal if you don't clearly set it out in the first place! When thinking about your dream weight, don't be afraid to be ambitious. In fact, Slimming World research found that slimmers who set ambitious targets lose twice as much weight as those who try to be 'realistic'. At Slimming World groups, as well as setting an overall weight loss target, members set weekly mini goals, whether it's to lose weight, get more active, or plan ahead, because setting goals is more likely to lead to success.

5. Don't opt for a quick fix

It's no secret that many people find losing weight far easier than keeping it off long-term. To avoid becoming trapped in a yo-yo diet cycle, it's important to approach weight loss as a permanent change to your lifestyle - and focus on developing new healthy habits that are sustainable for life, as well as getting support to make those

What better time than the new year to get your healthy lifestyle back up and running. Allerdale Community Development Team are pleased to still be offering Slimming World as a community weight management programme for free

6. Strike a balance

An all-or-nothing approach is rarely effective when it comes to weight loss. Restricting yourself when it comes to food and drink might work in the short-term, but pretty soon you'll be fed up, hungry and giving up completely. A little bit of what you fancy is key! That might be a Saturday night glass of wine, or a bit of chocolate in the evenings. Whatever it is for you, having a flexible approach and a balanced mindset is much more likely to deliver long-term success.

7. You don't have to go it alone

The principles of losing weight are quite simple, yet if it was that easy - we'd all be doing it!

Slimming World research shows, when people try to lose weight on their own, without telling anyone, it is ineffective. What is effective, is being part of a powerful, supportive Slimming World group.

Our research of 2,000 adults this January reveals:

- More than half of dieters (57%) have tried to lose weight in secret many doing this with fears of being judged or failing.
- Even those who are open about



losing weight, 83% have attempted weight loss on their own.

- One in three secret dieters are worried about being judged for being overweight, while around the same number are embarrassed about needing help to lose weight.
- 35% admit to losing weight in secret, so that if they fail no-one would know.
- A fifth said this secretive approach to slimming made them feel lonely and 17% felt isolated.
- 87% of those who'd tried to lose weight in secret before joining a Slimming World group said they'd been more successful as a member of a group.
- 73% valued the support of other members.
- 90% said the accountability of the private weekly weigh-in was a key factor in helping them to lose weight successfully.

To find out more about Slimming World and how to join, visit slimmingworld.co.uk or contact Loretta, your local Slimming World Consultant on 07766118556. The local group is held at the Rugby Club every Saturday at 8:30am and 10am.

Pop along and join us.



for 12 weeks across Cumbria. A referral can be made via a nurse, health care practitioner, community pharmacy, social prescriber, health & wellbeing coach, etc., as well as your GP.



Town Council needs your views!

Silloth Town Council are doing a plan for the area to include:

Issues around

Accessibility for people – both locals and visitors with additional needs

Health and Wellbeing

Environmental sustainability

Transport and Infrastructure

Local people's aspirations for the area

Project ideas and plans

Collecting views on things the community will put energy into that the Town Council can support

Being ready when the next funding pot is available to bid for projects in Silloth.

A key building block of a successful plan is community support and your views are needed to make this plan work!

This is an important and exciting opportunity to make your thoughts heard on what more Silloth-on-

Solway Town Council could and should deliver in future and will enable the Town Council to work with strategic and local groups to make changes in Silloth for the benefit of locals and visitors.

We want to hear the views of a wide range of people and groups through this consultation. Whatever you feel could be made better in Silloth – whether it's enhanced green spaces to enjoy, improved accessibility for everyone, better infrastructure for walking and cycling, improved parking provision or further celebration of its heritage and history, we need to hear your views through these surveys.

Below are links to the first three surveys, with a Transport & Infrastructure survey due out very soon.

If you require a paper copy of the survey, please contact the Town Clerk at 5 Burnswark Terrace, Solway Street, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4EF. Email: townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk Tel: 016973 31128 Mob: 0777 5686857.



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Waver Wine Circle



Report by: Stuart Jones

Chairman Bill Henderson opened our first meeting of 2023 by wishing everyone a very HAPPY NEW YEAR. Janet Stukins then thanked everyone, especially Linda Wood, for their help during her recent health setback. We all wish Janet a quick recovery to full health.

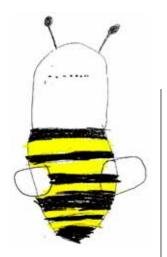
Then commenced the evening's entertainment, of course organised by Stukins' Entertaining. The laughter brought a lovely break from all that's going wrong in world around us. Many thanks Graham and Janet.

During a break in proceedings there suddenly appeared a lovely chocolate cake, to mark my birthday on Friday 13th, 13th day of the 13th month! Who said 13 is unlucky as I enter my 90th year?

Chairman Bill, requested I remind members of the next person to provide the draw prize after he had won this month's prize donated by Jan Jones. So next month's prize donator is Stella!

Look forward to seeing you all the Village Hall Committee Room on the 8th February, when we will enjoy a Beer Tasting.

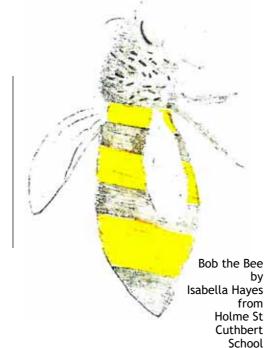
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baby bee by Sadie Wise from Holme St Cuthbert School



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Silloth Music & Beer Festival



Report by: Jenni Lister

It's 2023 already, and the Early Bird tickets for our next Music and Beer Festival are selling well – have you got yours yet? Remember there's a limited number, so don't miss out!

Make sure the dates are in your diary – Thursday 7 to Sunday 10

September. As usual Friday night will be party night – get out your flares and platform soles, satin and gold lame because Abba Chique will be headlining and we'll be singing and dancing along!

Alongside our range of real ales, exciting ciders, wines and lager we shall have our successful Gin Bar so many of you appreciated last September when it was sold out entirely – we'll be getting in even more stock this time.

We've got a surprise lined up for Saturday afternoon – we'll tell you more in future announcements, so watch this space!

New Police Inspector

I am Inspector Pete Aiston and I have recently arrived as the Inspector for the Neighbourhood Policing team. I have previously worked across different areas of the county, both in Penrith and Carlisle in various roles on response policing teams as well as neighbourhood policing teams.

I look forward to working in this area with my new team, to ensure we tackle the issues affecting you in your community. My team of officers and PCSO's have been working hard to tackle antisocial behaviour and crime in this area, recently engaging with communities to understand what is affecting you so we can take action to address it.

We recently conducted a survey in relation to the north Allerdale area, including Wigton, Silloth, and Aspatria.

Silloth A member of the Town Council reported issues with cyclists riding on the pavements in the town. Following the report, the PCSO Pete Nichol has spoken with the Town Council Clerk regarding this issue, and we will be conducting patrols in the area.

We recently conducted a



survey in relation to the north Allerdale area, including Wigton, Silloth, and Aspatria. A high number of responses were received particularly from the Wigton area where concerns were raised over road safety (speeding), anti-social behaviour and drug use.

Following the above results from the recent community survey we have been targeting antisocial driving and speeding in Wigton. As a result, numerous drivers have been dealt with on 22nd November for speeding and insurance offences.

On 27th November we conducted further speed enforcement in Wigton, resulting in five vehicles dealt with for speeding. One driver also admitted to only having provisional licence and was driving with no supervision, so his car was uplifted.



BFF Bees by Leah Emmerson from Holm Cultram Abbey School



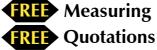
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Take Care on Winter Roads



Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Peter McCall, is urging drivers to take care on the counties rural roads following the recent drop in temperature and icy conditions.

Temperatures in Cumbria can plummet into the minuses causing freezing fog, black ice, and snow. Many of Cumbria's roads are rural, often single-tracked with no streetlights or road markings. They can be extremely dangerous if drivers do not pay attention or prepare their car in advance for winter driving.

Simple tips to help drivers increase their safety on the roads, include: Drive slowly and leave larger gaps between cars to ensure plenty of distance. Allow extra time for journeys and ensure you have at least quarter of a tank of fuel in case of any delays. Wear comfortable, winter shoes to avoid slipping on the pedals. Scrape and de-ice all car windows and wait for the windows to demist. Ensure all lights are clear and visible, and make sure to use the lights when visibility it reduced. Have food, water, warm and high vis clothes, and a phone charger in the car in case of emergencies.

PCC Peter McCall said: "Cumbria is a beautiful county that can look lovely during the winter season. However, the cold winters can create dangerous driving conditions. Many of our roads are rural and poorly lit so it is essential that we recognise this and take our time when conditions start to become more treacherous. I would urge drivers to take extra care when travelling and avoid unnecessary journeys, where possible. Most insurance and breakdown companies, such as the AA, have pages dedicated to safe winter driving, so I would urge everyone to look on their cover companies' website for tips and advice on how to driver safely and what can be done to prepare cars for winter. Let's all get home safe

this winter"

Chief Inspector Steve Hunter, Cumbria Constabulary, said: "Our advice to motorists, at any point in the year, is to drive to the conditions which present themselves at any one time. During the winter months there are additional risks, particularly with the impact of low temperatures and deteriorating visibility. This can be even more challenging on some of rural or minor roads, which may be more exposed to the elements. It may sound simple, however driving with more care and attention will make you a safer driver and will help prevent road traffic collisions. Please make sure your vehicle is winter ready. This includes ensuring you have plenty of windscreen washer fluid and that your tyres are properly inflated and have adequate tread

Diary of a Gardening Novice



Report by: Lina Mookerjee

It's 10th January 2023 and it's a wet, damp and rain cloud-laden morning. As I look outside my kitchen window, all I can see is my garden space appearing asleep on the surface. My first gardening year has taught me never to be fooled by what you think nature is not doing! So much growth is happening right now underfoot. I am slowly learning to use my senses to tune into the changes that happen during winter. It is a time for hibernation as well as incubation.

My 'produce-field' garden is currently a barren landscape,

filled with an array of co-existing entities at different stages of individual life-cycles. I see the beautiful shades of browns and darker greens of decaying plants that only four months ago were in their full bloom of life -flower, fruit and vegetable. I see my herbs bushes alive, stunning in both their sensuous structures and flavours.

There are my newly created raised beds, holding my dreams and visions for this year's experimental gardening growth. They are eager and waiting to house the next generation of plants and pollinators. My intention for these beds is to provide safety, soil, food and infrastructure needed

to help all growth (plants, insects, bees and more) to flourish.

I see our greenhouses, active school rooms for learning about nature. Peppers, tomatoes, courgettes, sweetcorn, beans, cabbages, cucumbers, marrows, gourds and flowers galore started life in these spaces and I'm humbled by what grew. I gently smile at the greenhouse so battered by 2021's Storm Desmond, and remember how Andrew (our gardener) and I rescued its dignity by creating a new polythene roof with gaffer tape!

Survival is what nature does best and being in nature teaches me a lot about surviving life well.



Sunset Bee by Scarlett Milburn from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Killer Teacher Bee Mrs Smart by Savannah-Rose Hannigan from Silloth Primary School

Allonby Dook Raises £1,191 for Inshore Rescue

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Report by: Susan Anderson

According to my screen time notifications, I spent 45 minutes on the met office app obsessively checking the weather in the week leading up to the annual Allonby Dook. I needn't have worried. January 1st dawned with a gentle (for Allonby) breeze and a few clouds. Very different to last year when we had to cancel at the last minute. I donned my Cruella De Ville costume and headed off to the village hall.

Volunteers were already at work setting up teas and coffees, preparing soup and hot chocolate and putting out cake. Another group were getting ready to take registrations, point people in the right direction and take donations. Maryport Inshore Rescue arrived and it was all systems go. We had a little drizzle but that didn't put off the doughty folk of West Cumbria. Joe Kewin, the founder of the Allonby Dook tried valiantly to get his ducks in a row, even roping





in a visiting family from Liverpool when people dropped out because of the ever present COVID.

Midday arrived and the Maryport Rescue people were in place in the water marking where we should enter the water. 67 people took to the water in various states

of dress/undress and fancy dress. We had a mermaid, a sloth, scooby doo and Joe's flock of ducks to name a few. As we exited the water an amazing double rainbow brightened the sky and put a smile on everyone's face. Then it was back to the village hall where many people gathered to



up the beach helped with that as the Cake was eaten, hot drinks were

Thank you to everyone who attended and the volunteers who nelped make the event a success. We raised an amazing £1,181 to support Maryport Inshore rescue and ensure they come back to support us in 2024! Will you join us too?

Friends of the Green Gardening Tips

Report by: Caroline Turner

wishes to the winners of the recent Friends of the Green 'Name the Bird' competition n the Solway Buzz!

Isla from Blitterlees and William and Harry from Eden Street each won a fat ball and bird seed feeder.





Spring is fast approaching so we will be busy in the Community Garden getting ready to plant out the cuttings and seeds we have brought on in the allotment over

Sadly not everything survived the very cold weather in December, we lost most of the Salvias to the frost despite being well fleeced! But there is plenty still to come! The allotment is going to play an increasing role this year as we aim to be more sustainable with the allotment providing more of the plants for the Community Garden



We meet every Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Community Garden. And it is not all just about gardening particularly if the weather is not good we go for coffee and a chat instead.

Come and join us!



Now is also a good time to plant lilies in pots to stand near the house for early summer colour and

drunk and everyone enjoyed the post dook craic. This was the sixth dook but the first since the coronavirus

turned our lives upside down.

SILLOTH WARM SPOT

Silloth Community Hall Every Monday from 11am to 1pm

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Friday 3rd February 2023

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Bee Fact #11



Honey is a fantastic natural energy booster, often used by athletes and sports people. it contains both fructose and glucose, which are natural fruit sugars that are quickly and efficiently digested by the body!









Frost by Sophia Lodhi

Reeds stand tall, Glazed in white gold; While streams of bubbles: sugar glass Are rendered mute and motionless...

Frost clothes woods in shimmery daze, Under sunlight's citrine gaze; Chill morning rays Throw glitter Over fields: ground dense, Air bitter.

Red berries glow bright: crystallised... Silk webs glint, sparkle: paralysed, Their freeze-framed dewdrops: opalite... In a dazzled world -Stilled,

Silent White.

"Alf" by Mrs J Bailey

I said to Alf "Get on your mat!" He looked at me with glee, "I'm so fed up with hearing that, It's all you say to me."

I stared at him and he at me, Defiance in his eyes. I knew his will and mine would fight, But I'd win by and by.

He sat for just two minutes, Then he could sit no more, He gave a yelp, leapt off his mat And ran right out the door!



In recent years, I've wished upon a star or two That you had brighter eyes -Just like you did when you were new. As a young pup, all the days of your life

Shone and glistened before you: Petal-pink dawns with rainbow hues... Bright glowing sunshine...sparkling dew..... But one day, Autumn leaves fell where snow now

The sun at last has set, and now I'm darkest blue. I wish that you had brighter eyes Like those you had when you were new.

Deep Cobalt Blue by Sophia Lodhi

I long to paint this wild seascape before me... To define the waves in their zinc-white fury... Highlight the gulls wheeling up in the heights... Reveal the spectrum eclipsed in cold skies... A palette mixed with deep cobalt blue shades Will capture a brilliance never to fade.

Pennine View Silloth Bingo Christmas Party Trip by Joan Bennett

The day was so cold, the roads sheets of ice. That didn't deter us we're going somewhere nice. So, slipping and sliding we boarded the bus. Sixteen old darlings none making a fuss.

A Christmas party at the Workington Opera our

Not to hear music but to play a bingo game. The driver was brilliant he drove with such care. He made sure that everyone arrived safely there.

We enjoyed a nice lunch, given a hat and a

We probably looked daft but that didn't matter. We enjoyed entertainment s girl in good voice. The songs that she sang were an excellent choice.

We played lots of games but no-one called house. Our party were all as quiet as a mouse. It would have been nice if someone had won. But it didn't really matter we all had good fun.

by Joan Bennett

Maggie Malone is a lovely old dear, She gets so confused finds it difficult to hear, Her husband Joe is exactly the same, When something goes wrong no one knows who to blame,

They live in a nursing home need special care, They're both loved so well by the staff that work there, Old Major Pickstaff is so stiff and so stern, He thinks that he has nothing to learn,

Fred Brown was a grocer he had a small shop, He constantly talks not knowing when to stop, Phyliss Brown shouts at him, now look what you've done, I've dropped all my stitches off the needle they've come,

Gracie Nugent is nice but she sings all day long, It wouldn't be so bad but she sings the same song, Soon there's a rattle the tea trolley comes, Suzie the new girls is all fingers and thumbs,

Can you give me a hand? Of the Major she asks, Shame on you girl, he said, it's an easy task, It's just that I'm not sure who drinks coffee or tea, Don't worry about them dear just look after me,

Gracie Nugent sang at the top of her voice, Give them all tea dear, don't give them a choice, Most of the residents enjoyed a doze, They rallied when food was put under their nose,

The head carer decided they should have some fun, What about bingo? that suits everyone, She gave all the residents a card and a pen, She told them she'd start after she'd counted to ten,

The carer called numbers not daring to stop, The room was so quiet you could hear a pin drop, She called all nighty numbers and no one called house, Each of the residents were as quiet as a mouse,

Embarrassed was she, out of the room she did creep, All of the residents had fallen asleep, Perhaps Bingo wasn't the best form of fun, But these carers take excellent care of everyone.

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.

Silly Bee by Blake Tinkler from Holm Cultram Abbey School **No Letters This Month!** That is a First

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 a £5 Gift Voucher from the Solway Buzz.

So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Local children return your drawing 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.

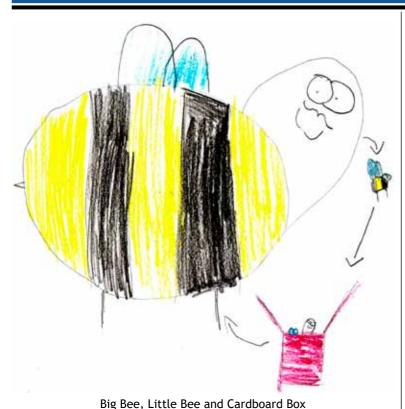
This month the winner is Megan Peile from Holm **Cultram Abbey** School with a bee drawing called "Soldier Bee".

Well done!



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Could You Change a Child's Life by Sharing Yours in 2023?

In its latest campaign Cumbria County Council's fostering service is urgently appealing for more people to transform a child's life by sharing their own in 2023.

Cumbria County Council already supports around 275 fostering households, who offer stability and support to vulnerable children and young people who can't be with their own families. But with more than 750 children in care in Cumbria, it urgently needs more people to come forward as foster carers to help transform children's lives this year and in the future.

Adele Hwozdyk and her husband Lee, from Penrith, have fostered for 13 years and are short term carers for a brother and sister aged 10 and 12. Adele said: "I really enjoyed being a parent to our own sons and got so much out of it. We felt we'd been very lucky and really wanted to give something back and make a difference to the lives of other children. We've really enjoyed being short term carers and moving children on to adoption or back to family is incredibly rewarding. I would urge anyone thinking of fostering to speak to the council and other carers and find out more. The support is there for you and our social workers have been fantastic. We've also had access to training when we've needed it. I can honestly say that

fostering is one of the best things we've ever done."

Milnthorpe's Genevieve Spencer, along with her husband Neil and son Will, is a respite carer who started fostering last July. Gen, who has a background working in children's residential care homes, said: "We had a spare room and only one child of our own and I knew there were so many kids out there that need a family - if only for a little bit. You are giving children who've all had experiences you cannot comprehend, a safe, nurturing space where they can just be kids again. Fostering part-time can be as flexible and fluid as it needs to be to fit around your other commitments."

Penrith's Sharon Sanderson fosters with her husband Dan and their daughters aged 17 and 20. They are short term foster carers for a little boy aged 8. Sharon, who was headteacher at Penrith's Brunswick School for 11 years before leaving to start fostering, said: "If you have got a passion for working with vulnerable children and want to make a difference, then fostering gives you the time and flexibility you need to do it alongside being there for your own family"

To become a foster carer you must be over 21 and have at least one spare bedroom and the time and availability to care for a child.



Sharon and Dan Sanderson

As a foster carer for Cumbria County Council, you will receive full, ongoing training and 24/7 support. You will also receive a competitive financial package of fees and allowances; newly approved carers can expect to receive up to £290 a week for each child they foster, and experienced carers up to £488.

Cllr Anne Burns, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said: "Our foster carers are well supported by our dedicated team and help to keep Cumbrian children in the county, close to family and community links. In 2023 we are urgently looking for more people to join our community of foster carers and would love to hear from anyone who thinks they may have what it takes."

If you are interested in finding out more about fostering, why not attend one of our upcoming events in your area and speak to our friendly team and foster carers:

Saturday 28 January - Carlisle fostering information event at the Crown and Mitre Hotel, English Street, CA3 8HZ from 12pm to 2pm. Come along at 12pm to watch a short presentation on fostering and speak to our team and carers.

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Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Times The shop is closed until Spring.

Thank you for your support during the year, have a lovely Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Christ Church

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

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

Silloth Tennis Club

For coaching information call David Wise on 07742 547767

Church Service

St Andrews Church services every third Sunday each month

Causewayhead WI

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday in each month at 2pm in Christ Church and



Production Team

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1st week March If you have an event to promote or you have something to say, please note the next copy date.

Doors Open Lunch

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

First Responders

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

Silloth Library

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am to 4pm Saturday 10am to 1pm 0303 333 1234 cumbria.gov.uk/libraries

Cash Machines

Are available on Solway Street at both the Spar and CO-OP supermarkets. Cash is also available at Winters Post Office

Crafts Group

Meet in St Andrews Church Hall from 1:30 to 3:30pm every Wednesday You will be very welcome

Miramar Lodge

Miramar Lodge of Freemasons based in Station Road Silloth meetings every third Thursday of the month. You will be made welcome.

Abbeytown Choir

Meet in the Abbey: Adult Choir Tuesdays 6-7pm Children's Choir Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm All welcome!

Please tell us when your group starts up again so we can let everyone know

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Dates for Your Diary

January 2023

Monthly Quiz at Mawbray Village Hall, 7pm, see advert

February

RNLI Quiz Night in Mrs Wilson's, pre book in Mrs Wilson's, see advert

Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall at 10am

Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall at 7pm

Causewayhead WI meeting in Christ Church at 2pm: speaker tbc

Waver Wine Circle in Blencogo Village Hall

Film Club, Ticket to Paradise at 7pm, see advert

Silloth Nursing Home League of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church Silloth, at 10am

20th Family Panto at Wigton Theatre, 07977 835094 www.wigtontheatre.org/ tickets.php

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

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

February cont'd

21st Family Panto at Wigton Theatre, 07977 835094 www.wigtontheatre.org/ tickets.php

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23rd Monthly Quiz at Mawbray Village Hall, 7.30pm, see advért

24th Family Panto at Wigton Theatre, 07977 835094 www.wigtontheatre.org/ tickets.php

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

March

6th Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall

Causewayhead WI meeting in Christ Church at 2pm: Helens Herbs

RMW15 Retro Weekend at Stanwix Park Tel: 016973 32666

Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall at 10am

Car Boot Sale at Holme St Cuthbert Church 9am to 1pm, see advert

RMW15 Retro 11th Weekend at Stanwix Park Tel: 016973 32666

RMW15 Retro 12th Weekend at Stanwix Park Tel: 016973 32666

Silloth Nursing Home League of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church Silloth, at 10am

Film Club, 18th Jurassic World Dominion at 7pm, see advert

Uke's of Allonby playing in St Andrew's Hall in aid of RNLI, £8 inc pie & pea supper

Monthly Quiz at Mawbray Village Hall, 7.30pm, see advert



1st Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall at 10am

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

Silloth Nursing Home League of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church Silloth, at 10am

20th Super Quiz Night in Christ Church, Silloth at 7pm entry £5 inc supper & raffle see advert

May

Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners

Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall at 7pm

Soul Weekend at Stanwix Park

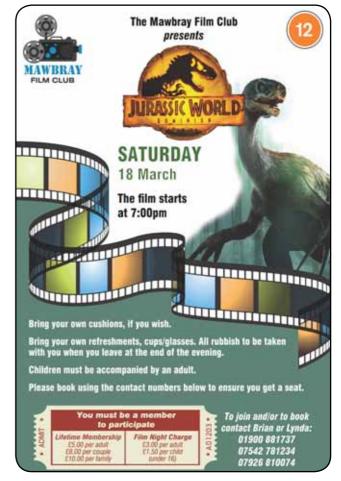
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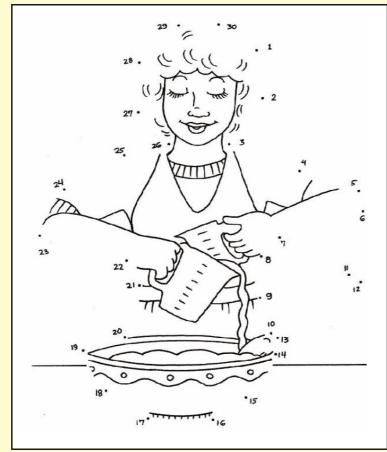
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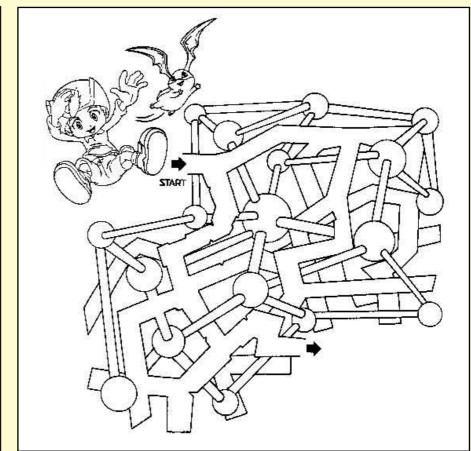
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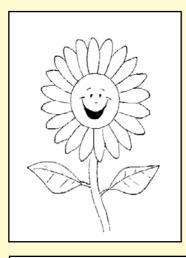


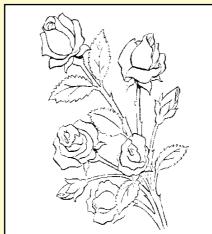


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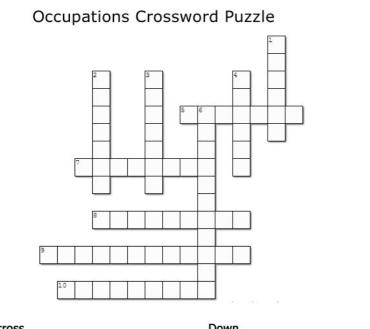






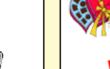
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Valentine's Day Word Search

Take a look at the Valentine's Day words listed at the bottom of the page and then find and circle each of them in the block of letters below.

They can be forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonal.

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Big Hearted Christmas Lunch

Report by: Jackie McCormick

Last month on Christmas Day 24 people came to Silloth Rugby club for their Christmas lunch. This is the seventh one that has been available in Silloth.

There was transport available for the people attending thanks to the generosity of Ricky Robinson and Spencer Graham coaches.

This would not be possible if it was not for the generosity $% \left\{ \left(1\right) \right\} =\left\{ \left(1$ of the people of Silloth. Tommy Hornsby who has provided the delicious turkey every year. Alison Henderson who has helped in one way or another every year. The Solway Holiday Village for their lovely veg contribution. Berry's Bakery for their lovely mince pies and other food donations on the day. To Enkev for their fabulous donations of food and money that saw everyone there going home with some lovely wine, biscuits or chocolates to enjoy once home.

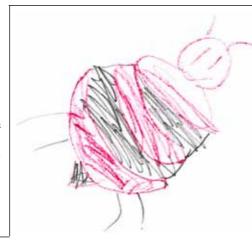
We also received Christmas puddings and money from people in the town. Also I am very grateful to my helpers who helped me organise, peel the veg, cook the turkeys and do the dishes, it really wouldn't happen without you all Owen Martin, Joe Scott, Melanie Irving, Carole Blake and John Cook. Lastly



to the Silloth Rugby Club for kindly letting us host it there again.

This is a special day and lets people on their own or unable to make their own Christmas lunch have a lovely meal while talking to others and also take something away for the rest of their day. I really could not do this on my own and really appreciate all the help I get to make this possible.

Silloth is a lovely community.



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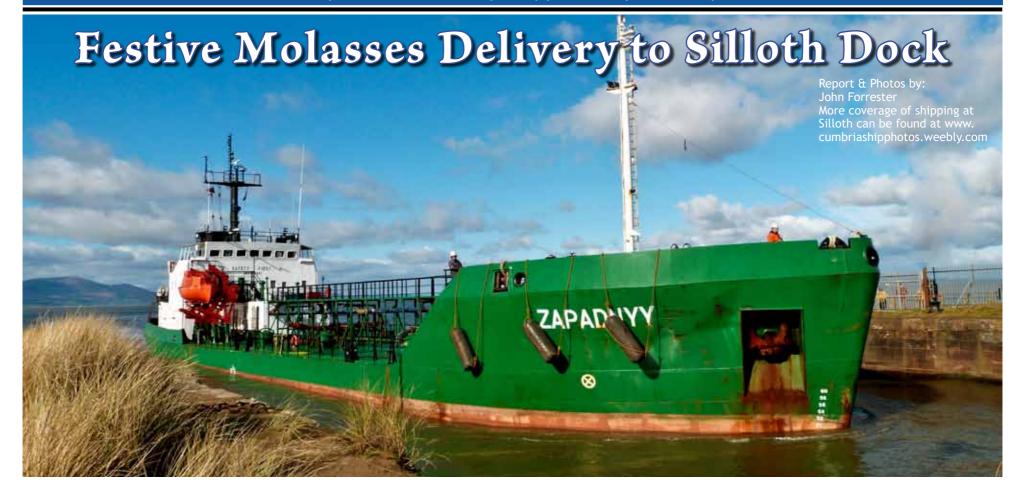
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Silloth's most regular visitor, molasses tanker ZAPADNYY, made her final call of the year in late December. She had loaded her syrupy cargo in the Belgian port of Zeebrugge by ship-to-ship transfer from a larger vessel. The exotically named bulk carrier NORD STINGRAY would have dwarfed ZAPADNYY as she pulled alongside. The molasses originated from India where they are produced as a by-product of sugar refining. The bulk carrier had set sail three weeks earlier reaching Zeebrugge via the Suez Canal.

December Shipping at the Port of Silloth

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

Silloth had one main vessel arrive and depart without incident during the month of December, our old faithful, Zapadnyy, with a cargo of Molasses again for use in the Ungulates market for feedstock.

Also visiting and in over Christmas were the fishing vessels Bounteous and Alert, now owned by Camm fishing in Fraserburgh.

Other report information is still basically the same, however some locals and visitors may have noticed some nice new signposts being put up by the Environment Agency designating the route for the coastal footpath.

It is to be noted that some of these, towards the beach end of the pathway are in the wrong place and will be moved when the pathway eventually gets agreed and designated. The port has not had a final plan from Natural England (NE) and therefore has not been able to dispute the placing of signage.

December

22nd Zapadnyy with a cargo of Molasses from Zeebrugge then on to Sea for orders.

There's no shortage of photos illustrating ZAPADNYY's visits to Silloth, some more dramatic than others. Occasionally the ship is reluctant to enter dock without touching the sides! She has a reputation amongst pilots for being awkward to handle. Overcoming her bad habits requires special skills learned from experience. Unpredictable currents at the dock entrance add to the difficulties for pilots bringing her in. Despite her poor manoeuvrability, the specialist tanker is in high demand to deliver cargos across northern Europe. After more than thirty years of service she just keeps on going. Silloth is one of a small number of regular ports of call. It must be like a homecoming each time she arrives at one of these.

On leaving Silloth on this eighth visit of the year, ZAPADNYY steamed south passed the Isle of Man heading towards Ireland. It was Christmas Eve and the ship's anchor was dropped in a sheltered bay to the south of Dublin. Crew of the Ukranian operated vessel took a well-deserved rest day to celebrate before their onward sailing. No doubt ZAPADNYY will be a familiar sight at the dockside in the coming year with deliveries of its vital ingredient for local animal feed production.





Silloth Golf Club Junior Section Prizegiving



2022 Green Champion: Matthew Ellwood 2022 Black Champion: Caitlin Ellwood 2022 Red Champion: Tristan Ochal



2022 Prize Giving

£2,044 for Eden Valley Hospice



Well done to Carole Story and everyone at Silloth on Solway Golf Club who have managed to raise £2,044 for Eden Valley Hospice during 2022.

Carole was the lady captain during 2022 and



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As the year 2022 has drawn to a close, it is time to reflect on the great year the junior section has had.

We held our Annual Prize Giving in November. It was fantastic to see both experienced and new players in the section receiving silverware. It was the first season back after the Covid 'break' and it was encouraging to see so many juniors returning to golf.

The evening was very enjoyable watching the juniors collect their trophies and prizes, I'm not too sure who was prouder the players or their parents.

Well done to all the juniors who won

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We continued the same format for the Championships for 2022. A qualifier was held mid-year for players using the Red tees, Black tees and Green tees. This then lead to the semi-final and final being played on Finals Day.

Pauline and Gordon Graham were past members of the club and Pauline devoted a lot of time to the juniors over the years. As well as supporting the club in being Lady Captain.

It was kind that the donations given in their memory were passed to the Silloth Junior Section. It was decided that due to their involvement in the development of the juniors over the

years, that some of the money should be used to buy trophies for the Green, Black and Red Championships. The sections that Pauline would have been involved in. This is the first year we have played for the Graham Claret Jugs.

2022 Green Champion: Matthew Ellwood

2022 Black Champion: Caitlin Ellwood

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Congratulations to the inaugural winners of the Graham Claret Jugs presented by Junior Captain Amber

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