

Ray Sails Round Britain for Rotary Charities



Ray (second from right) with Rotarians

The weather on Saturday 2nd August could not have been better for the Rotary Club of Silloth-on-Solway. Rotary District Governor Robert Wright and members of the

Silloth club assembled on the quayside at Maryport Marina to welcome Past President Ray Johnson home from his ten week round Britain voyage during which he raised more

than £600 for the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus Campaign. The idea was for Rotarians who wished to spend a week with Ray crewing on the "Ca'va" to donate a sum to the fund.

Orkney Islands, down the North Sea to the English Channel, round Land's End which was apparently the roughest leg of the trip, and finally up St. George's Channel and the Irish Sea to Maryport. The expedition was not without its moments of danger and at one stage in the North Sea off the Sunderland coast, Ray had to don a wet suit and dive under the yacht to untangle a fishing net that had caught in the steering gear. There were also a number of memorable moments one of which was the Ca'va being accompanied by a Minke Whale. While he was in the English Channel it seemed liked a good idea to "pop over" to Bologna, however Ray was

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Ray Johnston after his Round Britain Trip



Rotarians celebrating Ray's fundraising effort

The route from Maryport took Ray to the Western Isles of Scotland, the Outer Hebrides and the

fined €150 by customs officials because his papers were not quite in order, so it was not such a good idea after all!

Silloth Chippy 'one of the best'



Cumbria has two finalists in the 'Fish and Chip Shop of the Year' competition and they are both in our region.

Johns Plaise in Silloth are one of the final twenty shops in the whole country to be in the final in this 16 year old contest designed to improve standards throughout the whole trade. Brothers David and Stephen Lavery took over the shop last year and have worked hard to ensure they have the highest standards available. The quality of their service and product has ensured that the business has gone from strength to strength.

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