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## New Display in Abbeytown at Swinsty Corner



Report by: Zoe Horsley

The farm implements on display were all made in Abbeytown  
at Reays on Laurel Terrace.

Holme Abbey Parish-Council would like to thank all who helped with  
the new improved area at Swinsty corner.

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Cllr Tony Markley and a huge thank-you to Alan Murphy for his beautiful flowers.

## Events Diary

**Soul on the Green**  
26th July

**Solfest**  
21st to 25th August

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24th & 25th August

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please let us know

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# Dundraw WI



Report by: Jan Grant

The highlight of our July meeting was the presentation given by Deborah and Christina, representatives of the Great North Air Ambulance Service. Using explanations, short videos and some very moving personal experience, Dundraw ladies received an inspiring, detailed and informative overview of the work of the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

We learnt that:

- \* each helicopter has a team of 3: a pre-hospital doctor, a paramedic and ... a pilot
- \* the helicopters don't fly at night when they are replaced by rapid response cars
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- \* the helicopters cover Cumbria and Northumbria part of Yorkshire and the Isle of Man.

All this amazing life saving work can not be done without us, the public, because the Great North Air Ambulance Service is a



charity!

Following our vote of thanks, delivered by Christine Worrall, members were also able to show their heartfelt appreciation by donating to the Great North Air Ambulance Service via their collection bucket.

If you too would like to donate to GNAAS go to [gna.as/donatenow](http://gna.as/donatenow)

Or contact GNAAS for other ways you could help them continue their life saving work

# Braving the Firebird Festival



Photos by: Julie Greig

The Firebird Festival on Silloth Green was held over the weekend of 5th and 6th July.

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# Revd Canon Bryan Rothwell Retired on 29th June



Photos by: Brian Bailey & Donald Bryan  
Report by: Brian Bailey

After 40 years since Bryan was ordained, virtually to the day and 14 years as Vicar of Silloth and the Solway Plain Bryan has retired.

Since joining the parish Bryan's responsibility has increased, so that most recently, he has been responsible for seven local churches, including, Silloth, Abbeytown, Holme St Cuthbert, Westnewton, Bromfield, Newton Arlosh and Kirkbride. Bryan has also been appointed to be the Rural Dean for West Cumberland.

Bryan has been well known in the area making regular visits to local retirement homes and schools.

To commemorate the occasion of his retirement a joint service was held at Holm Cultram Abbey on 29th June. He was joined by all the local churches in the parish, members of his family and lots of friends that Bryan and Annelouise have made during their time in Silloth.

A presentation was made from all the churches and a heartfelt message was sent from the Archdeacon of West Cumberland the Venerable Stewart Fyfe.

Annelouise was presented with a bouquet of flowers as recognition of all the help and support she has given Bryan over his life in the ministry. Bryan said he could not have done any of this without her.

Bryan and Annelouise will be leaving Silloth in July, but they are not going too far as they will be starting their new life in Thursby.

We all wish them all the best in their new life, they will be missed.





# La'al Yella Wellies by our Buzzing Twitterings



Report by: Jen, Photo by: Bert

La'al yella wellies

It's the late 1980's, those of us who can remember them, were dancing the night away to Come On Eileen, Faith, With or Without You or Who's that Girl. On the south coast of England a small all white heron like bird arrives from the Mediterranean for its first visit. By 1996 those first pioneers had successfully bred and now over 25 years later the Little Egret is a common sight in coastal areas across England. It is thought that

the increasing temperatures and milder winters have encouraged it spread and it has now even ventured up into Scotland.

You may have seen these beautiful birds either stalking across pools left on the beach as the tide goes out or standing patiently watching for prey in the creaks and mud flats that surround Grune Point near Skinburness.

Whilst our common Heron is a distinctive tall grey bird with a yellow beak and elegant long neck, it's small pure white relative the

Little Egret is half its size with a shorter neck, two long feathery plumes on its neck and those fabulous, comical yellow feet, the La'al yella wellies of the title.

Those beautiful long white plumes on the Little Egret's neck caused it serious problems. The plumes were prized during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries when they were used to create ornate decorations on hats

and costumes. As a result of their popularity at times the plumes became more valuable than gold, this resulted a massacre and a huge drop in the European population of Little Egrets.

Back to those lovely La'la yella wellies. It is thought that the Little Egret's instantly recognizable yellow feet help to startle small fish the favoured prey of the birds. As the birds stand patiently knee deep in water, they gently shuffle their colourful feet aiming to startle small fish out of their hiding place in mud or vegetation. Whatever the reason we love them!

Little Egret's are generally social birds who will nest in groups with others such as Great White Egrets (their larger cousins) and Grey Heron's. Bizarrely, although largely water loving birds, they commonly nest in trees building large chaotic, unstable piles of sticks. Their crazy fluffy chicks born in spring/summer look ungainly perched on top of these precarious piles.

Thanks for reading, we'll be back in August. In the meantime, don't forget to watch the skies, look in hedgerows or just out your kitchen window and see what you can see.



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# 23rd Silloth Vintage Rally on the Green

Report by: Wendy Jameson  
Photos by: Daniel Dockeray  
& others

Crowds flocked to the 23rd Silloth Vintage Rally for a Weekend of Family Fun, Entertainment and Classic Vehicles

Despite a little rain, the event was thoroughly enjoyed by a large turnout of visitors and exhibitors alike from across the country, to the picturesque and award winning Silloth Green, for a celebration of motoring heritage, community spirit, and fun for all the family.

Held over the weekend of 19th & 20th July, the 2025 Rally featured an impressive array of vintage tractors, classic cars, motorbikes, stationary engines, commercial vehicles, and more. Visitors of all ages enjoyed a nostalgic stroll through motoring history, with plenty to keep the whole family entertained – from traditional fairground rides and food stalls to trade stands and live performances.

In the main arena was the Ridgeside Falconry display, which captivated audiences with birds of prey from around the world. Audience participation made the experience especially memorable for younger visitors.

Adding to the excitement, Ridgeside's Little Nippers Racing brought high-energy canine chaos



There are lots more pictures on the Solway Buzz facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/solwaybuzz/>



to the arena, as dogs raced over obstacles in pursuit of an electric lure. Phill even gave members of the public the chance to try the course with their own four-legged friends – regardless of breed!

Wandering the Green was crowd favourite Jason the Juggling Jester, whose witty banter, balloon art, bubble tricks, and skilled juggling drew a trail of delighted families wherever he performed.

On Sunday, the music stage came alive with the performance by "Wall of Sound", a seven-piece band dubbed "All the Old Dudes" by the local press. With a combined age of nearly 500, the group delivered crowd-pleasing hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s, covering rock, pop, soul, and blues classics. Carlos, acting as compère throughout the weekend, also lent his voice to some well-loved tunes.

The Mayor of Silloth, Owen Martin, had the difficult task of selecting this year's Best in Show. A 1956 ERF KV 1100 was awarded the honour, and the prestigious shield was presented to Alan Watson from Holmrook.

The Vintage Rally committee were pleased to commission a new trophy this year, in memory of former committee member and Mayor of Silloth, Graham Wilkinson, who had a passion for anything vintage and steam related. Our thanks go to Graham's wife Marjorie and his family, who after much deliberation, chose the 1923 Blackstone J stationary engine, with the trophy being presented to JN Forster from Carlisle.

The Silloth Vintage Rally is a community-driven event, organised by a committed team of volunteers who work tirelessly all year-round to bring the celebration to life. The organisers extend heartfelt thanks to the local businesses, sponsors, Silloth Town Council, and the grounds maintenance team, whose support and hard work made the event possible.

This year's event was made possible thanks to generous grants from the Solway Firth Partnership via the Robin Rigg Community Fund (£1,500), the



Silloth Community Shop (£1,000), and the Cumbria Community Foundation through the Hellrigg Community Benefit Fund (£1,500). To raise some additional funds this year, we had an amazing tombola organised by Lorraine. The beautiful Kath's Crochet Creations were available to purchase and the raffle of a unique handmade shoebox farm, all of which attracted a lot of interest.

Chairman, Tony Markley said "My continued thanks go to the dedicated volunteers on the committee and experienced helpers, both past and present, who continue to work tirelessly to make this annual event an enormous success for Silloth, Cumbria and the North of England."

The Committee are incredibly

grateful for everyone's support. The event continues to grow each year, and it's clear how much it means to the community. We're already looking forward to making 2026 even better but we need more people to get involved. We're looking for people who can help in a variety of roles, from planning and organising to setting up the event and keeping things running smoothly on the day. Whether you have just a few hours to spare or want to take on a bigger role, every bit of help counts – and is truly appreciated. No previous experience is necessary – just a can-do attitude and a willingness to get stuck in!

For more information and how to get involved, visit [www.vintagerally.co.uk](http://www.vintagerally.co.uk).



Marjory Wilkinson with the new Trophy to be presented to JN Forster in memory of our late Moryor Graham Wilkinson

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We'd also like to thank our volunteers who spent time 'down the allotment' making up all the planters, who set up the stalls and who keep on top of the weeding, tidying and deadheading each week so the Community Garden keeps looking it's best!



You can also support us by choosing Friends of the Green as your Local Cause in the Co-Op Local Community Fund. All Co-Op members can vote for their Local Cause through the Co-Op App or via the membership website.

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# Silloth Gets Green Flag Award for 13th Year!

**Silloth Green Raises Prestigious Green Flag Award for 13th Year Running**  
Silloth has one of only two parks in Cumbria recognised with the international quality mark for parks and green spaces.



Silloth-on-Solway Town Council is proud to announce that Silloth Green has once again been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award, marking an incredible 13th consecutive year of recognition for excellence in park management and community engagement.

The Green Flag Award is the international quality mark for parks and green spaces, and this year only two parks in Cumbria – Silloth Green and Castle Park in Penrith – have received the honour. The cemeteries at Alston and Penrith were also recognised with a Green Flag Award.

This recognition places Silloth Green among just 2,250 parks and green spaces across the UK to achieve the award in 2025, underlining its continued commitment to excellence, sustainability, and community value.

Councillor Owen Martin, Mayor of Silloth, commented: "I am incredibly proud to

announce that Silloth Green has once again been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award for 2025. This achievement is a testament to the tireless dedication of our volunteers, staff, and community members who work so hard to keep the Green a beautiful, welcoming, and sustainable space for all. On behalf of the town, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you — this honour belongs to you."

One of the largest village greens in the North of England, Silloth Green is a vibrant, welcoming space with spectacular views over the Solway Firth to Criffel and the Caerlaverock Hills, and across to the Lake District. Its unique combination of heritage, modern facilities, and natural beauty has made it a favourite destination for residents and visitors alike.

Attractions on the Green include a Water Splash Park,

woodland adventure play area, BMX track, and Pirate Ship Play Area for younger children. New for 2025 is a 16-station fitness trail, stretching from the lifeboat station to the bee garden, and again from the picnic area near the tennis courts to just past the iconic 'Big Fella' sculpture, gifted to the town by a local resident.

The recently refurbished replica Hudson bomber continues to serve as a striking tribute and focal point on the Green, while the Victorian Pagoda, oak picnic benches, accessible footpaths,

and heritage-style lighting all contribute to Silloth's distinctive charm.

Community involvement plays a vital role in Silloth Green's ongoing success. The Friends of Silloth Green maintain the Community Garden, situated on the corner of Criffel Street, providing a vibrant entrance to Silloth Green and a pleasant place to sit and watch the world go by. The Bee Garden, situated closer to the sea, has a bee hotel in the middle of a striking display of colourful plants and shrubs, creating a haven for the local bee and butterfly population, again cared for by dedicated volunteers.

Councillor Melanie Irving, Chair of the Parks and Play Equipment Committee (2024/25), said: "It's an amazing achievement for Silloth to be awarded the Green Flag Award again. The work that staff and volunteers put into achieving this recognition is a credit to our town. You should be very proud of yourselves, working tirelessly all year round in all weathers. You all deserve it."

Silloth Green also serves as the backdrop for a variety of popular events throughout the year, the majority of which are organised by volunteers. In 2025, the calendar has already featured a new Emergency Services Day, the Silloth Green Dayz in May, and the Firebird Festival in July. Upcoming highlights include the

Silloth Vintage Rally, Soul on the Green, and the August Carnival, all of which draw visitors from across the region and further afield.

Paul Todd MBE, Green Flag Award Scheme Manager, praised the achievement: "Congratulations to everyone involved in Silloth Green who have worked tirelessly to ensure that it achieves the high standards required for the Green Flag Award."

Quality parks and green spaces like Silloth Green make the country a healthier place to live and work in, and a stronger place in which to invest.

Crucially, Silloth Green is a vital green space for communities in Cumberland to enjoy nature, and during the ongoing cost of living crisis it is a free and safe space for families to socialise. It also provides important opportunities for local people and visitors to reap the physical and mental health benefits of green space."

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

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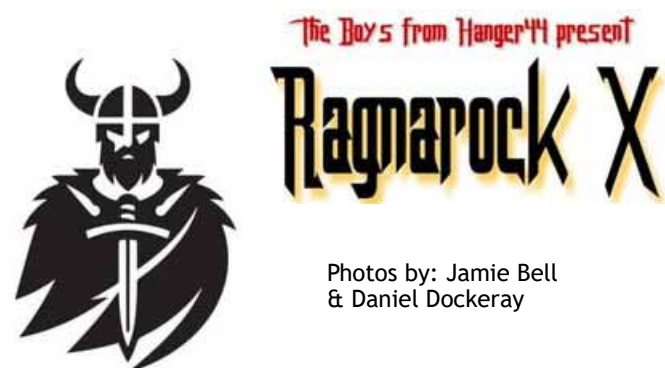
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# Annual Meet of Ragnarock X at Silloth RUFC



Report by: Laura Sharp

Holme Cultram Abbey's annual Strawberry Teas were held on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th July. We were amazed at how many people supported us over what was a very hot and sunny weekend and had people visit from all over the country including some people who were visiting the area on their holiday. There was a variety of tasty homemade savoury and sweet treats which were washed down with several cups of tea or coffee. We also had people bringing their own Tupperware tubs to fill with tasty takeaway treats too!

We are absolutely delighted to tell everyone that we raised an amazing £5,212.01 towards the ongoing work of the church, this was raised by the sales of treats, a raffle and tombola.

Holme Cultram Abbey PCC would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported the event, we are overwhelmed by the generosity and support given by you all to keep our beautiful community building open. A very special thank you goes anyone who donated prizes for the raffle and also to all our amazing volunteers who worked tirelessly over the weekend and donated all their home baked goods, without everyone's ongoing support the event would not have been such a great success. We hope to see everyone back again next year on 11th and 12th July 2026.



# Strawberry Teas at the Abbey Raise £5,212

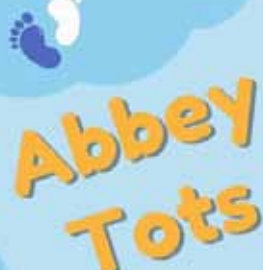




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# Familiar Ship in New Livery at Silloth Dock

Report & Photos by:  
John Forrester  
More coverage of shipping at  
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It was a busy start to summer for shipping at Silloth Dock. Amongst the regular visitors one ship in particular was noteworthy, the EDZARD CIRKSENA. The port welcomed back the general cargo vessel at the beginning of June after a gap of nine years. It was looking stylish in a new livery having come under the management of 'Vertom Shipping'. The ship was built seventeen years ago and is one of oldest vessels in their fleet.

Frustratingly, the ship arrived during the night from Antwerp, however, that didn't prevent ship spotters from getting their photos; the solution was to catch the ship departing. To assist with this, Silloth enthusiasts needed to develop their skills at predicting departure times. If all factors, such as cargo size, weather conditions etc are favourable, then ships can often be turned around within one tide, and true to form, EDZARD was quickly unloaded allowing departure the following afternoon.

A gathering of photographers readied themselves as the pilot was spotted climbing the ship's gangway to be greeted by the crew. About an hour before high water the ship was eased away from the quayside and lined up to squeeze through the dock entrance, always a dramatic manoeuvre. Once out of the dock, the captain was able to increase power and head towards the Solway. The amiable pilot spared a moment to give a wave to onlookers from the wheelhouse.

As the ship passed by there was no mistaking the new owner's name, with 'Vertom' prominently highlighted along the ship's hull. The Dutch company uses its distinctive livery on most of its ships, including the large 'V' logo on the wheelhouse and green flag flying from the foremast. 'Vertom' is a sizeable player in the short sea shipping market with a fleet of more than seventy vessels. The name EDZARD CIRKSENA stands out as unusual amongst others in the fleet. Some of us are fascinated by the origin of ship's names. A quick search reveals EDZARD was a notable historical character, being a 15th century chieftain of the German coastal region of East Frisia.

It appears the ship continues to be drawn back to the homeland of its namesake by trading mainly between the Low Countries and UK. On leaving Silloth the ship made a couple more calls at UK ports before heading back to home territory.

## Silloth Tide Tables

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# FUN for ALL ~ Join the Dots & Colour In

Something for All Ages to Enjoy Everyone Can Do This

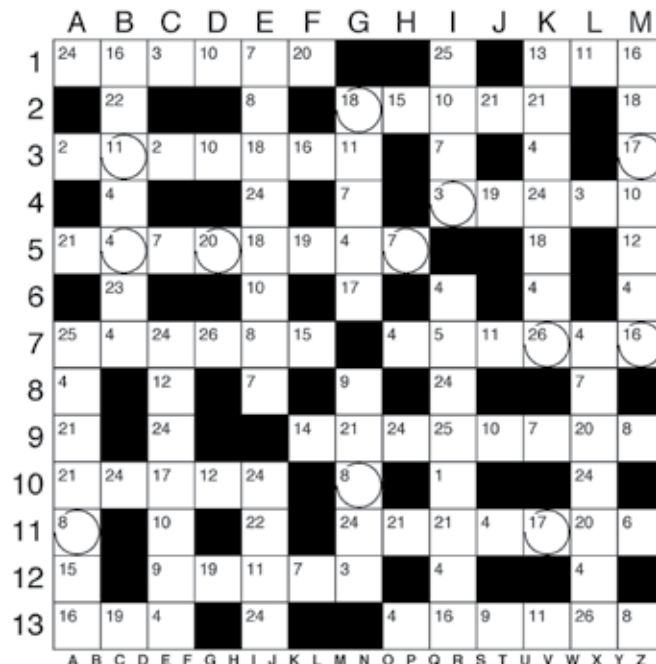
## CODEWORD

A codeword is like a crossword puzzle but there are no clues!

Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number representing the same letter throughout the puzzle.

just decide which letter is represented by which number. To start off, we've revealed the codes for three letters.

Once you've filled in these letters throughout the puzzle, you'll have enough info to guess words and discover other letters. Use the letter checklist and letter grid to keep track of the letters you have found.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Enter the letter in each circled cell in the order given below to reveal a themed answer:

5D	11K	10G	3B	5H	7K	7M	2G	3M	11A	4I	5B

## COLOUR ME IN



Not Just for the Kids

## CROSSWORD

### Across

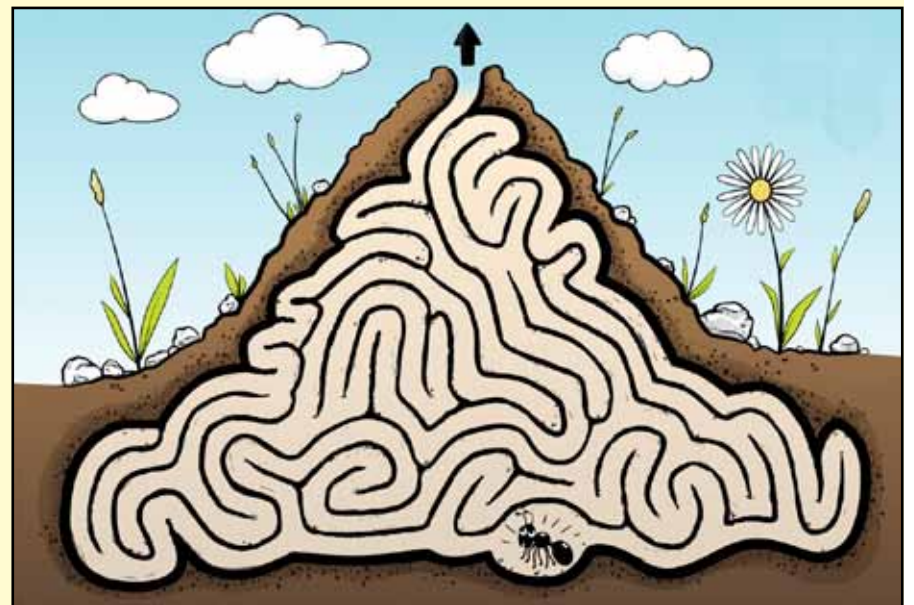
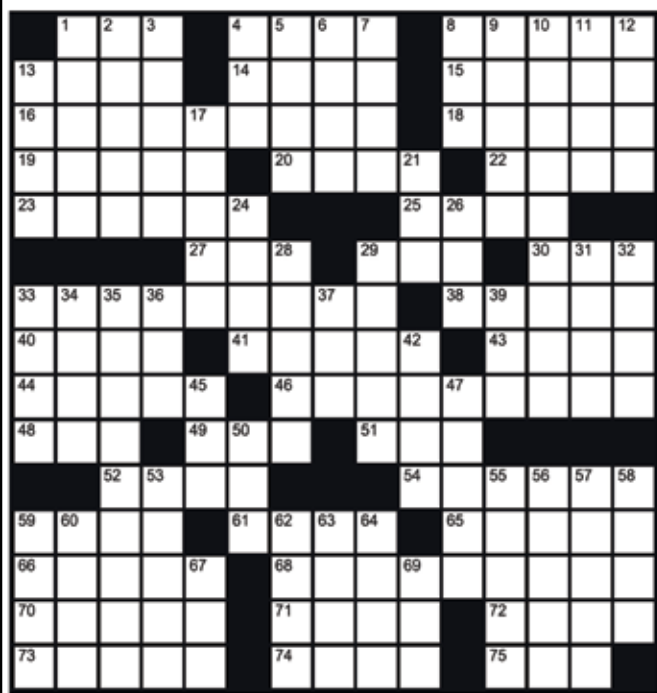
- 1 Roscoe
- 4 After stock or laundry
- 8 Did yard work
- 13 Folk singer Guthrie
- 14 Ballerina Pavlova
- 15 Master, in Swahili
- 16 Baseball handout due to bad weather
- 18 Susan of "Goldengirl"
- 19 Sleeping disorder
- 20 Classic Olds
- 22 Fish caught in pots
- 23 Fortified wine
- 25 Engine sound

### Down

- 27 Zodiac animal
- 29 Brealyzer attachment
- 30 Halloween decoration
- 33 Cheater's forte
- 38 Alpha's opposite
- 40 Mitch Miller's instrument
- 41 Tender spots
- 43 Shangri-la
- 44 Big cats
- 46 Aquarium creatures
- 48 W.W. II vessel
- 49 Beehive State native
- 51 Children's game
- 52 Largest island in the West Indies
- 54 Gives the evil eye

### Down

- 1 Profit and loss depiction
- 2 Dress with a flare
- 3 Laser printer powder
- 4 Encouraging word
- 5 Lollapalooza
- 6 \_\_\_ in a blue moon
- 7 Ocean menace
- 8 Wharton degree
- 9 Title holder
- 10 Some are heated
- 11 Hydroxyl compound
- 12 Daily and Blocker, e.g.
- 13 Macaws
- 17 Transport
- 21 Watering hole
- 24 Shriill barks
- 26 Actor Tognazzi
- 28 Yellowstone creature
- 29 Sound from the fold
- 31 "The Morning Watch" author
- 32 Beach shades
- 33 Sweetie pie
- 34 Wood stork
- 35 Dentist's suggestion
- 36 Sawbuck
- 37 Smelter's input
- 39 French sea
- 42 Lively old dance
- 45 Grinder
- 47 Like some bodies on a beach
- 50 Listening device
- 53 The "U" in UHF
- 55 Lock horns
- 56 Traditional Sunday fare
- 57 \_\_\_ Park, Colo.
- 58 Spring purchase
- 59 Poet Khayyam
- 60 It may be polished
- 62 Roswell sightings
- 63 Hardly thrilling
- 64 London district
- 67 Half a dozen
- 69 Fully anesthetized



## Shipping at the Port of Silloth

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

Once again our port hosted a couple of vessels, and our old favourite, Zapadnyy. We had two loads of fertiliser from Antwerp and Klaipeda and then Molasses from Amsterdam.

Not as busy a month as anticipated, however, we were due a fourth cargo from Derry which ended up delayed and will appear in next months tome!

We have successfully reconnected our port entrance sluicing pipework and this is now fully operational and keeping the silt in the port entrance very much reduced.

In addition, our Port is now moving closer to completion of the sale to FoxJackson Ports and the MMO have now received all correspondence

concerning the change of ownership and will now move ahead with the Harbour Revision Order to be submitted to the Government some time later in the year. Current estimate of timings is around the end of September, but this is only an estimate.

Summer has finally arrived, strong winds, heavy rain and cloudy. What more could we want?

### June Visitors:

1st Edzard Cirksena from Antwerp with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Belfast.

17th Solitas-H from Klaipeda with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Belfast.

27th Zapadnyy from Amsterdam with a cargo of Molasses then on to Amsterdam.





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## Beware Doorstep Crime & Cold Callers

#### Recognise and report doorstep crime and cold callers

How to get help if you're dealing with rogue traders, how to recognise doorstep crime and how we respond to these crimes.

If you or someone you know needs assistance in dealing with a rogue trader you can contact Trading Standards through the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Due to the nature of these crimes Cumberland Council treat this work as a priority and work with partner agencies such as Cumbria Police to help raise awareness and tackle potential offenders.

How to recognise doorstep crime:

Doorstep crime involves cold callers and rogue traders trying to sell goods or services. The traders involved prove difficult to trace and as a consequence consumers have difficulties obtaining recompense in respect of any defective work.

Red light warning indicators for doorstep crime are:



person or business cold calling at various properties touting for business

no paperwork is given and there are no cancellation rights money is requested 'up front' before any work has been carried out

trader does not complete the work and consumer cannot contact them

Rapid response:  
Cumberland Council operate a rapid response protocol as part of their strategy to combat doorstep crime and help support the consumers of Cumberland.

Whenever possible they will aim to attend incidents, usually in conjunction with the Police, where elderly and vulnerable members of the community have been approached by rogue traders.



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# School Colour Run Raises £2,625

The Friends of Silloth Primary School would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who kindly donated towards our sponsored colour run which was held on Friday 11th July after the annual sports day.

Nursery held their sports day, and a mini-Colour run in the morning which they all enjoyed. The rest of the school took part at sports day in the afternoon. The sun shone down on us all and there was laughter and smiles both from the children and adults taking part.

Quotes from some of the children included:

'Best day ever'  
'Can we do it again'  
'That was so much fun'  
'Loved it'

Miss Mounsey set the Children a target of raising £1,000 and she would dress up a colourful Chicken to do the race. The money has been counted, and we have raised £2,625.42. Your generosity and support helped make the event a vibrant, fun filled success for all the children, and your contributions will go along way in supporting the refurbishment of the School Play Equipment. We are truly grateful for your continued support of our school community.

We would also like to say thank



you to the Senior School children and our other volunteers for

coming and taking part in helping to throw the paint.



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**07799 708465**

**Silloth RUFC**  
**Saturdays**  
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**From 9th August**  
**Caldew Hall**  
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## Solway Buzz Phone Book

This section recognises those whose financial help keeps the Solway Buzz going. If you wish to contribute in this way without taking an advert, please contact the Buzz, it costs only £52 a year.

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Age UK	01900 844670
Chemist, Silloth:	016973 31394
Church Catholic	01900 814826
Community Grants:	01900 325013
Crime Stoppers:	0800 555111
Cumberland Council	0300 373 3730
Dentist, Alma Terrace:	016973 31270
Dentist, Emergency:	01228 603900
Doctor:	016973 31309
Doctor CHOC service	03000 247 247
NHS	111
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Holm Cultram Abbey CofE School	
Abbaytown:	016973 61261
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Silloth Nursery & Junior School:	
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Copy date for the September issue is: 1st week August  
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Please let us know of any changes within this section

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For baptisms and other church related business please contact: Rev Cornelia Noghiu, St Mary's Vicarage, Church St, Maryport, Tel: 07448 285263.

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

China Painting

Every Friday at Silloth Community Hall. 2pm to 4pm. All welcome.

Mawbray Nia Group

Every Thursday from 2 to 4pm in Culterham Hall, £4 per session includes refreshments. Just come along.

Wigton Theatre Club

Buy tickets via our website [www.wigtontheatre.org](http://www.wigtontheatre.org) or call the Box Office: 07977 835094

Silloth Tennis Club

For coaching information call David Wise on 0742 547767

Cash Machines

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

Blencogo Art Group

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

Production Team

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Silloth Library

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am to 4pm  
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Abbeytown Choir

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

Banking Hub

Maryport Banking Hub is operated by the Post Office on Senhouse Street as follows:  
Monday: NatWest  
Tuesday: HSBC  
Wednesday: Halifax  
Thursday: TSB  
Friday: Barclays

Good Companions

Have a coffee morning / fund-raiser on the first Monday each month from 10:30 to 11:30am. £2 entry for refreshments plus tombola, raffle and cake sale.

Monday Craft Club

Silloth Community Hall 10 - 11:30am every Monday. Bring your current project, exchange ideas, chat and have a cuppa

Family History Grp

Tuesdays at Silloth Community Hall from 6 – 8.30pm. Bring along your own research and meet fellow genealogists

Sewing Group

Every other Thursday at Silloth Community Hall. 12 – 4pm. All abilities welcome.

Silloth Parkrun

Meet on the Promenade beside the Tennis Courts at 9am every Saturday morning

Badminton

Abbeytown Badminton Club meet on Wednesday evenings, check details on their facebook page, £5 per night

Scrabble Club

Meet in Silloth Library on Fridays 10:30am to 1pm

Backgammon Club

Meet in Silloth Library on Wednesdays 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Dates for Your Diary

July

25th Allonby Artex 2025 1:30 to 6pm, entry £1.50

26th Soul on the Green 11am to 8pm on Silloth Green

26th Allonby Artex 2025 10am to 8pm, entry £1.50

27th Allonby Artex 2025 10am to 6pm, entry £1.50

28th Allonby Artex 2025 10am to 4pm, entry £1.50

28th Newton Arlosh Parish Hall Coffee & Cake Morning 10:30am to 12ish

31st Mawbray Village Hall Monthly Quiz - see poster for details

August

2nd Vintage Market in Waverton Village Hall see advert

3rd Vintage Market in Waverton Village Hall see advert

10th Oulton Tractor Run

17th Abbeytown Quizzers in Wheatsheaf Inn at 7pm

20th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

21st Solfest

August cont'd

22nd Solfest

23rd Solfest

24th Silloth Carnival

24th Solfest

25th Silloth Carnival

25th Solfest

September

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

6th Annual Produce Show in Blencogo Village Hall

7th Abbeytown Quizzers in Wheatsheaf Inn at 7pm

13th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

24th Handbagged at The John Peel Theatre [wigtontheatre.org/tickets.php](http://wigtontheatre.org/tickets.php)

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27th Blencogo & District Garden Club trip to Threave Gardens & Castle, 07538 027936

27th Handbagged at The John Peel Theatre [wigtontheatre.org/tickets.php](http://wigtontheatre.org/tickets.php)

October

1st Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am

5th Abbeytown Quizzers in Wheatsheaf Inn at 7pm

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

October cont'd

11th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

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

21st Blencogo & District Garden Club meeting in Blencogo village hall at 7:30pm 07538 027936

22nd Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

25th BlenScare-Crow Trail at Blencogo

26th BlenScare-Crow Trail at Blencogo

27th BlenScare-Crow Trail at Blencogo

28th BlenScare-Crow Trail at Blencogo

29th BlenScare-Crow Trail at Blencogo

30th BlenScare-Crow Trail at Blencogo

31st BlenScare-Crow Trail at Blencogo

November

2nd Abbeytown Quizzers in Wheatsheaf Inn at 7pm

3rd Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm

8th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

15th Christmas Fayre in Holme Cultram Abbey

16th Christmas Fayre in Holme Cultram Abbey

19th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

November cont'd

25th Blencogo & District Garden Club meeting in Blencogo village hall at 7:30pm 07538 027936

29th Christmas Market in Blencogo Village Hall

December

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

3rd Christmas Dinner Takeaway's in Holme Cultram Abbey

7th Christmas Dinner Eat In in Holme Cultram Abbey

10th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

13th Abbeytown Quizzers in Wheatsheaf Inn at 7pm

13th Silloth & District Pensioners Xmas party to be arranged

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

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

Noctilucent Cloud at a height of about 70km taken from Silloth at 4:30am by James Smith on 11th July





# Your Buzzing Letters and Wonderful Poems

Dear Buzz,

I'm sure that all parishioners in the Solway Plain Team will join in with Holme Cultram Abbey in wishing the Reverend Canon Bryan Rothwell and his Wife Annelouise a Long and Happy Retirement in their new Home in Thursby. His final Service was in the Abbey on Sunday 29th June.

Donald Alastair Bryan

Dear Buzz,

I have been told by Cumberland Highways that work will commence on Solway Street in September sometime, mind they did not give me a date or a year!  
Guess what! The only speed awareness sign that worked for a short while has given up the ghost and decided to retire as well. Any chance of a money back guarantee?  
For those bothered about the trees I have been told they are low priority so I would advise anyone affected by them to get your complaints in early so you may get some results.  
Do no hold your breath!  
I wonder what visitors think about the number of diversions and road signs left lying about. Probably think we are on the slippery slope to oblivion.  
Enjoy the sun.

The Whinge

Summertime by Abigail Grace Buckley

As a child, summer meant ice cream, barbecues, and picnics.  
The smell of freshly cut grass was heaven.  
You'd step outside and feel the sun's warmth hit you like a hug.  
Shorts and vest tops, water fights and paddling pools.

Running through green fields, chasing buzzy bees and spotting little insects.  
The air was full of flower scents and the jingle of the ice cream van.  
That smoky smell drifting over the fences meant someone was having sausages for tea.  
You could hear children laughing all day long.

Picky bits in the garden while parents danced and drank.  
Firepits crackling, marshmallows toasting.  
Even on the hottest days, there were fun ways to cool off—  
Sneaking ice cubes down your friends' backs or hiding with water balloons in a bush.

Queueing outside the ice cream shop, dreaming up which flavour you'd pick.  
Staying out until the streetlights flickered on.

Being an adult in summer is different.  
Where are the hats? Do they need more sun cream?  
Are ice creams too expensive? Have they had too much sugar?

But take a breath—  
Remember the joy.  
This is your children's turn to make memories.  
And you can too.

Make time to enjoy the sun.  
Be silly. Laugh loud.  
Time goes fast—and you'll never regret the joyful mess.  
Only the moments lost to worry.

Codeword Answers



Crossword Answers



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

Wasp by Sophia Lodhi

Wasp: lean, mean,  
Discount version of the bee;  
No sweet honey here for me,  
Just a nasty,  
Scratchy  
Sting below the belt,  
And a further few behind my knee!

(The above is a true reminiscence of my thoughts, When - accidentally - one summer, I sat upon a wasp.)

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for more info.

The Battle by Sophia Lodhi

Days spent amidst the  
Fresh, sweet meadow flowers:  
She strolled beside the  
Ripening rosehip briars,  
And breathed the sharp, spiced  
Scent of amber gorse;  
Her Summers blessed with  
Youth and golden dawns.

But tapestries of  
Time turned to decay,  
And stole her garments,  
Jewels and bright array;  
Cold frosts robbed Autumn  
Of her precious crown...  
And took my Queen to  
Die beneath the ground.

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# Silloth Veterans Still 'Top of the League'



Report by: Colin Baty

On 9th June Silloth played away to FC Houghton and won 1-6 with goals from: Matty Wood 2, Mike Riding, Dan Jeffrey and Phil Green.

Next up another league game on 16th June versus Beehive which produced another victory 1-8, goals from Mally Graham 2, Dan Martos, Johnny Studholme and Mike Riding.

Then on 23rd June in the Quarter Final of the County Trophy Harraby Catholic inflicted the first defeat for Silloth this

season 0-1.

Then on the 30th June a top of the table clash against Currock which resulted in a 2-2 draw with goals from Matty Wood and Mike Riding.

Then the last league game of the season was a 2-4 away win against Penrith, with goals from Mally Graham, Dan Martos, Anthony Wright penalty and Mike Riding to keep Silloth on top of the league at the time of this report 11th July.

We won't find out if we win the league until 21st July as other

teams need to play outstanding games, we can only finish first or second, and overall the league record was played 11 won 9, drew 2, lost 0. The League Cup is still to play once all the League fixtures are complete.

It's been Silloth's best ever season since this veterans team was formed in 1990, two years ago we finished second but were never top and it's been a joy to watch with only around 21 players used and always plenty of substitutes. So a big thank you from me and Phil Scott personally.



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