

Tequila Sunrise visiting Silloth

Report by:
Chris Puxley

In response to Stephen Wrights enquiry, I can furnish the following information about the 'Tequila Sunrise'.

For Silloth, she was a relatively large vessel at that time, (93.7m LOA) and unusual in being the first vessel seen here to carry a free-fall launched lifeboat (over the stern), as opposed to the standard davit launched lifeboats. She was a new ship, launched as the "Martin" but renamed 'Tequila Sunrise' by her charterers. She was German, registered at Hamburg and flying their convenience flag of Antigua.

She arrived at Silloth on her maiden voyage, on Thursday 3rd September 1987 from Rendsburg (on the Kiel Canal), carrying empty containers, some on deck. The deck containers had to be temporarily off-loaded to open the hatches, in order to load 2,147 tons of palletised cartons of dried milk powder from the Nestle factory at Dalston.



MV "Tequila Sunrise" loading Nestles milk powder



MV "Tequila Sunrise" leaving for El Salvador

She sailed on Monday 7th September, bound for El Salvador.

Container ships are indeed a rarity at Silloth. The majority of our cargoes are dry bulk, with occasional shipments of bagged or baled commodities. However, due to a three month long labour

dispute in 1969 at the port of Preston (now closed), the port of Silloth briefly benefited by handling their container shipments from Ireland.

I trust the above will be of interest to Mr Wright and others, and many thanks for his good wishes.

Holme St. Cuthbert Christingle



The popular Christingle Service was held on Xmas Eve in Aid of the Childrens Society at Holme St. Cuthbert Parish church.

Countryside Community Environment Award



Report by: Graeme Proud

The Solway Coast Community Volunteer Group is the proud recipient of the 2003 Cumberland News Countryside Community Environment Award.

Volunteer coordinator Graeme Proud attended a gala dinner at the Shepherds Inn on Friday 23rd January with volunteer Mr Norman Hammond where they accepted the 'Herdie', a trophy modelled on the Herdwick Sheep, and £200 on behalf of the volunteer group. The

Community Environment Award is given to the project that is deemed to promote the greatest awareness of the environment.

On behalf of the Solway Coast Community Volunteer Group, a big thank you to the volunteers and schools who have assisted with these projects in the Solway Coast Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty during the past year. Anyone requiring further information about the volunteer

group, or interested in attending any of our events should contact either Graeme Proud or Rose Wolfe at the AONB Unit, Solway Coast Discovery Centre, Liddell Street, Silloth, tel: 016973 33055 or email: graeme.proud@solwaycoastaonb.org.uk.

Methodist 'Pop-In' Soup Morning

Report by: Diana Shaw

The Methodist church held the first "Pop-in" soup Morning of 2004, on 14th January. It was very well attended, all the guests enjoyed a variety of soups with bread rolls then a cup of tea with biscuits along with a good chat with friends old and new. There were two more events in January and two in February.

The charge of £1 per person for these events is going towards church funds, as we are having to spend several thousands of pounds in the near future to meet the Disabled Discrimination Act of Parliament.



Some of the volunteers who made and served the soup



A few who enjoyed the warm and tasty soup on a cold winters day

Silloth & District Pensioners

Report by: Diana Shaw

On Saturday February 7th the Silloth & District Pensioners Association held their first coffee morning of the year. It was a cold and windy morning but the event was well supported by Silloth pensioners and visitors.

The cake stall was full of delicious home made pies and cakes, also biscuits. The bric a brac stall had lots of bargains to be had, there was brisk buying. The tables looked lovely with spring daffodils in the centre. Everyone enjoyed their coffee and home made scones. The drawing had eleven prizes, all donated.

The lucky winners were: Lilly Osborne, Mabel Hope, Irene Denard, Mim Gering, Carol Haines, Annie Rumney, Molly Blair, Audrey Winter, Margaret Peach, Madge Creighton, & Mary Lymer. The Morning takings were £161.10. Thanks to all who helped to make the event a success.

The next Coffee morning will be March 6th followed by the 11th April, both in the Eden Street Recreation Hall from 10am to 11:30am, all are welcome.

The Summer Outing Trip in June will visit "York", more details later.

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