

## The Dialect Competition



Kathleen Slack & Pauline Mole

Silloth Rotary Club's Cumbrian Dialect Competition took place in October at the Golf Hotel and was a great success with competitors talking and reciting their way through the event. Kathleen Slack presented the prizes of which "Best Spoken" went to Marion Hayton while Pauline Mole took the cup for the "Most Humorous" piece. The "Best Newcomer" was Mona Brough with Kerry Ann Brough receiving the "Best Junior" award. They and the near capacity audience had a very entertaining afternoon that was rounded off by the great Ethel



Kerry Ann Brough & Peter Brough

Fisher MBE reciting her poem about the private life of the Queen and a collection of £67 was made for Rotary Charities.

## Silloth Football Club

Silloth Football Club are holding a fund raising event in the Dunes Bar at Stanwix Park on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 8pm to late.

Tickets are £5 in advance from any committee member. There will be live music by a top local band 'Salvador' plus Disco.

## Wartime Secret

### Amazing Local Wartime Secret Revealed

"Adolf Hitler responsible for Cumberland Sausage", writes Bill Coulthard.

"Having enjoyed an excellent meal of Bangers and Mash at our Rotary meeting at the Greenhill, I was asked the question, 'How is it that Cumberland sausage is so popular?'

Looking back to the pre 1939--45 war, we had travelling butchers in our local area in Mr Thomas Weatherall from Skelton and Mr John Pattinson of Caldbeck who provided us with our sausage, an occasional feast in those days. The outbreak of war, with the stringent food rationing programme that it brought about made the farmer in our locality think more positively about producing food for their own benefit. There is little doubt in my mind that Adolf Hitler was responsible for the popularity that our Cumberland Sausage enjoys today.

Most farmers kept one pig, or maybe more, through the year, having it slaughtered in the autumn. The sides of bacon and the hams were salted down for the future and every part

of the pig was used to advantage, including the intestines which were cleaned and scoured, making them ready for the sausage, complemented with the black puddings and the spare ribs, which were generously clad with meat. There is no set recipe for Cumberland Sausage, taste was, and is, the overriding factor in making it an enjoyable dish for the household.

So thank-you Hitler, for providing we hungry Cumbrians with a splendid 'Bangers and Mash' meal which is always greatly appreciated. Same again soon, please!"

To complement the pig, our local farmers also started to grow vegetables, potatoes, grain etc., which helped to produce more milk and sheep meat on the farm.

We have to remember that money was in short supply and you could get 20 large aniseed balls for 1d. Fishing was also another method, call it pastime, in producing food for the table. Lovely pink trout from Ullswater were a delicacy to behold and enjoy!

## Silloth Tennis Club

Belatedly, after a summer packed with junior tournaments and summer camps it was the turn of the ladies to get in on the competitive Tennis act. Taking place on successively warm September Sundays, the ladies singles and doubles club championships finally got the go ahead and we were rewarded with some excellent play and athleticism as well.

After taking the 2003 singles title Lorraine Graham was feeling confident and her billing as pre-tournament favourite was justified as she set about the rest of the field with a fierce determination. Played on a round robin basis with everyone playing each other it was Barbara Hurst who proved to be the dark horse as she pushed Lorraine all the way and it was only the sink or

swim situation of a tie-break that saw Lorraine through to the successful defence of her title.

PLAYERS  
Lorraine Graham  
Barbara Hurst  
Fiona Cole  
Marion Jefferson  
Helen Holden

The doubles witnessed a taste of youth as Dawn Graham, Rachel Holden and Julie Hurst showed that they would become forces to be reckoned with in the coming years by joining their respective parents in the competition.

Again, a very competitive event ensued with Barbara (partnered by Dawn Graham) making up for the disappointment of the singles by coming through this time and taking what was her first title.

DOUBLES PLAYERS  
Lorraine Graham Helen Holden  
Barbara Hurst Dawn Graham  
Fiona Cole Rachel Holden  
Marion Jefferson Julie Hurst

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