

## Silloth RNLI Team Rescues Marra the Dolphin



Photo by: Eddie Studholme



Above: the chain gang formed to take cold water to the dolphin  
Left: Marra playing with the Silloth Lifeboat team on the 7th May  
Below: The man holding the dolphin sat there for hours caring for it

Report by:  
Steven Henderson

On Sunday morning the 30th April two Bottlenosed Dolphins were sighted from the Silloth Lifeboat and its sister training boat, while out on exercise off Lees scar lighthouse.

The Dolphins then followed the boats back to Silloth and played around the vessels close to the promenade for well over an hour, during which time a large crowd of onlookers gathered to watch. The coastguard team from Maryport, who helped in rescuing Marra from Maryport marina earlier in the year were at Silloth and confirmed from markings on the dorsal fin that one of the dolphins was Marra.

The Dolphins played with the lifeboat, rubbing alongside the hull and jumping through the bow waves to the delight of the crowd. They re-joined the Lifeboats on Sunday 7th May for another spectacle. Little did we know just how close we were going to get to one of them.



Report by:  
Peter McRobert

Bill & Wendy Allison from The Albion were walking along the beach at Beckfoot when they found a dolphin stranded at 6:30pm.

They asked Margaret Studholme at the closest house to get help and she called Silloth RNLI, who were soon joined by a Coastguard team who were at Beckfoot beach attending to a find of 14 live shells. They were then joined by the British Divers Marine Rescue and Vicki Weeks, the vet from Millcrofts. A local

farmers JCB was used to build a dam to create a pool and everyone, including many local children worked for over 6 hours to keep the dolphin cool and calm until the tide got close enough to put it on a sled and carry it 200 metres to the sea.

Credit must go to everyone, especially the locals who stood knee deep in water for hours in the pouring rain.

Initially it was thought the 2.55m (8ft) long dolphin was not Marra, the vets photos later proved it was.

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## Music Vision Project RNLI Fund-raiser

Report by: Sandra Robson

The county wide Music Vision Project, for people with disabilities, took part in a fund raising concert for the Silloth RNLI on March 17th at Silloth Social Club, along with local musicians and singers.

Besides Music Vision, the concert included local favourites Sarah Kent and Megan Hope, Phil Brown and the Prairie Dogs from Cockermouth, The Dumb Blondes, a new Carlisle band, and Silver Link from Penrith.

"It was a brilliant night, everybody had a fantastic time", said Eddie Studholme. "Ian Kellett did a great job, working with all the bands and singers" said Susan Kent. "We raised over £300 and hope we



can repeat the success later in the year with another concert. The people on the Music Vision project get a big kick out of singing and playing to audiences all over the county," said Ian Kellett. "They help to break down barriers in attitudes towards people with disabilities by putting talent, humour and hard work into their performances. They are irresistible."

**Professional couple with small well behaved dog are looking to rent furnished property on a short term basis.**

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