

Sluggenator Comes to Silloth

Yes, you read it right, the Sluggenator, one of the main characters of 'The Solway Saga' visited The Solway Coast Discovery Centre, Silloth on Saturday 22nd July.

The Solway Saga is a story written by children from 11 schools across the Solway Plain in an arts based project funded by Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria Arts in Education and the Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Sustainable Development Fund.

The story is based on the two central characters of Jack and Ellie who arrive on the Solway Coast in a small boat containing a box of magic 'equipment', each thing in the box has a special power and help Jack and Ellie through the challenges they face while travelling along the Solway Coast. Without giving the story away, one of their main challenges is the 'Sluggenator' a mythical Solway creature who they have to outwit!

Eleven schools took part in the project which saw eight professional artists from the company 'Changeling Productions' visiting schools and writing a chapter in each school. The entire story except the first few lines were written by the children themselves and the artists worked with the children using a range of different disciplines from dance and music and pictures as well as writing.

The Solway Saga involved up to 200 children and was performed by some of

the artists on July 22nd in the Solway Coast Discovery Centre, Silloth. The children's work was used as the basis for the performance and everyone who took part was invited to attend. The response was so great we had trouble squeezing everyone in! One attendee to the performance commented 'Beautiful music, lovely inclusive children's work. It is really important for Cumbria and the Solway plain in particular.'

The schools involved in the project are: Holm Cultram Abbey CE School, Abbeytown, Outerside, WestNewton St Matthew's, Great Orton School,

Blennerhasset School, Plumbland CE School, Bowness-on-Solway School, Wiggonby CE School, Bothel St Michael's, Holme St Cuthbert's Mawbray and Kirkbride Primary.

If you could not attend the performance, an exhibition of the children's work is in the Solway Coast Discovery Centre, Silloth for the summer with a copy of the story. At the beginning of the next school year all work will be returned to the individual schools for distribution to pupils.

Why not come along to see if you would like to visit the world of the Sluggenator!



Unlucky 7 for Kenny

Report by: Jimmy Lettice



For most people number 7 is a lucky one. Not for one Silloth man, Kenny Ostle has had his seventh mountain bike stolen from outside his home.

Fitness fanatic Kenny has had a bike since he was a young boy and feels lost without one. Kenny parked his latest bike up for the night and locked it as usual to his fence, next morning after breakfast he was going on his morning exercise ride only to find it missing. Very annoyed

Fundraising at Dundraw

Report by: Gladys Temple

A beautiful summer afternoon greeted visitors to Yew Tree Cottage, Dundraw, home of Muriel Studholme.

She had organised wonderful cream teas, a cake stall, a bric-a-brac, plant and book stalls together with many competitions. The Rev David Tembey then organised the competition winners. The raffle winners were Edna Graham, Pat Wise, Martin Snape, Mary Little, Mrs Hind, Nellie, Margaret (Aspatria).

and without transport Kenny walked to work to explain his latest bike disappearance.

If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of this or any of Kenny's bike's please phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, you don't have to leave your name.

Lance Hetherington won the £20 note with the correct number of 07, Jean Fell won the bottle of whisky, while the day the cock crows was July 21st won by Peter Hayward, Jan 20th won by Joshua Austin, Jan 29th Terrance Burns, June 26th nearest were Noeline Foster and Jean Kendal. Guessing the correct slate on the Abbey roof 1st was Peter Hayward 54 and 2nd Freda Garner 46. David Tembey then thanked Muriel for all her hard work in making the day such a success. Muriel thanked all the many helpers who had worked alongside her without who she could not have managed. The proceeds were to help towards the renovation fund for St. Mary's Holme Cultram Abbey and £1,571 was raised. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Bee by Alana Halpin aged 4 from Seacote



Scotty Bee by Robyn Weir aged 5 from Greengairs Primary School, Scotland



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