

## SOS - Silloth RNLI Lifeboat Crew Need Your Help

For the volunteer crew of the Silloth Lifeboat Station it is not 'if' the call comes but 'when'. All crewmembers know that, when they hear the call of their pager, whatever they are doing, they will immediately drop everything to assist those in difficulties on the Solway Firth.

Next year their boat will be replaced by one of the next generation of fast inshore lifeboats, now coming into service with the RNLI. The new boat will be of similar appearance, but slightly larger and equipped with the latest rescue and navigation equipment, including radar.

To be able to use this new lifeboat and all her equipment to maximum effect, the volunteer lifeboat crew have to be properly trained, both at Silloth using RNLI officers in mobile



training units, and also down at the RNLI Headquarters at Poole in Dorset.

On 19th September the Silloth lifeboat crew launched a campaign to raise £20,000 to cover the cost of their training for 2007-8.

Eddie Studholme, Silloth Lifeboat Operations Manager explains 'To keep the crew at the peak of their skills, training has to develop constantly and at the same time meet the needs of volunteer crew members, 90% of whom do not come from professional maritime backgrounds. Meanwhile, mandatory

health and safety requirements, EU legislation, new technology and the continuing development of competence-based training have further contributed to a 72% increase in the training requirement.'

The crew and fund-raisers are now actively raising funds and looking for offers of help.

Your help may be as simple as giving a donation, or you may prefer to undertake some form of fundraising, such as a running a raffle in your local pub, running an event or taking part in a sponsored event. We can provide support material,

such as posters, sporting trophies etc. If you would like more information or help with a fundraising event please call Sandra on 016973 33006.

The crew are delighted that Annette Gibbons, food writer and presenter, has agreed to be the patron of the Appeal.

To help the volunteer crew of the Solway Firth by contributing to their appeal please send your donation made payable to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to: Silloth Lifeboat Station Appeal PO Box 12 CARLISLE CA7 4WA

## Churches Together

Report by: Timothy Barker

On carnival weekend people in Silloth may have seen a Bangladeshi tricycle rickshaw on the Green and Batman and Catwoman wandering the streets. Churches Together in Silloth had set up their marquee for their second annual "Music with Intent" weekend and the rickshaw was publicizing Christian Aid's work in the Third World while the super-heroes were part of a drama presentation on Sunday evening.

Saturday evening saw the concert to promote the Make Poverty History campaign. Local musicians included Frank Devine (ably accompanied by Luke on whistle), Lady B and 6 String Revolution plus Sirkus from Edinburgh and Sound of Soul from Emmanuel Church Whitehaven. Our prayers and good wishes go to Elaine Davison who couldn't be there owing to a serious throat condition,

The weather was

kinder this year – no gales to threaten the tent and the heavy showers seemed to happen while everyone was inside. The children's fun hour on Sunday was actually extended (happily) while the worst shower of the day lasted and no one was put off for Songs of Praise which attracted a full house of lusty singers.

Batman and Co appeared in the evening as part of a marvellous programme of drama, music, testimony and fun with the young musicians from Whitehaven. They began life as a class of drumming enthusiasts and turned into a band, a youth club and a community of lively, laughing disciples.

The marquee was open all Carnival Day with music, children's puppets, books and Fair Trade goods and a quiet area for people just to sit and bring their thoughts and concerns. The Red Arrows were a very effective backup to us, especially when they created that giant heart over the Solway!

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## Hair Zone

We love the new violet colours from Clynol, we thought CHANTELE looked absolutely stunning on her wedding day with her new dark violet colour.

As did BEYONCE on her last visit to London, her dark violet low-lights

Dinosaur Bee by Ben Goodman aged 6 from Silloth Primary School



were perfect for her skin tone. These new Clynol shades are definitely the in-colour for this autumn and winter.

Dawn, Sammy and Carley have been trying these new shades on clients extensions and on themselves with fantastic results. Carley used a three colour mix on Sammy using a technique she learnt at a recent workshop with one of England's top stylists, Gary Hooker, creating a stunning look. What a talented teenager she is!

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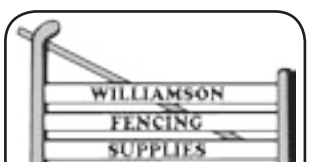
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