#### Solway Plain Artists in Discovery Centre



The Discovery Centre in Silloth is now housing a permanent display of paintings by the Solway Plain Artists group.

The group was formed during the Festival of Arts in Silloth. They meet once a month to sketch and paint and share experience. By getting together and watching, learning and

being inspired there are now opportunities to perfect techniques and learn new ones.

They meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 11am in the Golf Hotel, all are welcome.

Solway Plain Artists are the organisers of Silloth Festival of Art which is held for two

weeks during June and July each year. This year Mr Tony Markley opened the festival at an event in the Golf Hotel where he thanked everyone involved, the sponsors, Solway Arts, the artists, shopkeepers, and in particular Heather and Olive Wood who are the driving force behind the group.



Silloth Lifeboat Call-Out

Report by: Eddie Studholme & Steven Henderson

Both Silloth and **Workington Lifeboats** were launched to attend to a large motor cruiser which was on fire off the coast between Flimby and Siddick.

The vessel had an

explosion in its engine room and then caught fire. The two persons on board were rescued and both received medical attention for smoke inhalation. They were taken off the stricken vessel by a passing fishing boat which took them back to shore to receive

Silloth and Workington Lifeboats attended to the fire. Unfortunately, after the fire had been extinguished the boat sank whilst being towed to shallower water.

The couple who were on board went to hospital in Whitehaven for smoke inhalation and hypothermia.

#### Abbeytown Flower Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

Members and friends of Abbeytown Flower Club had a wonderful afternoon outing to Armathwaite near Penrith.

We visited the garden of John Thexton and David Ryland. John and David shared the job of guide as we were joined by a group from Moffat Flower Club. They had only been in the property for four years and had built the extensive garden into the wonderful expanse it is today.

We set off in the original garden where the basic outline of walls and hedges are still there with lots of old roses and shrubs but they have put in larger flower borders and features. Through a gate we came to a lane, which goes up to the fields alongside the garden where several horses were grazing, along the lane more shrubs and plants have been planted and the little stream alongside provided a wet environment. Up several

steps led us to a pond planted with lilies and stocked with fish. The railway embankment has been made into a wildflower area where there are many birds and animals. The weather was kind and allowed us to explore the gardens behind the cottage which have been planted with many of the flowers John and David brought with them in tubs and pots from their previous home.

Afternoon tea was served then David

entertained us with a Flower Demonstration making three lovely arrangements which were won by Jackie Cawood, Mary Reed and a lady from Moffat, while Mary Spark received a bunch of flowers and foliage to make up her own arrangement.

Ruth Pinguey thanked David and John for a lovely afternoon.

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