

### Win a Hand-Carved Bench



The Silloth and District Fundraising Branch of the RNLI has been given an intricately carved garden seat which is its main prize in this year's Annual Grand Draw.

This magnificent piece of work has been very generously donated by Mr Alex Gorman, a local wood carver, who uses only reclaimed wood from the beach. The garden bench seat took him 3-4 days to complete using carefully selected pieces of stranded driftwood.

The seat will be on display on Carnival Day at the RNLI stall on Silloth Green where Annual Draw tickets will be available. These tickets will also be available at the Lifeboat Station shop, from several other retail outlets in the town and some crew and committee members.

The draw itself will take place at a RNLI dance night at The Golf Hotel in October. The Silloth and District Fundraising Branch relies heavily on local businesses and people taking some tickets to sell to family, friends, work colleagues, customers, etc and if you would like to help with selling this year's Annual Draw Raffle Tickets please leave a message for Bev (Branch Secretary)

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on 016973 31866. Tickets cost 25p each - 4 tickets in a book. Please note: tickets will be available from mid August.

Mr Gorman is a founder member of the Solway Wood Carving Group, which meets at the Community Centre on Monday evenings. His next project, together with Clive Firth, the group organiser, is to build another bench seat, which due to its size will be worked on site at the Silloth Lifeboat Station. They intend to incorporate the RNLI logo and flag into the design. When completed this bench seat will be located outside the Lifeboat Station.

Mr Gorman moved into the area last year and was inspired to help the local RNLI after meeting long serving crew member, former Coxswain and Deputy Launch Authority Derek Wilson.

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### Solfest Tickets Winner



Samantha Scott receiving her prize from Simon Kay

In the last edition of the Solway Buzz we ran a competition for two tickets to Solfest worth £118. We had entries from all over the country and a larger response than we have ever had before as people hoped to win these very sought after tickets. The winning entry was drawn by Graham Wilkinson, Mayor of Silloth. The happy winner is Samantha Scott from Allonby, who was presented with her tickets by Simon Kay, Chairman of Solfest.

X-der  
by  
Joelle Middleton  
from  
Rhyddings School



Starer Bee  
by  
Michael  
from  
Holm Cultram  
Abbey School

The fundraising branch and crew at Silloth Lifeboat Station wish to publicly thank Mr Gorman for this most generous donation to the RNLI and it is hoped that sales of this year's raffle tickets will be well supported.

### Silloth & District Pensioners



Diana Shaw presents flowers to Marjorie Wilkinson

The Silloth and District Pensioners held their Annual Strawberry Cream Tea on Saturday 7th July in St. Andrews Church Hall. What a wet afternoon it was, which certainly kept some of our regular supporters away. Mayor Graham Wilkinson opened the event accompanied by his wife, Chairperson Diana Shaw welcomed them both and presented

his wife with a bouquet of flowers from the association.

The strawberries and cream were delicious and the kitchen ladies were kept busy working happily away, Maureen Irving, Margaret Durham, Pat Bell, Par Foggerty, Carol Haines and Dorothy Maxwell.

The Cake Stall and Bric a Brac stall did a brisk trade manned by Doreen Matthews, Maureen Moore, Nan Crook and Doreen Carruthers and on the door was Jean Wilson.

The Raffle was in the capable hands of Irene Denard and had 16 Lucky Winners

The event raised the Grand Total of £220.

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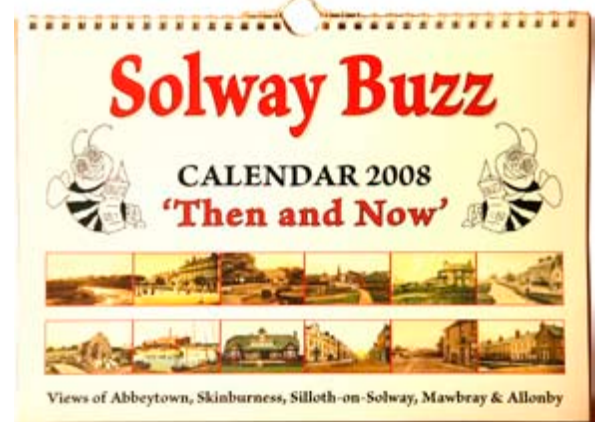
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