

Easter Celebrations

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Easter was a busy time for Christ Church with St Paul's.

We enjoyed our special round of services beginning with Holy Communion on the morning of Maundy Thursday at Christ Church all the way through to the Holy Communion services in the morning and Evensong at St Paul's in the afternoon of Easter Sunday.

On Good Friday we joined with the other churches for a short service in the Methodist Church led by Rev'd John Millard, the Methodist minister. A good number of us joined in the walk of witness, following the Cross through the town and across the Green, followed by prayers round the cross on the wooded hillock overlooking the town and the Green. The Stations of the Cross service at the Roman Catholic Church was attended by members of several of our congregations.

On Easter Saturday the Coffee Morning with competitions took place in Christ Church Hall. This was a popular event and we were crowded out in the hall. Many thanks to everyone who took part in baking, serving, selling, eating and drinking, buying, organising, etc.

There was a special competition this year: guess the price paid for the old suit which the Vicar was wearing. The prize was a bottle from the Vicar's extensive cellar and was won by Vicky Harrison for guessing closest to the actual price of £9.25.

The children's competitions attracted a good range of entries on the whole, especially the Easter bonnet competition. We were very fortunate to have Rev'd and Mrs Hine as the judges on the day. Rev'd Hine in particular will be known to many from his time as parish minister in the area and currently he is the Team Consultant to the Solway Plain Team.

The results of the competitions are as follows.
Easter Bonnets Juniors
First Prize
Alice Davison
Joint Second Prize
Charlotte
Rebecca Clorley



Easter Bonnets Infants
First Prize
Erin Tilley
Second Prize
Natalie Wood
Decorated Eggs
First Prize
Natalie Wood
Second Prize
Roy Bervoets
Colouring: Juniors
First Prize
Matthew Oliver
Colouring: Infants
Natalie Wood
Charlotte Hetherington



Information Wanted

SILLOTH DOCKS HISTORICAL INFORMATION WANTED

Throughout August of 2009, which will be here before we know it, Chris Puxley is hoping to put together another exhibition of the history of the Port of Silloth. A similar event to that presented over a weekend in 2005 for the "Sea Britain" celebrations.

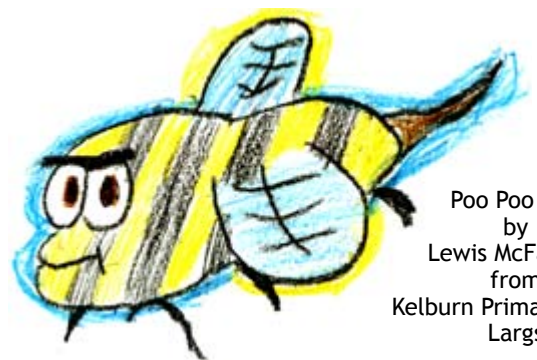
The proposed exhibition next year will be to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the grand official opening of the Silloth Dock, (renamed Marshall Dock at the opening ceremony), which occurred on 3rd August 1859.

Over Chris's years here he has compiled a comprehensive history of the port and its' shipping activities, including numerous photographs

and other historical papers. There is however, probably due to security measures taken at the time, a lack of any detailed information of activities during the first and second World Wars. It is known that Silloth Docks were very busy during those periods due to their relatively safe location.

If any of our readership could assist with any information, memorabilia or photographs of those times, or indeed provide details which would enhance the archive already collected, Chris would be very interested to hear from them.

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Poo Poo Bee
by
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Woodcarvers Challenge



One of the members of the Solway Woodcarvers Group

who meet in Silloth Community Hall has only been woodcarving since May last year. Despite this lack of experience, Ernest Froggatt has successfully completed a very challenging woodcarving of a viaduct near Nottingham known locally as the forty bridges.

Our group members are all currently carving a teddy bear each; they are being carved under the

title of teddy bears picnic. All the teddy bears will then be raffled on behalf of the Eden Valley Childrens Hospice. They will be on display at the Silloth Vintage Rally.

Nearer home Michael Faulkner of Abbeytown and instructor Clive will be carving a coat of arms (shield with a Templar's cross and a royal lion). This is being carved out of Ash and on completion it will be donated to the Abbey.

Prospective new members welcome! For all who are interested in viewing work in progress, please feel free to call in on either Monday or Wednesday evenings from 7pm until 9:30pm.