

Solway Coast Discovery Centre Opens a New Exhibition



Discover a New and Revitalised Attraction for Silloth.

Since it opened in 2002 the Solway Coast Discovery Centre in Silloth has been at the heart of an information base to provide locals and visitors with information about the Solway Coast Area of Outstanding natural Beauty (AONB).

The AONB is 118 square kilometres running from the Esk bridge on the A74M along the coast to Maryport. An area of this size has much to explore and the NEW Discovery Centre refurbishment seeks to provide four elements of interest.

The New Exhibition

This showcases the Solway Coast and describes its wildlife,

heritage, communities and landscape from a historical, present day and future perspective.

The New Education Centre

This provides schools and colleges with a resource to bring their class or school on a day visit to the Centre where they can learn about the sea, the Romans and broader topics under the headings of geography, history and the sciences.

The resource has many models, props and interactive elements as well as taking schools out onto the shore to get their hands on the real thing.

The New Tourist Information Centre

The Silloth TIC has been re-organised and designed and includes exhibitions about the history of Silloth airfield and the Silloth to Carlisle railway as well the usual wealth of information the retail area now includes a larger stock of book titles and a range of binoculars.



The New Art Exhibition

This area showcases the work of local artists and now has a bi-monthly featured artist; the opening featured exhibition is that of Clive Whiley a watercolour and gouache artist from Mawbray.

The marriage of the Tourist Information Centre with the Solway Coast Discovery Centre has provided a holistic approach to information about an area. The Education Centre has

been growing for the past three years and last year had 60 schools through its programme.

Brian Irving, the Manager of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty said: "For me this refurbishment marks the beginning of a vision for the regeneration of Silloth, the Solway Coast and North Cumbria. The area has been lost as a visitor destination even though it is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a World

Heritage Site (Hadrian's Wall) and provides a wealth of interest and recreational assets. With 60 Schools per year going through our education programme I am sure respect for the beauty of the area and its protection will be nurtured into the future. We also have 173 volunteers who help us achieve many worthwhile projects on the ground. I would like to take this opportunity to thanks those who have funded and designed the

New Centre, to North Allerdale Partnership, Allerdale Borough Council and our own Solway Coast Sustainable Development Fund thanks for the grants and to Headland Design Associates thanks for bringing it to life."

The New Centre will be officially opened on Friday 23rd May at 12.30.

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Silloth Tennis Club Juniors



Buzzy Bees
by
Darci Slack
from
Silloth Primary School

Silloth's Hannah Story celebrated her call up to the county Tennis team for the second year running by taking the number 1 seeding berth in a team of 4 girls. In what was always going to be a 'big ask' for what was a vastly inexperienced team playing on clay for the first time the girls competed well and won a couple of matches against the South of Scotland and the trip to Boston in Lincolnshire proved to be a valuable learning experience.



Greg Ramsay's recent string of impressive results seem to have paid off after he was selected as number 1 seed for the County under ten team to play in Edinburgh in June. Even though he is still officially under nine it just goes to show that his hard work over the winter period has paid off. Everyone at the club wishes him well.

At the age of just 6 Chloe Aird has already collected her first Tennis silverware after winning a mini Tennis event at Netherhall Sports Centre in Maryport. The competition was played



out as a mixed event due to a lack of girls, but, after beating some of the boys anyway Chloe fully deserved her victory as she beat Maryport's Chloe Routledge 10-9 in a thrilling final.

Solway Community Sports Hall

FREE SPORT SESSIONS

This is your chance to come along and try some of the sports absolutely free.

On week commencing 2nd June, the management would like to offer you, the members of our community, the opportunity to come and use the sports hall without any charge.

For an hour every night we are providing the chance to play a variety of sports and see what the sports hall is like for yourself.

The hours will vary each night, to cater for all, and there is NO AGE RESTRICTION. (Children under 16 must be accompanied by an

adult)

The days and times are:
Monday 2/6/08 5-6pm
Tuesday 3/6/08 6-7pm
Wednesday 4/6/08 4-5pm
Thursday 5/6/08 8-9pm
Friday 6/6/08 7-8pm

On the night you will have the option of playing badminton, table tennis or mini volleyball, on a first come first serve basis. If there is anything else you would like to try, we'll see what we can do. We would also love to hear what other sports and activities you would like to be available.

We hope you can join us at some point during the week and look forward to seeing you.

For the fifth year in succession Silloth Primary Schools' Tennis team have qualified for the county mini Orange finals. With a smaller field this year made worse by the unfortunate flu bug sweeping through Abbeytown school, the event, held at Netherhall was left to the "A" and "B" teams of Silloth and Maryport Juniors to battle out what became a really competitive affair.

The winner was always going to be between the "A" teams, but there were some very good performances from the "B" team of Joel

Baker, Jared Cole and newcomers Macy Baker and Amy Aird, who were competing at this event for the very first time.

For their part, the "A" team of Greg Ramsay, Reece Blake, Vicky Stanwix and Carmen Neilly proved that they have a great chance of success in the finals by producing some fine performances with a win/loss ratio of 18 matches to 2, but they were pushed all the way by a very dogged Maryport "A" team, who, despite the 5-1 scoreline, played some very gritty and determined Tennis.

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20th June to 5th July 2007

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