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A Right Royal Do



When John Graham of Longcumercattiff told his wife Jean he had a surprise for her on her 70th birthday on 29th June, she never would have believed that he would be taking her to the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Jean was overjoyed as she never thought she would ever be at the Palace, let alone on her birthday.

It was a glorious day with a lovely buffet, plenty of non-alcoholic drinks, two bands playing all afternoon, beautiful sunshine and tremendous hospitality and friendship among all present.

The Queen was lovely in a lilac outfit and she spent over an hour chatting to people. The Duke also chatted heartily to loads of those present. They both managed to avoid

talking to John, the Queen has met him before and knows what a great liar he is, definitely World Champion standard. Then other members of the Royal Family accompanied them to the Royal tea tent. The gardens were all in first class order, just like the Royal footmen and those in charge of the afternoon.

John said he could not understand why he had been invited to attend as he is just an ordinary country chap who has always given full support to the many organisations and charities he is involved with and has never asked for thanks in any way, therefore he considered this to be a great honour, and would like to thank whoever may have been involved in nominating him for this invitation.



Don't Miss These Events

30th-31st July - Silloth Kite Festival

30th July - Abbeytown Carnival

26th-28th August - Solfest

29th August - Silloth Carnival

**8th-11th September
Silloth Music & Beer Festival**

Report by: Gemma Pegram
First Silloth Rainbow Leader

On Saturday 25th June the girls at First Silloth Rainbows visited Mabie Farm Park, Dumfries as an end of year treat.

The girls and their minders set off at 9:30am and returned at 6pm. The girls really enjoyed it, with particular highlights such as the Jumping Pillow, Bouncy Castle Slide and feeding the farm animals.

We all took a picnic,

trying to hide them from the cheeky peacocks who thought it was their lunch and luckily for the majority of the day, the weather was good to us. A little bit of rain mid-afternoon didn't dampen our spirits though as there was plenty to do indoors as well as out.

First Silloth Rainbows would like to thank the three parents who came to help on the day for their invaluable support and for taking the photographs.



Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2011

Tickets are now on sale

Available from Winters Newsagents, Silloth (cash only),
Carnegie Theatre, Workington on 01900 602122
and www.TicketWeb.co.uk for card sales

Day Nursery Open Day

Jelly Tots Day Nursery at 4 Esk Street Silloth will be having an open day on Saturday 13th August from 10am until 2pm. There will be refreshments and information available for anyone interested. Everyone is welcome to come and view the new nursery and what it has to offer.

We will open for business from Monday 22nd August. We are offering places to children from 0 to 5 years working alongside Silloth Primary School nursery. Jelly Tots offer a drop off and pick up service if your child attends the school nursery.

Our opening hours are 7:30am until 6:30pm Monday to Friday except bank holidays.

Anyone that would like an application form please ring Jackie on 016973 32228. All welcome.

RNLI Christmas Cards

The Silloth Lifeboat Station gift shop has recently taken delivery of this year's range of Christmas cards and 2012 calendars and diaries.

So do pop down and select from the large collection of designs that are currently available. Please check our current opening times, which are detailed on page 10. Last year the Cumberland Building Society in Silloth kindly stocked a selection of RNLI

christmas cards. The staff have once again agreed to stock them this year so if you cannot get down to the Lifeboat Station then please do call in and see a selection of the new range at their premises on Station Road.

All profits made from the sale of RNLI Christmas Cards, calendars and diaries go directly to the RNLI so please do support our brave volunteer lifeboat men and women. Thank you.



Fairy Bee by Bethany Dockray from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Earliest Photo of Silloth?



Thanks to the kindness of the Wood sisters of Skinburness Road and Peter Cusack, the Holme St.

Cuthbert History Group have recently obtained some very old glass negatives of Silloth. They include this shot of

the green. It must have been taken before 1886 as, it seems, Carr's Mill has not yet been built.

The pine trees are newly-planted and a line of bathing machines can be seen on the right.

There are a few scratches on the negative but the group think that this might be the earliest photograph of the town to have survived.

Some of the other pictures from the set can be seen on the newly revised Silloth pages at the group's website: www.solwayplain.co.uk and others will be included in a new 'Plain People' book, due to be published early next year.

RNLI Quiz Nights

In January this year we held a quiz night at the Golf Hotel for the RNLI SOS day. This proved to be a great success and because of this Silloth & District Lifeboat Funding Committee have decided to hold a Summer Quiz on the 6th August, again at the Golf Hotel, commencing at 7.30pm.

We hope that all you quizzers will join us again and help us to make this

a great success whilst also supporting the RNLI. Visitors to Silloth why not come along and join in the fun, meet the locals, and pit your wits against them?

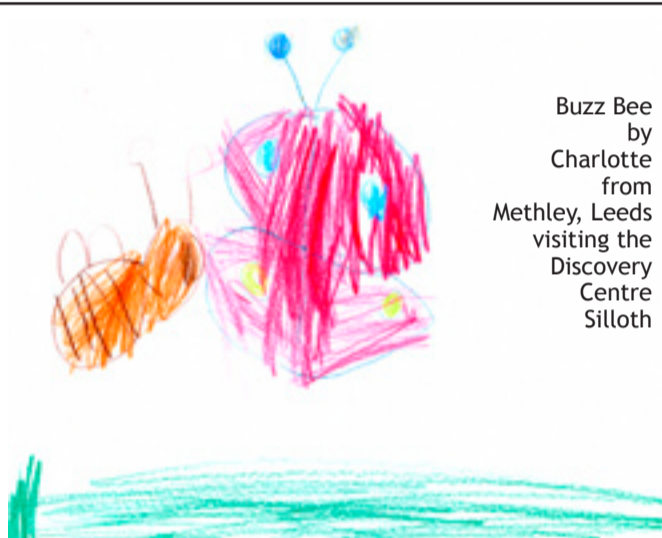
It is a great evening as it not only taxes your brain but also creates a great atmosphere with lots of fun. There will be prizes for the winning team and also booby prizes for the team with the lowest score.

Light refreshments will be available.

Each team to consist of a minimum of 4 people and the price for the evening will be £3.50 per head.

Booking is advisable so please contact the Golf Hotel, Silloth, tel: 016973 31438.

The Committee would love to see your there to make this an evening to remember.



Buzz Bee by Charlotte from Methley, Leeds visiting the Discovery Centre Silloth

Summer Reading Challenge

Roll Up! Roll Up! Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge has a 'Circus Stars' theme and will be running in libraries across Cumbria throughout the school summer holidays. Aimed at children aged 4-11 years old, the Summer Reading Challenge is a national initiative aimed at helping to create a 'buzz'

around children's reading and encouraging them to keep up with their reading throughout the long summer holiday period.

The challenge is simple - just read six or more books from the library over the summer holidays, and collect circus-themed rewards and incentives along the way.

Every child who completes the Summer

Reading Challenge will get a special certificate.

The Summer Reading Challenge runs until 17th September in Cumbria.

For further details regarding the More 4 TV Summer Book Club or The Summer Reading Challenge please contact Silloth Library on 016973 32195.

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Suffer from MS or other diseases of the central nervous system.

Are a carer for the elderly or disabled, or a patient in a long stay residential home.

Immunosuppression

You are invited to attend either the surgery or one of the following clinics being held at:

Abbeytown Hall, Friday 7th October, 10am-12pm
Silloth Church Hall, Monday 10th October, 9am-12pm
Silloth Surgery, Friday 14th October, 9am-12pm
Silloth Surgery, Friday 21st October, 9am-12pm
NO APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

Please let us know if you require a home visit for your vaccination (even if we visited you last year)

If you are over 65 also ask about having a pneumococcal vaccination at the same time Please note that we are unable to give the flu vaccination to anyone who does not meet the above criteria

Please remember to cancel your appointments if not required. We have had 88 appointments wasted in June!

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Get Fit Dancing

There is an exciting new dance fitness class in Silloth.

Moky are a hugely popular dance fitness team with over forty classes across Cumbria and with recent expansion into the North East (Haltwhistle) and the Borders. They now see over 2,000 people per week in their classes, and are inundated with requests from local Cumbrian's (often in more rural areas) to set up new classes in their town. The growth has been exponential; in January 2010 they had their first class with sixty people in attendance, this has now more than tripled in size to today where that same class has grown to three classes and now has over two hundred people in total throughout the evening.

One of the most noticeable increases in class sizes has been that of their weekly Wigton class in Wigton Market Hall, which started out with fifty people back in September 2010 and has grown rapidly since then, to the point where



they have had to put on a second class on another day to meet the huge demand. On the first night they saw seventy people packed into the Market Hall, as well as seeing over one hundred each week at our regular Monday class. They have now added a class in Silloth to meet the heavy demand there in Solway Community School.

As well as classes, they also do displays and events, and are booked to take part in both Abbeystown and Silloth Carnivals this year. Moky provide colourful, energetic and uplifting displays and do draw in the crowds.

Moky classes not only get people happier, healthier and

fitter, but they also alleviate the isolation felt by so many living in rural communities.

Moky see people of both sexes, from 16 to 85 year olds, and every size, shape and body in between. They all have one goal in common: having fun, meeting new people and sharing a hobby while getting fit, happy and healthy. Many of their customers have lost weight by coming to Moky, but it is the emotional and mental benefits that all their customers feel - check out their facebook page (www.facebook.com/mokyfit) for the hundreds of comments received every week from ardent fans who can't get enough of Moky in their lives.

Strawberry Tea

Report by: Pat Froggatt
Photo by: Pat Bell

It is that time of year again (no I don't mean Wimbledon) I mean Silloth & District Pensioners Strawberry Tea, which this year was held again at St. Andrews Hall, Silloth.

Chairperson, Diana Shaw welcomed everyone and introduced our guest for the afternoon, Edith Kerr. Edith thanked the Committee for inviting her to open the event and also thanked them for their hard work in preparing such a lovely spread, after which she entertained everyone with her story of the pig that did not have a slit in its back for money. She then produced a 'pig' with wings attached much to everyone's amusement. Edith then declared the afternoons festivities open.

The Committee proceeded to serve everyone with scones decorated with jam, strawberries and cream and a choice of tea or coffee. Biscuits were also available on the tables.

There was also a bric-



L-R: Chairman Diana Shaw, Edith Kerr, & Vice Chairman, Maureen Irving

a-brac stall and cake stall which did brisk business during the afternoon.

After the tea had been 'demolished' Diana introduced Eve who had come along again with outfits for sale and three members of the Committee modelled these with Eve giving details of each outfit and showing alternative outfits in different colours.

The raffle was a huge success and the winners

of the prizes were: Mrs. Lymer, Maureen Gray, Minnie Richardson, Connie Anderson, Jean Graham, Sonia Sanderson, Jean Clifford, Doreen Matthews, Ann Harrison and Maureen Todd.

The whole event raised a total of approximately £266 which included a total of £30 in donations.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this annual event.

Brownies Visit RNLI



Silloth Brownies, finished their term with a visit to Silloth RNLI lifeboat station

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In With the New

Report by: Geoff Betsworth

The 1st of July is a significant date in the Rotary calendar. Apart from reminding us all, Rotarian or not, that we are half way through 2011 already, it happens to be the "Change-over" date for Rotary Club officials the world over.

At Silloth Rotary Club, Jim Aird, who took over the office of President following the death of David English, has now handed over the responsibility and regalia to Tim Barker. Thanks to Jim for his own inimitable style of leadership, particularly on the occasions when he has captained the club sports teams. The members welcome President Tim and would like to wish him an enjoyable and fulfilling Rotary year.

Another important news item again this month is the 2011 Senior Citizens trip which will take place on Thursday 4th August. The planned destination



Jim Aird hands over to President Tim Barker

this year is Moffat with a possible stop at the Gretna Gateway shopping centre. Partly due to the rising cost of running this event, rather than increasing the price of the tickets, it has been decided that we will only be using one coach rather than booking a second one and maybe having it only half full. The tickets which are priced at £20 including

the coach fare and supper at the White Heather, will be available on a strictly first come first served basis and may be obtained from Winters Newsagents or from Rotarian Jim Watson.

If you would like to know more about the Rotary Club here in Silloth or the Rotary organisation in general please contact Geoff Betsworth on 07748 098081.

A Swordfish from Silloth



Report & Photo by: Geoff Bland

18/04/11 Small remains of a Swordfish aircraft which flew from Silloth on 25th January 1940 and crashed in the Peak District.

Aviation writers David Earl, Mark Sheldon and Alan Clark beside the Swordfish remains.

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Anyone for Bridge?

Bridge is a card game which evolved from whist. Historically, whist was definitely played in the 16th century. [There is a published reference to whist in a sermon by Bishop Latimer in 1529.] Originally the game of whist was played in the Royal Court and high places in the Kingdom. Over the intervening centuries, whist gradually spread into the lower ranks including: Lords of the Manor, army officers and soldiers, city workers, lawyers, bankers, trade merchants, etc. The first book on whist appeared in 1742 [Hoyle's Short Treatise on Whist] and this immediately became a best seller.

Very briefly by about 1890, the game was developing into a form of auction bridge; however it took another 35 years before the scoring details were sorted out and Contract Bridge was established. [A rich American on his yacht in 1925 worked out the scoring system which is still in use today]. Once this was achieved, World Bridge took off.

During the 1930's there were often International headlines in the Times Newspaper for matches between the USA and GB, as now with the cricket test scores.



There is a story about Omar Sharif who was on a film set, Dr Zhivago, and was told to go back to his caravan (on the film set) until required for his next scene. He had access to the studio's library, so went to the one bookcase there and had a look. He decided to take the least interesting looking book, which was rather dusty and infrequently used, to read, as then he thought, he could then get back to his filming scenes without too much effort. However the director couldn't find him for three days as he had got so engrossed in his bridge book! He later became a world class player!

Fortunes have been won and lost with both whist and bridge! Although most players do not gamble, Lords and rich players can win or lose lots of money. Most players play Duplicate Bridge; which is not played for money. Note: Omar lost at least one fortune at cards!

In southern England, there are now many bridge clubs, and whist has largely

died out. In the north, this appears to be whist country and whist still appears to be one of the dominant social games. After the war, many countries supported teams and a world series is now played every year with many countries competing.

Learning to play bridge is not easy, there is a great deal to remember and the students (we are all students) never reach a point when they can own up to being perfect players. However, it is a very challenging game and very enjoyable to pit ones wits against other players. I feel that compared to whist, whist is left far behind, as in bridge, one is learning continuously. In the Duplicate Game, played in most bridge clubs, identical hands are played by the different partnerships and their scores are compared, which means that however poor the hand, there is still a good chance of winning. {When the game is played for money, it is then called "Rubber" Bridge and is dependent to some extent on the strength of the hands dealt. Rubber Bridge is often found in golf clubs and in some other card clubs.}

Currently, a bridge group meet at the Silloth golf club for the occasional game and newcomers are very welcome.

Solway Community Sports Hall Summer Camp 2011

Monday 8th August

Art & Crafts
Clay Sculpting
10am - 12pm

&

1pm - 3pm

£3 per session per child



Friday 12th August

Trampoline
10am - 12pm

£3 per session per child

Multi Skills

1pm - 3pm

£3 per session per child

Tuesday 9th August

Arts & Crafts

10am - 12pm

& 1pm - 3pm

£3 per session

per child



Monday 22nd August

Fairy School

11am - 12pm

£4 per session

per child

Relax Kids

(Neverland theme

Fairies/Pirates)

1pm - 2pm

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Wednesday 10th August

Circus skills (Performance &
Workshop - by Astral Circus)

10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm

£3.50 per session or

£6 per child for 2 sessions

(Packed lunch required if attending
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Thursday 11th August

Champs Camp (Boxing Club)

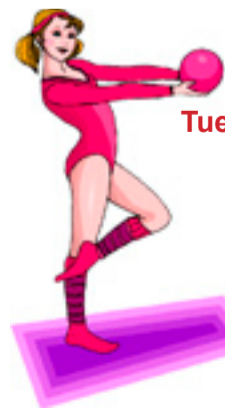
10am - 10.45am & 11am - 11.45am

£2.50 per session per child

MokyKidz (Dance)

1.45pm-2.15pm & 2.30pm-3pm

£2 per session per child



Tuesday 23rd August

Gymnastics

10am - 12pm

&

1pm - 3pm

£3 per session

per child

Please note places are limited so we advise booking as soon as possible. To obtain a booking form please call in to the Sports Hall or contact Angela Irving on 016973 31234 or 07738 167406

Still Open Six Days!

In a move which demonstrates its continued support for local borrowers, Cumberland Building Society has introduced another market leading product to complement its fixed rate mortgages, these are already sitting on top of the national best buy tables.

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The 3.99% rate is available up to a maximum LTV of 75% for customers who are moving home as well as borrowers who simply want to transfer their existing mortgage.

The local building society, with has already announced plans to increase lending by 25% to more than £150 million in the current financial year and has regularly featured in the



best buy tables printed by most of the leading national newspapers over the last month. Other market leading products from the society include a 3-year fixed rate at 3.62%.

Commenting on the launch of the new product, Jenny Beattie, manager of the Cumberland's Silloth branch, said, "It is unusual to offer a four-year fixed rate, but this is designed to provide borrowers with the certainty of knowing exactly what their payments will be until 2015 and allows them to lock into a rate below 4.00% before interest rates start to increase."

She continued, "The Cumberland's strong

financial position has allowed us to continue offering particularly competitive mortgages to borrowers throughout the credit crunch and subsequent recession. There has been a lot of talk about the limited availability of mortgages from national lenders, but these products demonstrate our commitment to support the local economy by providing affordable mortgages to local people. We also have a range of very competitive products for first time buyers which only require a 10% deposit."

For further information contact: Jenny Beattie, Cumberland Building Society, 12 Station Road, Silloth.

Silloth Carnival

Silloth Carnival Committee have been busy all year organising this year's event and praying for glorious weather just like last year!

Silloth Carnival is on Monday 29th August, with judging at 12:30pm and the Carnival Procession starting at 1pm.

The main event in the arena will be "Flyin' Ryan" a fantastic motorbike stunt show. Not for the faint hearted! There is also lots of entertainment organised for every age group on the day.

Each year the committee have asked if houses and shops will support the carnival spirit by decorating their windows. This year the theme is "Life under the Sea". There is a 1st prize trophy for the best "House Frontage" and a 1st prize trophy for the best "Shop Window". This year the shop window trophy has been donated by the SOS Charity shop, in memory of Mrs Maureen Moore. Judges will be visiting the week prior to the carnival. All houses on the carnival procession route will be viewed.

Abigail Mossop will be the new Carnival Queen for 2011. Retiring Queen Grace Cook will be handing over her crown to Abigail in the main arena after the procession. Abigail has said how excited she is to become Silloth's new Queen.

The committee hope as many as possible can participate in this years carnival, either in dressing up or entering a float. In the past there have been some fantastic floats and children's fancy dress. All children participating will receive a goody bag.

Please see your carnival



brochure for the categories.

They are a small committee and have worked very hard all year, fund-raising and applying for grants so the annual carnival can continue. Silloth Carnival has now been running since just before 1976 and without kind donations, fund-raising and grants it would not be able to continue. The committee would like to once again thank everyone who has supported them throughout the year. Raffle tickets and programmes will be coming round very soon, this has always been a great way to raise money, so please dig

deep and buy a book or two! Yet again there are some fantastic prizes to be won.

Lots of Carnivals have ceased due to lack of funding or volunteers and this is something that no-one wants to see happening to Silloth.

As they are a very small committee they are desperate for volunteers to help on the day, especially with the marshalling of the roads. If you feel you could help for an hour or two please contact John Hope on 31873 or Diane on 31237.

The committee hope to see you all there with your family and friends for a fantastic fun filled day.

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3 Peaks Challengers



On 28th June a team of eight from the Abbeytown area set off to tackle the national 3 Peaks Challenge, which involves climbing the three highest peaks in Scotland (Ben Nevis), England (Scafell Pike) and Wales (Snowdon), in under 24 hours. This was a personal challenge for the team but also the opportunity to raise sponsorship for the Great North Air Ambulance and Motor Neurone Disease - two charities with close links to the village (Robbie Girdler was airlifted to safety after falling through a disused garage roof and popular local shopkeeper Bill Harrison suffered from Motor Neurone Disease).

The team comprised James Graham, Darren Graham, Neil Graham, Daniel Green, Keith Hodgson, Richard Murphy, Steven Pattinson and Marc Southgate plus the unsung hero Glen Holder who was the all important driver.

The climbing began at Ben Nevis at 16.55hrs on Tuesday 28th with the team reaching the summit at



L-R: Keith Hodgson, Richard Murphy, Neil Graham, James Graham, Steven Pattinson, Darren Graham, Daniel Green & Marc Southgate on Ben Nevis

19.25hrs. They descended by 21.40 and after a quick change were on their way to Scafell Pike at 22.00hrs, arriving at Wasdale Head for 03.00hrs on Wednesday 29th.

The climbing started at 03.15hrs and, after getting lost in the dark, they managed to reach the summit by 06.10hrs. After a short rest they descended and were on their way to Snowdon by 07.55hrs arriving at Pen y Pass car park for 12.15hrs. They started climbing immediately and

reached the summit at 14.10 hrs - at this stage they knew they were well within time and opted to take the leisurely route back down to finish at 16.00hrs - a total time of 23hrs 5 minutes was achieved.

The team were all in agony after the climbing and very tired after getting very little sleep due to Glen's driving and patter - however without him the target would have been much harder.

Many thanks to all who sponsored us.

Year 6 Visit Whitby

Report by: Emily S & Macy B

Silloth Primary School year six pupils experienced the adventure of a lifetime.

On Wednesday they set off on their journey to Whitby following their Literacy topic based on the novels Room 13 and Dracula.

On the first day they visited lots of landmarks, including The Whale Bone Arch, Captain Cook Monument, The Haunted Western Lighthouse, Whitby Museum and Whitby's amazing beach.

The Avalon Hotel was a fantastic place to stay with breathtaking views and the most delicious food.

The following days timetable was as hectic as day one but very enjoyable thanks to Mrs Smart.

The big massive walk up the 199 steps to the historic Abbey and then onto stunning sights of Saltwick Bay was a challenge for

everyone - especially Mrs Burns and Mrs Martin. To follow was the terrifying Dracula experience. I bet you could hear our screams back in Silloth!

After the horrific shock we headed out to sea on a replica of the Endeavour, the fabulous views of Whitby kept us quiet for a while.

After all that fresh sea air we were ready to dine in

the award winning Quayside Restaurant...Yum Yum

On the last day we shopped until we dropped and then had to say our teary goodbyes to our wonderful hosts Charlie and Dawn.

Just again to say a huge thank-you to the staff: Mrs Smart, Mr Brooks, Mrs Sharp, Mrs Burns and Mrs Martin.



Buzzy by Hannah Reid from Kilmarnock staying at Solway Holiday Village



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Rolly Retires

Long serving caretaker Rolly Winter hung up his step ladder and keys for the last time this term.

Mr Winter served as site manager for 21 years at Solway Community Technology College before taking a well earned retirement on July 8th.

He has served ten Head teachers after taking on the role in 1990 when he was responsible for both the primary and secondary schools.

On Thursday July 7th he was bid farewell by the current staff and pupils in a special part of a whole school assembly. School had commissioned a cake which was designed and made for him by Carol Caulfield, who presented it and Head teacher Lois Baird handed over a large card bearing best wishes from all the staff.

Mr Winter did not opt for the traditional carriage clock on his retirement, instead buying an elaborate water feature for his garden out of the very generous money raised by staff to mark his years at the school.

He said: "I've had lots of good times and made lifelong friends working in this school but I feel I've done my time here. I will miss coming in and seeing people every day but am also looking forward to pursuing my own interests. I want to take up fell walking



Head teacher Lois Baird with Rolly Winter

and bowls with a group of friends from Silloth who are all retiring at about the same time. It'll be good not to be ruled by the clock anymore," he added with a smile lighting his eyes.

Mr Winter will be succeeded by Anthony Tatlock who he has been training up over the weeks leading up to his retirement.

Mr Winter came to the

school after more than 15 years working for Carr's Mill and then as assistant manager at Carr's Fertiliser in Silloth.

Mr Winter's connection with the school has not been entirely severed as his daughter Wendy Wise works as Head's PA and granddaughter Megan Wise, currently on work experience, is gearing up for her final GCSE year.

Sensational School Lunch



Mrs Baird, Head teacher, was delighted to welcome the community, friends, parents and Governors to lunch for the third time this year.

What started back in October was the 'National Roast Dinner day' which was so successful that we repeated the event in the Spring term.

Now its summertime, we felt it was time for lighter dining; poached salmon or chicken followed by strawberry shortcakes. The date was designed to coincide

with the Year 6 Induction days so that parents could eat with their children to discover exactly what our school dinners are like these days. I am sure you would be amazed.

We have also taken on board your suggestions from the past two events and now had waitress service from our Yr 9's for the dessert and coffees.

The food was excellent, judging by all the empty plates and the feedback from the satisfied diners, the

service too. Many thanks go to Mrs Angela Hoodless and her catering team; Carole Caulfield, Bev Collins and Gail Heath.

Here is your early warning for bookings for our next event which will be coming up in the Autumn term; National Roast dinner day on Wednesday 12th October.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Contact Mrs Wendy Wise at Solway School on 016973 31234.

Charity Truck Run



Report by: Sue Kent

Local man, Keith Millburn from Silloth, is to raise funds for both the RNLI and the Macmillan Cancer Support. He will be doing a Charity Road Run in his classic truck, from John O'Groats to Lands End in the near future.

There will be at least three classic trucks taking part in the event, for sponsorship or further details please contact Keith on 016973 32661. Donations can be made at: www.virginmoneygiving.com/dieseldan.



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Wind Turbines Dock in Silloth

Report by:
Capt. Edward Haig Deeley
Harbour Master - Silloth

July has seen one of the more unusual cargo's being handled at the port of Silloth, in the form of four wind turbines for the Hellrigg wind farm. Travelling from Emden in Germany to their destination just four miles outside of the town, the first turbines were delivered on the vessel 'Wilson Calais' and the remaining two on her sister ship, the 'Wilson Cadiz'

Built in 2001 the ships are owned by Wilson line of Norway, sailing under the Barbados flag. At 99 meters in length and weighing 4,432 tonnes deadweight, these were amongst some of the longest ships handled at the port. They were well suited to carry cargo on deck, due to the height of the ships navigational bridge.

Being the first time that Silloth docks has handled wind turbines, it was going to be interesting to test the ports suitability. It soon became apparent that the port and the town have an excellent infrastructure for dealing with this type of cargo. Those involved in the discharge and transport arrangements remarked on how smooth the operation went, and how it had generated such an interest with members of the public.

As for the wind turbines, they are manufactured by Enercon, a German company based in Bremen. This type of turbine has only been in production for about a year and is of the latest generation offering much improved performance and reliability. Each turbine is made up of four steel tower sections and three blades. The fibreglass blades are 40 meters in length and weigh only 9 tonnes each, they are designed to reduce noise and

maintain good efficiency. Each turbine stands 120 meters tall when measured from ground level to the tip of the upward blade, the complete unit weighs in at 430 tonnes.

Power generation takes place behind the nose cone in a similar way to that of a dynamo. Electricity is fed to the ground by cable, this design has removed the



Photo by: Mike Buchan



need for the turbines to have gearboxes. Every 12 seconds the turbine adjusts to changes in wind direction to optimise its performance. It starts to generate electricity at wind speeds of approximately 8 miles per hour, and only shuts down into 'storm mode' when the constant wind speed exceeds 60 mph. The four turbines are reported to provide enough power for 5,700 homes.



Photos clockwise: A tower section passing the Discovery Centre, Turbine blades being unloaded, Three turbine blades leaving the Docks in convoy, Tower sections being unloaded.



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Soldiers in Silloth 2011



Report by: Tim Barker

On Sunday July 10th the sun shone and there was no wind. Soldiers in Silloth Re-enactment Weekend was not blown away though there were plenty of explosions to keep visitors alert and excited.

Throughout the afternoon the Lancashire Militia fired cannon, shot off their muskets and demonstrated sword and pike practice from the English Civil War. Earlier in the day they even persuaded one brave little girl to hold a flag in her hand as the gunners "aimed" and fired at it. Needless to say they failed to get anywhere near her.

Hundreds of people visited the historic camp and chatted to the re-enactors, learning about weapons, costume, cooking and all aspects of life on campaign in the 17th century. There were also representatives from



Photo by: Geoff Betsworth

the American Civil War and a modern army signal station.

One of the highlights again was the night firing from the promenade on Saturday and this year there were no misfires! On the other hand the guns were placed in a different spot and their noise reached the town. Apologies for any disturbance.

An apology too for some disappointment on the Saturday morning when visitors arrived early only to learn that the re-enactors would not set up camp and put on a display until the afternoon.



Photos showing the encampment, militia drilling and also night and day canon firing

BeerFest Update

With just two months to go until the 11th Silloth Music and Beer Festival we just wanted to let you know what's happening at this years festival!

As always there will be more than 75 different beers, ales and ciders to 'sample', and we are expecting some award winning brews this year from local breweries and many more from further afield! (There will also be soft drinks, wine and lager for those who'd prefer.)

The line up is packed full of fantastic local artists, some of the UK's best tribute bands and much more! Local bands Sneaky Finch, House of Three Hands, Black Wolf Run and Emma Dockeray are all performing across our four day festival. Tribute Bands including Mercury (a stunning tribute to Queen), Blondied, The Four Fighters and Kazabian are joining us. As well as The

Revolutionaires (a 1950's R&B combo primarily influenced by Chuck Berry and the like), and last but by no means least The Lancashire Hotpots (a comedy folk band, who have recently performed at Glastonbury with rave reviews!).

As ever we're going to put on a weekend to remember, and we hope to build on last years festival which was, without doubt, the best yet!

Tickets are available now, and they are cheaper in advance. They are available from Winters in Silloth, The Carnegie in Workington and online from www.ticketweb.co.uk.

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Award for Eddie

Report by: Sue Kent
LPO Silloth RNLI

The dedication and long service of more than 60 Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) Volunteers from across the North of England was celebrated recently during a special ceremony at York.

Louise Barth RNLI Fund-raising and Communication Manager said the annual awards are a way of thanking volunteers who have worked tirelessly for many years in support of the RNLI. She added "Volunteers are the lifeblood of the RNLI and our annual awards ceremony is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate the amazing work of those who help keep our charity afloat.



Eddie Studholme

Local man Eddie Studholme, Operations Manager at Silloth lifeboat station, was recognised for his contribution at the ceremony. Eddie who lives near Silloth, received a special RNLI award for operational volunteers, in the form of a pair of engraved binoculars.

Eddie has been a RNLI Volunteer for over 25 years and became Operations Manager 11 years ago, he said "We don't join the RNLI to get recognition. Silloth has always had a brilliant lifeboat station with many dedicated volunteers and I'm very proud to be the manager."

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Arthritis Support

Wigton Area Arthritis Support Group meet on 1st Friday each month at Loveday House, South End, Wigton @ 1:30pm, details from Gladys 016973 43964

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If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note the next copy date.

Dates for the Diary

July

21st Trinity Methodist Church Sandwich pop-in 11:45am to 1pm
 23rd Table Top Sale at The Space, set up 9am, open 10am to 1pm, Tel: 31995 / 61703
 24th Mens 5-a-Sides at Silloth Football Club, at 1pm
 26th Criffel Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall, 1:45pm - 3:45pm
 27th Ballroom Dancing in Mawbray Village Hall, 7:30pm to 9:30pm all welcome, Tel: 016973 32956 or 01900 881353
 28th Trinity Methodist Church Sandwich pop-in 11:45am to 1pm
 29th Allonby Art Exhibition in the Village Hall 4pm to 8pm
 30th Allonby Art Exhibition in the Village Hall 10am to 8pm
 30th Silloth Kite Festival
 30th Abbeytown Carnival
 30th Table Top Sale at The Space, set up 9am, open 10am to 1pm, Tel: 31995 / 61703
 30th Solway Crafters marquee on Silloth Green
 31st Silloth Kite Festival
 31st Allonby Art Exhibition in the Village Hall 10am to 8pm
 31st Solway Crafters marquee on Silloth Green

August

1st Allonby Art Exhibition in the Village Hall 10am to 4pm
 2nd Table Top Sale at The Space, set up 9am, open 10am to 1pm, Tel: 31995 / 61703
 3rd Parkinson's UK Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel, all welcome (contact Jane on 016973 52527) for lunch at 12:30pm then speaker Jan Musgrave on Armchair Yoga
 3rd Ballroom Dancing in Mawbray Village Hall, 7:30pm to 9:30pm all welcome, Tel: 016973 32956 or 01900 881353
 4th Rotary Senior Citizens Trip to Moffatt, tickets from Winters Newsagents
 4th Trinity Methodist Church Sandwich pop-in 11:45am to 1pm
 5th Festival of Flowers & Scarecrows Open Day & Fete at Chichester Hall, Skinburness Grand Opening by Tony Markley at 2pm
 6th Festival of Flowers & Scarecrows Open Day & Fete at Chichester Hall, Skinburness
 6th Quiz Night in the Golf Hotel @ 7:30pm in aid of RNLI
 7th Festival of Flowers & Scarecrows Open Day & Fete at Chichester Hall, Skinburness
 7th Multiple Sclerosis at Bankmill Nursery
 9th Table Top Sale at The Space, set up 9am, open 10am to 1pm, Tel: 31995 / 61703
 9th Criffel Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall, 1:45pm - 3:45pm
 10th Ballroom Dancing in Mawbray Village Hall, 7:30pm to 9:30pm all welcome, Tel: 016973 32956 or 01900 881353
 13th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 9am to 11am

August cont'd

13th Jelly Tots Day Nursery Open Day 10am to 2pm at 4 Esk Street, Silloth
 14th Allonby 5th Annual Charity Ploughing Match + Car Boot Sale at 10am at Beech House Farm, Hayton
 14th Summer Fayre at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church at 2pm
 16th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm
 17th Ballroom Dancing in Mawbray Village Hall, 7:30pm to 9:30pm all welcome, Tel: 016973 32956 or 01900 881353
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September

2nd Skinburness Residents Association Coffee Morning in Chichester Hall 10am - 11:30am
 3rd Silloth & District Pensioners Anniversary Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall at the playing fields at 10am
 4th Trinity Methodist Church Harvest Festival morning service 10:30am
 4th Silloth Community Craft Show on Silloth Social Club from 11am to 4pm entries in by 2nd Sept Enquiries to Lesley on 33071
 4th Trinity Methodist Church Harvest Festival evening songs of praise
 5th Silloth Town Council Meeting
 6th Criffel Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall, 1:45pm - 3:45pm
 7th Parkinson's UK Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel, all welcome (contact Jane on 016973 52527) for lunch at 12:30pm then speaker Diana Stewart on myths and legends of Cumbria
 7th Ballroom Dancing in Mawbray Village Hall, 7:30pm to 9:30pm all welcome, Tel: 016973 32956 or 01900 881353
 8th Silloth Music & Beer Festival featuring The Roosters plus support
 9th Silloth Music & Beer Festival featuring Mercury plus support

Errors do occur in Dates for the Diary. Please check before attending an event.

September cont'd

10th Silloth Music & Beer Festival featuring Blondied plus support
 11th Silloth Music & Beer Festival featuring Four Fighters plus support
 14th Ballroom Dancing in Mawbray Village Hall, 7:30pm to 9:30pm all welcome, Tel: 016973 32956 or 01900 881353
 14th Causewayhead WI meeting at 7:15pm in Trinity Methodist Chapel, Silloth feature: Climbing & Trekking High in the Himalayas - speaker Mr. David Nightingale
 17th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 9am to 11am
 17th Horticultural Show at Bankmill Nursery
 18th Greenfest at Bankmill Nursery
 18th Solway Crafters at Bankmill Nursery
 20th Criffel Tea Dance in Solway College, 1:45 - 3:45pm
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October

1st Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall at the playing fields at 10am
 2nd Save the Children at Bankmill Nursery
 2nd Silloth Convalescent Home at Bankmill Nursery
 3rd Silloth Town Council Meeting
 4th Criffel Tea Dance in Solway College, 1:45 - 3:45pm
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 5th Parkinson's UK Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel, all welcome (contact Jane on 016973 52527) for lunch at 12:30pm then speaker Sandra Walker, Exercises
 7th Skinburness Residents Association Coffee Morning in Chichester Hall 10am - 11:30am

Apology
Due to unforeseen circumstances Showtime which was scheduled for 14/15th October has been postponed



Bookworm Bee by Jack Harrison from Holm Cultram Abbey School

October cont'd

8th Dialect Competition organised by Silloth Rotary Club in the Golf Hotel
 12th Roast Dinner Day at Solway Community Technology College, @ 1pm
 12th Causewayhead WI meeting at 7:15pm in Trinity Methodist Chapel, Silloth feature: British Divers Marine Life Rescue - speaker Mrs. Jenny Watkins, MCMi-M.inst-LM
 12th Ballroom Dancing in Mawbray Village Hall, 7:30pm to 9:30pm all welcome, Tel: 016973 32956 or 01900 881353
 14th Showtime in aid of Hospice at Home POSTPONED
 15th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 9am to 11am
 16th Solway Crafters at Bankmill Nursery
 18th Criffel Tea Dance in Solway College, 1:45 - 3:45pm
 19th Ballroom Dancing in Mawbray Village Hall, 7:30pm to 9:30pm all welcome, Tel: 016973 32956 or 01900 881353
 22nd Race Night in aid of the RNLI in Silloth Social Club, first race 7:30pm
 26th Ballroom Dancing in Mawbray Village Hall, 7:30pm to 9:30pm all welcome, Tel: 016973 32956 or 01900 881353

November

1st Criffel Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall, 1:45pm - 3:45pm
 2nd Parkinson's UK Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel, all welcome (contact Jane on 016973 52527) for lunch at 12:30pm then speaker Audrey Doorman, Derbyshire Well Dressing
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 15th Criffel Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall, 1:45pm - 3:45pm
 15th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm
 15th Christmas Craft Fair & Local Produce market in Mawbray Village Hall 10am-4pm



Letters

Dear Buzz,

We have recently been spending our annual holiday in the Lake District. Being a Cumbrian, I need to recharge my batteries in the county I love.

This year my husband agreed to take me on a "memory" tour of Silloth and the Solway Coast. I had not been back for at least 40 years. What happened to the grass tennis courts I spent so much time playing on? We walked along the promenade towards the docks. I remember as a little girl spending happy hours in the glassed shelter in the pine trees on the hill. Further on a smart RNLI station, then the harbour area. We then walked to the Post Office which was a clothing store in my day and so along Criffel Street. I moved to Silloth with my parents about 1935 to a house long gone, near the Skinburness Hotel, how things have changed! We returned to Silloth to the Tourist Office that indeed had

the "Wow" factor. It was situated in the old school hall, where I remember sitting at large cast iron and wooden desks. I also spent a few times in the corner, next to a tea chest of jam jars.

From that school I passed my 11+ with another girl, Edith Ritchie, we proudly went to the then Thomlinson school, where I ended up head girl and games captain. Happy days! My father part owned a garage opposite the Queen Hotel when we moved to Latrigg Street. When war broke out he worked on the aerodrome. He was captain in the Home Guard and I well remember Saturday night visits to their HQ's and changing our battery for the radio on the way. Behind Latrigg St. were the huts for the aircraftmen. At times, Polish, Finish and Czech pilots escaping the Germans, came to Silloth and had nowhere to stay, so we had camp beds in our sitting room. It was a time when local people were very suspicious of

'foreigners'. My mother worked in the NAAFI and as a child, I was spoilt by the troops that came in. My father was then called into the army and was sent to Malaya to help the rebuild. He had been a planter prior to 1931 and could speak Tamil and Malay. After the war my mother and two sisters returned to Malaya and I stayed under guardianship of Gordon and Gladys Arnold, who ran the Roxburgh Hotel, until I was 17 yrs. So many memories come flooding back and I often wonder where all my school friends have gone. The year 1947 was a tough one as Silloth was cut off by snow. It took a week to break through and get trains and buses running, even the sea froze. It was a carefree life, cycling everywhere, playing tennis, days on the beach and ghoulish as we children were, searching for debris of crashed aircraft in the sea. We had a Sunday treat meeting friends in a cafe on the way to the station and indulging in huge ice-cream parfaits!

When I left the Thomlinson School I went onto Chelsea college of P.E. and my career took me to Hong Kong, Bangkok and finally back to Surrey. I had met many people but my childhood days hold many happy memories, especially Silloth. My visit stirred so many memories and for that I was grateful.

Jean E Spink (nee Hall)

Dear Buzz,

Once more I find myself moved to write to you on a negative note. This time however it is not so much the town which is still in certain areas needing some TLC. As always when coming home (as I count Silloth to be) I made my usual visit to the grave of my mother, father and dearly loved husband interned in the Causewayhead cemetery.

This is always a very poignant part of my trip home, but this time I was very distressed to see what has always been a very lovely and well cared for resting place looking somewhat neglected. To add to my distress I could find no vessel of any sort to carry water for my flowers. That was of course, had there been any water to carry! Have we no respect any more for our dead relatives (I don't include families of the deceased in this), but the people responsible for maintaining such special places. Maybe Allerdale Council don't much care about Silloth, but it is up to the Town council to fight for what they were elected to do, and that is, fight for the rights of the council tax payers of Silloth to demand their rights. I have travelled all over the world in many parts and countries and always found cemeteries revered, but not it seems at home!

Mary M. McKay (nee Bosward)

Dear Buzz,

Margaret Markley and family would like to convey their sincere thanks to all the family, friends and neighbours for all their support, cards (over 250) and messages of condolences received during the sudden sad loss of Ron. Thanks to all who attended the funeral followed by cremation and afterwards tea in the Golf Hotel. In his own words expressed to family "it had to be" "a Celebration of his Life" and this was definitely portrayed with the eulogies given by Rev David Tenbey, Cannon Bill Roan and Ivan Lomas at the services in Christ Church with Ron's godson Cannon Richard Hill at Carlisle Crematorium. A special thanks must go to organist Derek Shaw, Silloth Male Voice Choir, S&A Printing services, the amazing floral tributes made and arranged by Margaret from Aspatia, all the bearers from Mirimar Lodge, Jim Scott Funeral Director and David Tenbey for all their guidance in making this sad occasion a memorable day. The family wished for all contributions to be donated to Christ Church Silloth and the Holme Cultram Abbey restoration appeal at Abbeytown where Ron's ashes have been interned. This so far has raised approx £800. Thank you.

Margaret Markley and family



Poem

OUR TREES!
by Pauline Mole

Silloth residents and visitors surely all agree,
We'll have tourists galore,
It's disgraceful what has happened to our avenues of trees.
But not to visit the shore,
Why couldn't they have stayed whilst still in leaf?
They'll come to see our trees,
Because what they look like now, is, beyond belief.
That don't blow in the breeze!

Did the council need to spend this amount of money,
Word will spread, and coach loads will travel,
To make our trees look, dare I say, Funny?
To capture our trees, lopped with more than a gavel!
The price I've heard quoted is £300 per tree,
We'll attract artists and sculptors, to paint and to mould,
So was this such a necessary spending spree?
Our unusual trees, that are a sight to behold!

There are many other things needing doing first,
We'll then tell them how horrified all of us are,
Than to make our trees look as though they're cursed!
To have councillors who agree to this awful mar.
It is so disgusting to have knobbled, ---
So tell family and friends to come along and see,
Our trees on streets, smooth or cobbled.
Our bizarre looking trees at Silloth by the sea!

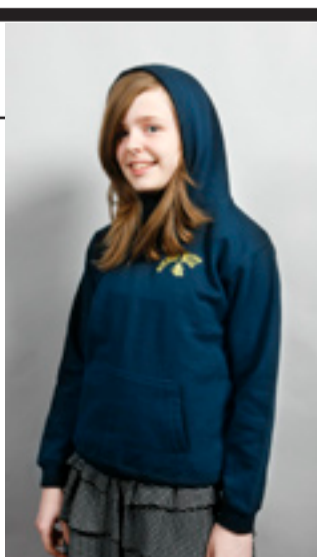
Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and £5 Gift Voucher. So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Send them in to the address on page 10 and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.

You don't have to be at school here to send a bee to us. If you are here on holiday we would love to receive your bee drawing, just tell us your name, where you are from and where you are staying. You will find our address on page 10.

This month the winner is Adam Turnbull from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee called "Dan the Bee".

Well done!



Summer Reading

The TV Book Club Summer

Discover the eight books chosen for the new series

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The Lantern
Deborah Lawrenson

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Min's beloved and incredibly good looking twin brother Zach finds life much less complicated than his sister – but then he falls in love.

The summer they graduated is a time they will always remember. As hearts are broken, loyalties challenged and hopes dashed, the time has come to leave childhood behind and learn to face the future.

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Night Road raises questions no mother, daughter or son would ever want to answer.

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The Book of Human Skin
Michelle Lovric

Venice, 1784. Minguillo Fasan, heir to the decaying Palazzo Espagnol is born. Yet Minguillo is no ordinary child: he is strange and devious. Twelve years later he faces an unexpected threat to his inheritance: a newborn sister. In his insatiable, lifelong quest to destroy her, he may have underestimated his sister's ferocious determination and her unlikely allies who will go to extraordinary lengths to save her.

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Peru, The Book of Human Skin is a unique novel by Michelle Lovric that follows a merchant's family that falls apart when he is away.

Other TV Book Club Summer Read titles:

Moonlight Mile – Dennis Lehane
A Visit from the Goon Squad – Jennifer Egan
The Hidden Child – Camilla Lackberg
The Radleys – Matt Haig
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The TV Book Club's new season's choice should give readers entertainment, pause for thought, some laughs and a few tears and shivers.



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Visit to Silloth RNLI



Report by: Sue Kent

Children from Our Lady and St. Patrick School, Maryport on their annual visit to Silloth RNLI lifeboat station on 11th July.

They had a wonderful time and were delighted to be able to sit on the Atlantic 85 lifeboat and pretend to be lifeboat crew. They asked some great questions and

put the lifeboat crew under pressure to get the right answers. They spent the rest of their visit, in the glorious sunshine, on the green playing games.

Cyclists Raise £1,946



Report by: Mark Smith, Brian Story, Peter Brough, Gary Winter, Barry Matthews, Tim Carr and Ian 'turtle' Ramsay

We are just writing to say a massive thank-you to everyone who supported us on our cycle ride from Appleby to Derby in memory of our friend Graham 'Fitz' Mattinson.

We raised £1,946.33 all of which is being donated to Cancer Research.

The ride itself threw up one or two challenges especially after getting stuck in the bar of our hotel in

Glossop, we finally managed to find our rooms with a couple of hours spare before starting our final leg! Can I also add that there is no truth in the rumour that we never had any driver support, all of us can vouch that Gary was last seen as we left Appleby.

Triple Trouble



Photo by: Geoff Bland

Silloth RUFC have three brothers all playing on the team. They are Jack, Kevin & Ricky Robinson.

Keith Kent at Silloth RUFC

Keith Kent, the Twickenham head groundsman and ground consultant for over 30 years popped into to Silloth Rugby Club to check the playing surface and find out what we could do to improve the pitch for years to come.

Along with Frank Sheppard from Cumbria RFU and Ted Mitchell (Funding & Facilities Manager), also Kenny Wannop the towns head groundsman, we are putting together a workable and affordable programme for the future. Keith praised the work Ken and his team have done with limited resources but did say with a bit more love and attention that Silloth

rugby pitch has the potential to become one of the top pitches with its perfect drainage.

As far as Cumbria's RFU Facilities manager Frank Sheppard was concerned he was amazed at the turn-around within the club. The toilets, hall ways and both changing rooms have been refurbished by valued volunteer Ian Jones, he deserves a big pat on the back from all. Finally, the funding and facilities manager from Twickenham was again pleasantly surprised



at the excellent facilities at our club. The light sensors and single shower units that help with reducing the carbon footprint. The newly refurbished changing rooms and the general feel of the club. Keith is sending a copy of his findings and we hope we can improve the playing facilities and pitch at the club as it has a lot of potential.

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DWP Golf Society

Twelve Sillioth golfers enjoyed a wonderful four day golfing trip to the east coast of Scotland, playing and staying at Dunbar and Winterfield, followed by a trip to 'The Glen' course at North Berwick.

They were fortunate to have dry sunny weather for the four days, scoring was good and all games were decided on the last green.

Winners - Scratch - Joe Crow. Medal - Ian Wilson. Stableford - Mark Sullivan.



L-R: Mark Sullivan, Joe (Crow) Robinson & Ian Wilson

On the final day they had a bowls knockout on the famous Dunbar green, winner - David

Montgomerie, runner-up - Joe Benson. Next year they may visit Northern Ireland.

Junior Golf

Report & Photos by: Mark Smith

Competitions

This season is proving to be extremely competitive with all our juniors performing to a high standard and pushing each other to bigger and better things.

Ryan Murphy has had an excellent month playing some fantastic golf to pick up three tournament victories as he continues to reduce his handicap. Oliver Neilly finally picked up his first victory of the season which was just reward for his hard work over the last month, Oliver blew the field apart with a brilliant 58 nett!

The black marker section is also proving ultra competitive, Reece Moore has picked up another two wins during the month and has also progressed to the black marker championship semi's.

Jay Scott continued his solid start to the year with his third win of the season, and Emily Smith finally broke her duck to pick up her first silverware of the year.

A big Thank You to our competition sponsor's, Bob Whitson, George Forrester and Carole and Richard Story.

Results:

Rotary Shield:
Winner - Ryan Murphy,
Runner Up - Calum Johnston,
Black Winner - Reece Moore
Seacote Trophy:
Winner - Ryan Murphy, Runner



Hannah Smith after winning the Ladies Open



Michael Martin receiving his trophy

Up - Oliver Neilly, Black Winner - Reece Moore
Fred Todd Trophy:
Winner - Ryan Murphy,
Runner Up - Oliver Neilly,
Black Winner - Jay Scott
Ian Little Shield:
Winner - Oliver Neilly,
Runner Up - Neil Murray,
Black Winner - Emily Smith
County Champion
Michael Martin is the new County U14 Champion after winning the title at Windermere. Michael shot

a gross 80 in some difficult conditions to claim his first County Title, well done Michael from everyone at Sillioth Golf Club.

Ladies Open

This year's Ladies Open was won by another one of our Junior's, 14 year old Hannah Smith won her second title in the last three year's. Another poor day for scoring saw Hannah the only player to break par and winning by a 5 shot margin!

Solway School Sporting Successes

Report by: P Middleham

Allerdale Athletics Year 7 Success

Two year 7 pupils from Solway have been selected to represent Allerdale Schools athletics team at the County Championships at The Copeland Stadium Whitehaven. Ellie will be competing in the 200m and Thomas in the 300m.

Solway's County Champions

At the recent County Athletics championships at the Sheepmount Carlisle on 11th June, two pupils

from Solway School became county champions. Megan Wise won the Intermediate Girls Triple Jump and Sam Mulla became the Junior Boys 100m champion. Both represented Cumbria at The Gateshead Stadium the following week with good performances. Well done to both pupils and every success for the future.

Tennis Coaching at Solway

The summer season is well and truly underway, although perhaps someone needs to tell the weatherman that! The first coaching

session with Chris Whittle (Allerdale Tennis Coach) was however, bathed in lovely warm sunshine. Ten pupils, smartly turned out, took the opportunity to enjoy the sunshine and pick up some very good tips on how to improve their game. Sessions are on Tuesdays 3pm-4:30pm until the end of term.

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Tennis

Report & Photo by:
David Wise

Emily To Play At Wimbledon

Emily Wise is celebrating after winning the Road to Wimbledon county final meaning that she will now compete at the national finals upon the hallowed courts of SW19 in August.

Whilst her idol Novac Djokovic was beating Rafa Nadal Emily was down in Ulverston creating her own piece of sporting history as she became the first West Cumbrian to win the event.

She will now join 63 other girls and play at least four singles matches and one doubles match on the grass courts and be treated to a guided tour of centre court and the rest of the site, attend a players' party, get to use the same changing facilities as the stars and take part in a coaching session from Tim Henman.



County Girls Winner Emily Wise

Adult Beginner Coaching Every Thursday

The club are now running beginner coaching for adults on Thursday evenings. The sessions are from 6:45pm to 7:45pm and are aimed at creating a relaxed and fun environment where people can learn at their own pace.

For further details please contact David Wise on 07742 547767.

County Gold



Megan jumps to double county glory

Report & Photo by:
Wendy Wise

Competing in her first year at under 17 level in the triple jump, Megan Wise has won gold in both County Championships.

Firstly Megan took part in the County Athletic Championships in May and although it was only her second competition she took Gold with a leap of 9mts 20cms. Megan followed this up with some excellent results for her club Team North Cumbria before the County Schools

Championships took place in June.

The County School Championships is where the top two in each discipline go on to represent the County.

In her first jump of the competition Megan leapt to 9mts 48cms which is a national grade 4 standard, this jump was good enough to seal victory and to take Megan into the full County team.

Megan is following in her sisters footsteps who also represented the County in long jump and 100mts.

Tri Golf in Primary Schools

Report by: P Middleham

As part of our ongoing support and liaison with our cluster of Primary schools, Tri golf activities, led by Mrs Middleham have proved popular for approximately 65 pupils.

The sessions have run for three consecutive weeks and teams from each school have been competing to see who could score the most points. The inter/intra competition is very exciting as each week schools find out their scores and positions and pupils who are split into teams; The Albatross's, The Birdies, The Bogeys, The Putters, The Chippers, The Eagles The Drivers and last but not least The Double Bogeys compete

to see which team come top! Improvement in the pupil's skills at putting and chipping the ball has been marked. Those pupils who have made the most progress have shown patience, good listening skills and hunger to achieve (Keys to achieving success in life, also!).

Congratulations to all pupils who participated, hopefully next year at our annual Tri Golf Festival we will spot a young Lee Westwood or Laura Davies.

Silloth Primary School came first with a score of 4,608 points, 2nd Holme St. Cuthbert Primary 2,863 points, 3rd Holm Cultram Abbey C of E Primary 2,714 points, 4th Allonby Primary 964 points.

On Form Peter



Report & Photo by:
Jimmy Lettice

Silloth golfer Peter Cusack is in the form of his life and for the second week running has had his handicap cut.

This time he won the Sim Trophy along the way, many thought he was playing off a dodgy handicap but that isn't the fact. Peter has always be long and straight off the tee, coupled with his new putting technique and his bendy 3 wood as shown in the picture

he is well and truly on top of his game.

He pipped the field by one shot to record a spectacular score of 79-11 = 68 a great score on a tough day. Commiserations must go to playing partner David Beeby who cracked under the pressure and finish the last 6 holes with 6, 6, 5, 6, 5, 7 a whopping 9 dropped shots (stop laughing) and lost out by 1 shot.

David is always a good second and a great sport.



Queen Bee by Brooke Steel from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Beewa by Max from Kincardine staying at Stanwix Park

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