

Blue Peter Bikeathon



Story by: Beth Allison

What a day to remember

The final Blue Peter Bikeathon took place on 4th May at Silloth. This was one of 86 venues throughout the U.K.

To date these events have raised a staggering £850,000.

The army cadets started to erect their tents and it was soon realised that if the sides were put into place the whole construction would take off!!! Undaunted they lashed the roof and frame of the tent with extra rigging and this kept it firmly on the ground. WELL DONE the Carlisle Harraby Army Cadets.



To keep the paperwork dry we used the solid construction of the shelter that some-one in the know had built years ago, to protect the unsuspecting visitor to Silloth. The Life Boat Station very kindly supplied us with tables so that the children and parents could register in the dry.

The gods must have taken pity on us as the rain stopped for the duration of the two hour bikeathon. Forty children braved the elements and at eleven o'clock exactly the children were off.

Rebecca Shulz from Penrith did her bikeathon on her unusual bike. She challenged the public to ride her bike for a donation to the bikeathon fund, a chance to try their skills, this was only for the brave, for when you want to turn right the bike goes left, etc. Thank you Rebecca, for you had to take a day off work to honour your commitment.

Matt's Lunch Box did a roaring trade providing spectators with hot drinks and food. Thanks for the donation Matt, it was much appreciated.

The Bikeathon finished at 1pm and the remaining participants collected their stickers. In spite of the atrocious weather I feel that all those who took part enjoyed themselves, and quite a few have enrolled for next years Big Bikeathon.

Next year Leukaemia Research will be launching their own BIG BIKEATHON CO.UK. So children and parents look out for the Bikeathon Logo and we hope to see you all again.

Finally thank you to Silloth for allowing us to use your facilities, we've had such fun.

Easter Bonnet Parade



Left to Right, Back Row: Stacy Frazer, Bethany Wise, Leonne Graham, Georgia Winter, Leanne Story, Front Row: Kelly Lightfoot, Alex Jefferson.
Story by: Maureen Irving Photos by: Bill Allan

1st. Silloth Brownies held their annual Easter Bonnet Parade at Silloth Nursing Home and later at the Good Companions. The Residents acted as Judges though with all hats looking magnificent, they found it very difficult to pick winners.

The First prize went to Leonne Graham who wore the same hat, slightly modified, her mother wore and won with, twenty years earlier.



Mr & Mrs Wood, Mr & Mrs Graham, Grace Sells, standing is Diane Graham who won 20 years ago

Thanks to the Nursing Home all Brownies received an Easter egg. An enjoyable afternoon ended with Brownie songs with the Residents joining in.

Pensioners Coffee Morning

Story by: Diana Shaw

On Saturday 3rd May in the Recreation Hall at Silloth Playing Fields the Silloth & District Pensioners held a Coffee Morning which was very well supported by the whole community in Silloth and beyond. At one point in the morning you could hardly get a seat!

The cake stall had lots of lovely home-made cakes and marmalades. The bric a brac stall was heavily laden, thanks to all the people who brought goods for us to sell. Lots of good items were quickly snapped-up.

The raffle had nine prizes and the kitchen stall had a busy morning serving piping hot coffee and home made scones and biscuits, they certainly got the run-around! At the end of the morning the total profit raised for funds was £227.50.

A big thank you to anyone who helped in any way to make the morning such a great success.

The annual trip to Windermere and the Lakes is on Saturday June 7th. Buses leave the Silloth Coop at 9:30am prompt.

Tickets from Judith Jameson Hairdressers in Station Road.