Solway U3A

U3A – what does it mean?

It stands for University of the Third Age.

It's the period of your life that comes after the first age of childhood dependence and the second age of employment and parental responsibility. Its people come together to share their experiences and make new friends. By sharing our interests with each other we learn new skills and hobbies, or expand on existing ones. There are currently 480 U3A groups in the UK with over 112,000 individual members.

Although it is called a university it has members, not students, there are no qualifications required and none given. All you need to join, is interest and enthusiasm, this is a pleasant way to gain new friends and interests.

Here in the Silloth U3A we have a wide range of groups such as – Garden Visits, Ten Pin Bowling, French Language, Watercolour Painting, Cumbrian Historic Visits, Monthly Talks and Demonstrations, Travel, as well as Sunday Lunches,, to name but a few. Members share many educational, creative and leisure activities and best of all, have fun.

New members or groups leaders are always welcome at the U3A. If anyone is interested in joining us here in Silloth, please call Yvonne, the membership secretary on 016973 31802 to receive more information.

We look forward to meeting you.

Silloth Bike Club

The AGM was well attended with 25 members new and old represented. The new Chairman, Jack Nuttall outlined this years events which include trips to Harrogate and Birmingham, bike shows and weekend trip to the North West 200 in Northern Ireland.

The club will also step-up sponsorship of the Vintage Rally, with Ken Wannop and Terry Markham once again displaying their culinary skills also Eli Baty and Jack Nuttall showing their expertise in the judging.

£100 of club funds was also donated to the newly formed 1st Responders.

Our next meeting is Sunday 3rd March in The Albion Inn, all welcome.



by Laura Armstrong aged 7 from Holm St. Cuthbert School

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On the Waterfront by Tommy Legs

The year began frosty and calm, ideal shipping weather, even the agent had a smile on his face. However, halfway through the month the usual South Westerly gales arrived and remained with us almost constantly until the end of January, shipping movements being severely affected.

The first ship of the year was the Russian ship VASILIY SHUKSHIN, with a cargo of fertilizer from St. Petersburg.

The next ship was the tanker GEVOSTAR with a cargo of molasses from Ghent, for the mill, this trade has just restarted after a break of some 15 years.

The third ship was the SILVERTHORN with a cargo of wheat for the mill from Bonnieres, in France.

The next ship was the DORNUM with a cargo of fertilizer from Sfax, in Tunisia.

Finally the port had a visit from a real regular, the BEN MAYE of the Ramsey Steamship Company, who loads bulk cement for Ireland

and the Isle of Man. However, this trip was marred by the announcement that the cement plant in Weardale is about to close, with the loss of about 200 jobs. It remains to be seen how this will affect the port but we hope that the "BEN" boats will still visit here, as they have run in and out of Silloth for many years.

The port also had a visit from the tug/pilot boat FURNESS ABBEY which is normally based in Barrow, it was engaged in attening out mud heaps in the inner dock with an underwater plough. It had an extended visit to Silloth due to the SW gales which prevented him from sailing to Barrow on completion of the

Buzzed by Sam Brough aged 7 from Silloth Primary School

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