

Golden Jubilee Picnic on the Green

On Monday 3rd June the Silloth Jubilee Committee's celebrations got under way with a 50's, 60's and 70's night in the Social Club.

Music was provided by Eric Stanwix Disco hosted by Andrew Johnston who

played a wonderful mixture of music enjoyed by all, karaoke provided by John Gibson and a superb performance from Elvis also known as Clive Whittle. He entertained the audience quite magnificently. Nearly everyone was on the

dance floor strutting his or her stuff for most of the evening. Bill and Winifred Allen won the fantastic fancy dress competition in their inimitable style and were presented with a bottle of wine each.

Thanks to The Social Club, Eric Stanwix, Andrew Johnston, John Gibson, Clive Whittle and everyone who attended this event who undoubtedly made this one of the most entertaining nights in Silloth for a long time.

Tuesday 4th June saw clouds building up and the promise of a day of entertainment on the Green in some doubt. But arrangements were all in place and the committee never had any thought of cancelling, so at 12pm the proceedings got under way.

By 1pm the Green was full for the children's sports. It was excellent to see so many enthusiastic children willing to put themselves through three races, flat, sack and egg and spoon. Medals were given to the winners of each race and everyone that took part including the adults racers received sweets and certificates.

To the delight of all the children on the green, free goody bags containing sweets, crisps and a carton of juice were given out, thus allowing the children to sit down and enjoy the Puppet Show.

The Over the Top Puppet Co. put on two inspired shows and was a delight to watch and had the assembled crowd crying with laughter.

Live entertainment continued with a performer from The Astral Circus. He entertained the crowd on two occasions with his juggling, fire eating and humour. Again a wonderful entertainer.

During the afternoon everyone enjoyed Fletchers Funfair, the Coconut Shy, the Roll a 2p game, the Silloth Rotary Club stall and their unrideable bike.

Throughout the day Alan Ross was in attendance to make balloon animals, flowers etc. for the children.

The Face Painting tent saw a huge line of children waiting patiently for their turn. Even though they were extremely busy they still found time to do each child's face and no one was disappointed. Of course Union Jacks proved to be the most popular.

It was good to see donkeys on the Green again and this too was an extremely popular attraction.

A fitting end to the day was a very energetically fought Tug of War battle between Shaws Meats, The Likely Lads and the eventual victors The Huntsman. Thanks lads for entering into the spirit of the day.

At this point things were brought to a close with the playing of the National Anthem. Two young ladies Lesley Maddison and Stacey Fraser, suitably attired in red white and blue, done a wonderful job in waving two huge union jacks in time to the music and the spectacle of this brought tears to many an eye.

All in all a marvellous day was had by everyone visitors and locals alike.

Mary Fraser and the Golden Jubilee Committee wish to thank the following for their donations:

Silloth Town Council
SOS Charity Shop
Members of the 41 Club
The Silloth Social Club
John Hope
John Hope jnr
Bill Johnston

Also for their contributions to the day:

Jim Snaith, Chris Wilson, Mike from Over The Top Puppet Co., Stuart from Astral Circus, Sandra Brannan and Ladies, Fletchers Funfair, Alan Ross, Richard Story, Mr. Ballantyne, Causewayhead WI, Silloth Rotary Club.



Winners of the Tug o' War competition representing 'The Huntsman' receiving their prize.



Standard Bearers L-R: Stacey Fraser & Leslie Maddison for the National Anthem



A few of the families who joined in the Queens Golden Jubilee Picnic on Silloth Green