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by Brooke Steel from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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## Two New Ventures for Silloth



Wash Your Wheels now have a unit on Station Road Industrial Estate where you can have your vehicle valeted. See page 3 for the story.



Solway Private Hire now have two Jaguar Wedding Cars available for that special occasion. See page 14 for the story.

# Coastal Erosion at Beckfoot



This photograph by Geoff Bland clearly shows the vast amount of damage the tide has caused to the new retaining wall at Beckfoot. An extension of the wall and infilling to protect the coast road is expected to cost £100,000.

# Patchwork Heaven

Silloth Patchwork Heaven, a thriving group with an enthusiastic membership, meets every Tuesday in the Pennine View Community Centre on Pennine View, Silloth at 1:30 to 3:30pm.

Come along and see the amazing things that can be created using this most enjoyable form of needlework. With help and encouragement from Brenda Dowdell, the group's founder and a well known figure in the world of patchwork, who will be glad to welcome you to the very friendly group.

Come and have a look, a cuppa and good craic. For more information call Brenda on 01697332076.

# Friends of Silloth Green

Over the past 12 months, a small group of volunteers and local children have been working on the design of a new community garden. Part of the continued regeneration of the Green, the garden will be located on the corner of Criffel Street and Lawn Terrace. The design has integrated ideas given by members of the local community who attended a design workshop. Some of these include: a dry river bed, wild flower bed, sensory equipment, benches and a story telling chair. The benches and chair are being hand carved currently by the Solway wood carvers. The garden will be officially opened on the morning of 25th May 2014 (Silloth Green Day).

The Friends group are currently organising the second Silloth Green Day on 25th May 2014 between 11am and 4:30pm. The Friends hope it to be as big a success as last year, and are looking for more local businesses and organisations to get involved. If you would like to participate in this year's event please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We are also looking for volunteers, who can give up as much or as little time as they can spare, to help with the planting and on-going upkeep of the community garden and also to assist with the increasing number of events throughout the year. If you are interested in helping, please email fog@sillothgreen.co.uk

# More Places to Pay the Council

More choice of places to pay Council bills

Residents and business owners in Allerdale will soon be able to pay their Council related bills at more than 27,000 places across the UK and around 60 places in the borough when a new payment system takes effect this spring.

From 1st April 2014, cash payments including Council Tax and Allerdale invoices can be made at any shop, business or post office accepting Paypoint payments, giving people more than 10 times more places to pay than at present.

At the same time, the Council's five existing offices will stop taking cash payments. People currently using the offices for these services are being advised to sign up to direct debit to make payments and arrange to receive any payments from the Council directly into their bank or building society current accounts.

A previous survey carried out among visitors to Council offices revealed that as many as 80 per cent of people said it would be useful to have more places to pay. These new places not only increase choice, but some are

open outside typical working hours making it much more convenient for residents who work full time.

Councillor Philip Tibble, Executive Member for Customer and Regulatory Services, said: "Straight away this new service offers much more choice and flexibility to residents who will now have the option to pay their bills in places like garages, which have extended opening hours and not be restricted to the 9-5 working day. They will also have less distance to travel to reach a payment facility making the whole process quicker, easier and much more convenient. Although the majority of people currently make their council tax payments by direct debit, we appreciate that some people do still value face-to-face contact and we want to make sure that everyone can access our services, whether they choose to do so online, over the phone, or face-to-face."

A full list of all payment points will be available in the coming weeks and more information is on the website at [www.allerdale.gov.uk/waystopay](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/waystopay). A poster campaign will be running in Council offices and

# Silloth & District Pensioners

Report by: Pat Bell

The pensioners held their monthly Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall on Saturday 1st March.

A lovely morning heralded our Coffee Morning despite an odd shower. Our numbers were slightly down but we were delighted by the turn out and we raised £170 for our funds.

**Raffle Prize Winners were:-**

- 1) Jean Smith

- 2) Doreen Matthews
- 3) Molly Mitchell
- 4) Mary Eccles
- 5) Maureen Gray
- 6) Joyce Bragg
- 7) Margaret Crawford

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 5th April at 10am in the Recreation Hall, Eden St Playing Fields, Silloth when we hope you will come and enjoy coffee, scones and biscuits, not forgetting the chat, all for £1.50.

All are welcome.



Tom Bee by Michael Irving from Silloth Primary School

across the borough to raise awareness among residents. For more information about the type of Council services

that can be accessed online visit [www.allerdale.gov.uk](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk) or for further advice call 01900 702702

# Easter Celebrations

Easter and all the events leading up to it will be quite late this year. Good Friday is April 18th, Easter Day April 20th and Bank Holiday Monday April 21st.

The churches begin their Lent activities with a united service in Christ Church at 10am on Ash Wednesday March 5th. (If you plan to give something up for Lent that's the day to start). Churches Together in Silloth will provide their traditional Lent Lunches and Bible Study sessions throughout the following weeks and everyone is invited to come along.

Bible study takes place in the United Reformed Church opposite the Co-op from 10:30am. It's relaxed - no one has to speak or contribute unless they want to and you don't even have to know much about the bible! - and lasts about an hour. Each session will be led by a member of a different church.

Lent lunches will be served in Trinity Methodist

Schoolroom near Spar from 12.00. You are invited to just have a simple lunch - soup, roll, cup of tea - and donate what you would normally have spent to the charity Christian Aid.

See the parish magazine and church notice boards for details of services during the Easter period but on Good Friday there will be a united service at Greenrow Pentecostal Church at 10am followed by a walk of witness to place a cross by The Green. All are then invited to the Roman Catholic Church to observe the Stations of the Cross.

Through the time of Lent when we think about everything Jesus did for people, and perhaps make small personal sacrifices to show our own sympathy for the sick, the suffering, the poor; to Good Friday when we remember his torture and death; and to the celebrations of Easter day and holiday Monday, we wish everyone a blessed time.

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# Mothers Union

Report by: Gladys Temple

At the February meeting Holm Cultram Abbey Mothers Union welcomed visitors from Wigton and Westnewton Mothers Unions, Deanery President Mary Banks and Vera from Cardiff. Branch Leader Brenda Sim welcomed everyone and apologies were received from Mary Mattinson.

Maureen Gibson led the prayers then World Wide President Lynne Tembey spoke about her first year in office. Archbishop Rowan Williams welcomed her into the post at a cosy Service with all her family and the Trustees along with several close friends. In January 2013 she took her first meeting of the heads of Units and they set out their goals. February the Trustees met together to discuss the future and all were reminded that Prayer is central to all the work of the MU. During March Lynne was invited to the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Canterbury.

Her first visit overseas was to Kenya where all the various Mission Agencies are beginning to work together so that they do not overlap and so can spread their resources as far as possible.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Bath where she spoke to over 1,700 people. Her next visit

was to Barbados then August another meeting at Mary Sumner House.

September saw her heading for Madagascar where lots of work needs to be done to educate the people about the equality of women. October saw the Budget working group meet but as well as overseas visits Lynne tried to visit as many Dioceses as she could manage.

Canterbury showed how they have set up 'Hostel Boxes' for the many homeless while Oxford help with a Foodbank and Coventry have set up a Rape Crisis Centre in the local hospital. These are in addition to the other things most MU branches do with knitting for the premature baby units, sewing gowns for babies, giving students a start-up pack with a recipe book for simple meals and lots of other work.

Lynne went to Myanmar where she was made welcome and she showed us some of the beautiful presents she was given including embroidered scarves, skirts and jade beads. We were left feeling how very lucky we are in this country not to have the depth of poverty Lynne witnessed on her journeys and we are encouraged to pray for our fellow members throughout the World.

We were then shown a

DVD made to show to the Clergy how important it is to encourage people to join the MU in their congregation as they are the backbone of the Church and do all sorts of jobs to help wherever they can. It was obvious how passionate Lynne is about the MU and encouraged us all to try and get more people to join the MU and spread the word about all the activities we get up to.

Elaine Atkinson thanked Lynne for a very interesting and inspiring talk. Supper was then served and the raffle winners were Brenda Sim, Gladys Temple, Isabel Bell, Anne Bovill and Judith Bryant.

Anne thanked Abbeystown on behalf of all the visitors for a lovely evening, inspiring talk and a wonderful supper. Most of the visitors then left and Elaine read the minutes of the January Meeting.

The Diocesan Trip to Skipton will leave Wigton at 8:30am on 12th May and the Lady Day Service on 25th March will be at Netherton at 7pm.

It was agreed that we send £33 to the Make A Mothers Day fund.

The Annual May Market and Plant Sale will be on Friday 23rd May at 6:30pm.

The next meeting will be on 24th March when Graham Proud will be the Speaker.

# Car Valeter Expands



Paul and Debbie with their team and friends outside Unit 3B

After nearly 15 months working out the back of their beloved VW Caddy Paul & Debbie Howes are delighted to announce they have now opened a permanent Car Valet Unit at Unit 3B, Station Road Industrial Estate, Silloth.

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We would like to thank the following for their

wisdom, kindness and hard work helping to make this possible: Mikey Pearson and sister Lauren, Jimmy Johnstone, Tony and Denise Markley, Bobby Allen, Dave Parker at Blastclean Carlisle, Julie Osborn at David Allen Accountants, AST Signs Workington, Tom & Hannah Henderson and family, Andy from Paint Chronicles and without doubt our families.

# Celebrate at Cumbria's Biggest Pyjama Party

Celebrate with the Hospice at Cumbria's biggest pyjama party

From the craziest and fun animal onesies to the traditional and comfy pyjamas, this June the streets of Carlisle will become a sea of colour at the second Ultimate Pyjama Party.

On Friday 27 June, hundreds of women will party at Carlisle Racecourse and celebrate with Eden Valley Hospice. The sleep-over themed party will bring ladies together for an action packed evening of fundraising in memory of a loved one or to celebrate the care and support provided by the Hospice.

Katrina Sander,

Community and Events Fundraising Manager, said "Last year's very first Ultimate Pyjama Party really was a night to remember for all of the ladies and the Hospice, but none of it would have been possible without the amazing passion, enthusiasm and excitement of all of the fundraising walkers. It was amazing to see the sea of pink flashing bunny ears proudly passing through Carlisle City Centre in aid of Eden Valley Hospice. We hope that more ladies are able to join us this year for a fantastic night to remember."

All of the fundraising walkers at last year's Ultimate Pyjama Party

have raised over £30,000 to support the care provided by Eden Valley Hospice's dedicated team of nurses and specialist doctors to local adults with life limiting illnesses. The Hospice hope to build on this success with more ladies taking to the streets of Carlisle in their favourite PJ's in aid of the Hospice.

The sleep-over theme evening will culminate in hundreds of women making a huge difference to Eden Valley Hospice by taking part in the 10km Pyjama Parade through Carlisle City Centre, which will begin at 9pm. Alternatively, people can remain at the racecourse for a party and cheer on the PJ

Paraders when they return to the racecourse.

Katrina continued, "Hundreds of women take part in the Ultimate Pyjama Party for a variety of reasons, from remembering a loved one to celebrating with the Hospice, their friends and work colleagues. However, every single person who pulls on their favourite pyjamas for the night makes a huge difference to the care and support provided by the Hospice."

Eden Valley Hospice currently has a wide range of exclusive sign up offers for previous Ultimate Pyjama Party and Eden Valley Hospice Midnight Walk fund-raisers for this year's



Dragon Bee by Peter Myers from Holme St Cuthbert School

# Silloth Primary are Top of the Class

In Silloth Primary School's recent detailed Cumbria County Council Health & Safety Audit, they were awarded 99% for their policies, systems, procedures and the school building and grounds.

This is an exceptionally high score to achieve and the Governing Body and the entire staff team are delighted that their collective efforts and hard work in attaining such high standards has been praised so highly.

A huge thank you goes out to all local tradesmen who support the school on a day-to-day basis to maintain these exceptional standards - the school could not have done this without you.

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# Silloth Masons Support Local Charities



Mick and Chantelle Satterthwaite with Fausto Previtali from First Responders and Eddie Studholme, Chris Clark and Dan Ware from Silloth lifeboat crew receiving the cheques from John Graham representing Miramar Lodge

Report by: K Anderton OBE

Miramar Lodge of Freemasons No 4470 who hold lodge meetings at Station Square in Silloth on the third Thursday of the month recently voted to make donations to two charities in Silloth in recognition of their work for our community. Silloth First Responders

have a fantastic record of responding to emergency call outs within the local area and Silloth RNLI lifeboat crew who have served us in any weather for many years each received a donation of £100.

Lodge Treasurer John Graham was pleased to represent the current master of the Lodge,

Martyn Nixon and present the cheques to Eddie Studholme, Lifeboat Operations Manager, and Mick Satterthwaite of Silloth First Responders.

The Freemasons, major donors to charity both locally and nationally, raise funds from within their own organisation for the benefit of others.

# Causewayhead WI

Report by: Pat Froggatt

At their first meeting of 2014 President, Janice Wilkinson, welcomed members and introduced our guest for the evening, Jim Smith, who had brought along a slide show featuring Silloth Carnival 2013 and a journey through the Outer Hebrides.

Silloth Carnival was held on the most beautiful summers day and depicted all the various events taking place and the Carnival Procession through the town. This was a great day for all the residents of the area and also attracted visitors from far and wide. The costumes worn by participants of the Carnival were extremely colourful and varied demonstrating the hard work that goes into putting on a display of this nature.

The journey through the Outer Hebrides was both informative and colourful from Lewis with its standing stones which are older than Stonehenge to St. Kilda with the history of its decline but also the bird life and colourful flowers now

growing there. The National Trust have also restored some of the houses which were evacuated on 29th August 1930. Other islands visited included Benbecula, South Uist with its many shrines and Watersay which is linked to Barra by a causeway. Barra is also the island where Whisky Galore was filmed. The most impressive part of these slides was the flora which is amazingly colourful. The whole evening was a delight and everyone thoroughly enjoyed seeing these wonderful slides.

A vote of thanks was given by Diana Shaw. Competitions: A Brightly Coloured Scarf - 1st Val Lodge, 2nd Pat Froggatt Flower: - 1st a Snowdrop from Freda Garner, 2nd Heather from Jean Vorley.

On the worst night of the recent storms 16 hardy members turned up for our monthly meeting which

was held on Wednesday 12th February. President, Janice Wilkinson welcomed members and opened the meeting with everyone singing Jerusalem and then proceeded to go through the General Business. Unfortunately our guests for the evening were unable to attend because of the stormy weather. After the general business a game of Beetle was played which caused a great deal of amusement and gave members an opportunity to interact with one another - and I am sure a great deal of fun was had by all. The overall winner was Val Lodge who had the highest score.

The Competition for Wind Chimes was won by Pat Froggatt and 2nd was Jean Wilson. The Flower competition was won by Freda Garner.

The raffle was drawn and the winners were Freda Garner and Susan Kerry.

# Mans Nails Painted for Charity

Over the last seven years or so Solway Woodcarvers have been involved in many exploits for local organisations raising money for Silloth Lifeboat, First Responders and £1,100 for Eden Valley Hospice.

One of their members is setting off on an unusual venture lasting throughout this forthcoming summer.

It all started two months ago when a few carvers and bowlers were exchanging tales mixed with nonsense over a pint or two when the mention of the £millions raised by running marathons led to Eddie Izzard's 35 marathons in 35 days. The subject of his painted nails came to the fore.... one masculine comment led to another and the upshot was that one of the group is going through the whole of this summer with **PAINTED FINGERNAILS** with the objective of raising over £1,000 split 50/50 between Jigsaw Children's Hospice



and Silloth Lifeboat.

It will all begin with the nail painting!

This will be done by Becky Harrison in Abbeytown Village Hall at 3:30pm on Friday 21st March. Becky has a business called A Touch of Beauty situated in Abbeytown.

Cumberland Building Society has set up a special account "Nails for Jigsaw and Lifeboat" so that anyone can donate directly to the fund via their local branches throughout Cumbria.

A "Just Giving" site is

also in the process of being created. Updates throughout the summer will be made on the Facebook pages of Eden Valley Hospice, BBC Radio Cumbria and Solway Woodcarvers.

**Now Then.....Who Is It?**

**The Big Reveal Will Be At The Nail Painting** so pop along.

There will be local craft exhibitions and tasty refreshments.

# Quiz Night Raises £165 for RNLI

On Friday 31st January at the Golf Hotel thirteen Quiz teams gathered to compete in the SOS Quiz organised by the Silloth and District RNLI Fundraising group.

The winning team Bismarck were newcomers achieving this win with a good margin.

£165 was raised after costs and thanks go to the Golf Hotel for the excellent venue and the chip supper. Special thanks to Geoff and Sarah Betsworth for their hard work in setting the quiz questions.

Finally thanks to everyone who came along to make the evening so enjoyable.



Lazy Bee by Toby McAvoy from Holme St Cuthbert School

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# The End of the Road



For the last ten years Tom Brown has been a familiar sight in the Silloth area, come hail or snow delivering parcels with a smile.

Tom says "it's been a great journey, I have met a lot of interesting people and good friends, but at the age of 67 it is time to end the journey and spend more time with the grandchildren, down on the allotment and enjoy bird watching on the Solway." He said "it was a sad day but as they say all good things come to an end." Tom sends a big thank-you to all his customers.

# Arthritis Support Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

Mary Peile welcomed everyone to the February Meeting of Arthritis Support Group and apologies were received from Catherine Cheetham, Anne Fee, Ann Weightman, Anne Graham, Christine Smithson, Francis Green, Valerie Robinson, Margaret Armstrong and Eleanor Hodgson.

Mary then welcomed Leo Holden with his helpers Kath and Dennis Graham with slides of Old Wigton. Leo is a regular speaker at our meetings and always manages to come up with a good mixture of slides which are of interest to 'old Wigtonians' and also to people who have come to live here recently. Many of the buildings are still to be recognized and the slides of crowds provide fun with

trying to recognize people who were very young or even recognizing parents and grandparents.

Mary thanked Leo for the photos and Dennis for helping with computer. Kath was thanked for helping Mary Harrison and Heather Hadley to serve the refreshments.

Gladys Temple won the raffle and then read out a letter received from North Cumbria University Hospitals Trust asking for Patient Volunteers for Medical Student Teaching. Anyone interested can Email karen.lazonby@ncuh.nhs.uk for further details. There was also a letter from Donna Summerson, Senior House Manager at Loveday House apologizing for being unable to welcome us today but hoping to speak with us soon.

Arthritis Support Group March 2014. Ten members of the Arthritis Support Group met at Loveday House. Apologies were received from Anne Graham, Catherine, Christine, Valerie, Francis, Anne Weightman and Joan Armstrong. Everyone else paid their annual subscription to treasurer Mary Harrison.

Sandra from Woolsty Crafts came to talk about various crafts. She began by telling us how her father farmed at Wolsty and there was a Wizard of Wolsty Castle whose story was told to her as a child so she decided to call her shop 'Woolsty Crafts'. She said she felt as though she was teaching her Grandma to suck eggs by telling us how to knit and crochet but showed various large needles made of

# Storm Lashed Longhouse



We are grateful to Brian Reay of Ryehills Road who took these photos from his garden of the waves lashing the Longhouse at Skinburness.

The bottom picture shows the end of the Longhouse while the top picture shows a wave completely engulfing both floors of the building.

This is one of the oldest buildings in the area and was originally the harbour building for the port of Skinburness.

It is now split into several residential units. All of the



ground floor windows have metal shutters to protect from the waves and rocks

which regularly batter the building during severe storms.

bamboo which were easier to use when joints are inflamed and sore. There were also crochet needles in very large sizes to use with Aran type wool. She set several ladies off making small items and also showed a blanket she was knitting which is knit on just a few stitches at a time but which will end up a very large blanket for her son but does not feel heavy when it is being knit and does not need lots of stitching up to finish

it. She also gave us several small tips which can make all the difference when finishing off garments.

There was lots of talking and laughing making a very happy afternoon and Mary Peile thanked her very much for coming.

She also told us about classes held in the shop for crochet on a Tuesday and knitting on a Wednesday while there is a drop in 'Knit and Natter' session on a

Thursday which is getting so popular she is running out of room.

Mary Peile and Pauline Mole served the refreshments but we had talked and enjoyed ourselves so much that there was no time for the relaxation tape.

Pauline Mole won the raffle.

The next meeting will be at Loveday House on Friday 4th April when Calvert Trust will be the subject.

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# Stanwix C&W Donates £3,000 to Eden Valley Hospice



The Stanwix Park Country Music Weekend was the best March Festival ever!

Everyone enjoyed the great live music, fabulous outfits, laughter and fun!

The cowboys and other

participants raised £3,000 through raffles, auctions and donations from the generous crowd, which was donated to the Eden Valley Hospice.

The atmosphere all weekend was electric.

The next festival dates

are 7th, 8th & 9th November.

Bookings for November by the March guests was at the highest level ever, so it looks like the November weekend is already shaping up to be a very busy one which could sell out soon.

# Celebrate at Cumbria's Biggest Pyjama Party

From the craziest and fun animal onesies to the traditional and comfy pyjamas, this June the streets of Carlisle will become a sea of colour at the second Ultimate Pyjama Party.

On Friday 27th June, hundreds of women will party at Carlisle Racecourse and celebrate with Eden Valley Hospice. The sleepover themed party will bring ladies together for an action packed evening of fundraising in memory of a loved one or to celebrate the care and support provided by the Hospice.

Katrina Sander, Community and Events Fundraising Manager, said "Last year's very first Ultimate Pyjama Party really was a night to remember for all of the ladies and the Hospice, but none of it would have been possible without the amazing passion, enthusiasm and excitement of all of the fundraising walkers. It was amazing to see the sea of pink flashing bunny ears proudly passing through Carlisle City Centre in aid of Eden Valley Hospice. We hope that more



ladies are able to join us this year for a fantastic night to remember."

All of the fundraising walkers at last year's Ultimate Pyjama Party raised over £30,000 to support the care provided by Eden Valley Hospice's dedicated team of nurses and specialist doctors to local adults with life limiting illnesses. The Hospice hope to build on this success with more ladies taking to the streets of Carlisle in their favourite PJ's in aid of the Hospice.

The sleepover theme evening will culminate in hundreds of women making a huge difference to Eden Valley Hospice by taking part in the 10km Pyjama Parade through Carlisle City Centre, which will begin at 9pm. Alternatively, people can remain at the racecourse for

a party and cheer on the PJ Paraders when they return to the racecourse.

Katrina continued, "Hundreds of women take part in the Ultimate Pyjama Party for a variety of reasons, from remembering a loved one to celebrating with the Hospice, their friends and work colleagues. However, every single person who pulls on their favourite pyjamas for the night makes a huge difference to the care and support provided by the Hospice."

Eden Valley Hospice currently has a wide range of exclusive sign up offers for previous Ultimate Pyjama Party and Eden Valley Hospice Midnight Walk fund-raisers for this year's walk. There is no minimum sponsorship for this event, all that Eden Valley Hospice asks is that fund-raisers raise as much money as possible.

If you, your friends or place of work would like more information or to sign up for the Ultimate Pyjama Party please contact the Hospice Fundraising Team on 01228 817613 or visit [www.evospice.org.uk/upp](http://www.evospice.org.uk/upp).

# Apprentice Team of the Year

Innovia Films from Wigton, Cumbria has entered the Brathay Apprentice Challenge 2014, the official search for the nation's apprentice team of the year.

Now in its third year, the Brathay Apprentice Challenge tests apprentices on their team building, leadership, logistical and communications abilities in a series of challenges including awareness raising and a community project.

Innovia Films is well placed to take part in the challenge as their apprentices won the title in 2013 and are hoping to defend the crown in 2014.

Sam Ogle, IT Apprentice at Innovia Films, Leader of the 2014 Brathay Apprentice Challenge Team and member of the triumphant 2013 team said: "It was fantastic to be a part of the apprentice team of the year 2013 and I am looking forward to motivating the new Innovia Films team

and inspiring them to great things in the 2014 Brathay Apprentice Challenge. The Challenge is a fantastic way to showcase the talent we have in our apprentices and the skills they gain makes them a real asset to Innovia Films."

Members of the Innovia Films team have so far visited schools and careers events in Cumbria to talk about life as an apprentice and opportunities available to students who choose an Apprenticeship as a career route. The team is also putting the finishing touches to their community project, which will involve supporting Wigton Youth Zone.

The eight finalists will be announced at the House of Commons in April and will battle it out to be crowned 'apprentice team of the year.' The teams take part in further awareness-raising and fundraising activities until the 9th June where they will make a trip to

Brathay Trust's Windermere headquarters to complete the logistical and team building adventure finale. The overall winner will be announced on the 11th June.

Karen Woodward from the National Apprenticeship Service said: "We are pleased to welcome Innovia Films into this year's Brathay Apprentice Challenge. The activities that the apprentices undertake in the Challenge are part of an enhanced Apprenticeship which benefits both employers and apprentices; employers gain a workforce with transferable skills throughout the business while apprentices themselves become more employable and more likely to be promoted."

## Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service

Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service appliances and personnel have been deployed in Berkshire recently, assisting in the unprecedented flooding incidents in the area. The deployment involved the National Resilience High Volume Pump from Kendal as well as a Water Rescue Boat and Team. The Cumbrian



Firefighters have been working on pumping operations principally around

Windsor with additional personnel travelling down acting as reliefs.

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# Waver Wine Circle

The rain and gale force winds on the evening of 12th February reduced our numbers somewhat.

However, the thirteen members and guests had a most enjoyable evening at our annual Wine, Cheese and Games Evening. Held in the main hall at Blencogo Village Hall the games and quizzes, organised as usual by Janet and Graham Stukins, helped stir the grey matter and keep our minds off the atrocious weather outside.

The cheese and nibbles, arranged by Stella Graham and Stuart and Janet Jones, provided a good selection, which together with "bring your own wine" mellowed the evening.

The draw, organised by Stella and the vote of thanks from George Graham, our Vice Chair, thanking all involved for making the evening so successful brought the evening to a close.

Why not come and join

# Can You Help?



Photo courtesy of : John Charters

September 7th 2014 will mark 50 years since the Carlisle to Silloth rail line closed.

Peter Ostle (Co-author "A Century Around Silloth") is trying to put together a little exhibition for Silloth Green Day to mark this anniversary. After the event it will probably move on to Carlisle library.

He has found several previously unpublished

photos of the final day and has interviewed Jimmy Lister who drove the last train. Soon, Peter hopes to talk to Archie Brand who was the guard.

Peter asks if any Solway Buzz readers have pictures and/or memories of the last train they could share.

Contact Peter by email at: [jpostle@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jpostle@tiscali.co.uk) or they can phone on: 01228 530198.

Contact Stella Graham 016973 61393 or Stuart Jones 016973 61006.

# Silloth Muncheon Club



Report by: Jennifer Bailey

The first gathering of The Silloth Muncheon Club, made up mainly of members of Silloth Sewing Circle and their guests - was held at the White Heather Restaurant in Kirkbride on 19th February.

I'm reliably informed

that the journey should take about 20 minutes from Silloth, unless like me, you get lost, yes - I can do that even from Silloth to Kirkbride!

The food was plentiful and the staff, very welcoming. There's a limited menu, but the portions are

huge with more vegetables than we could manage (will have to take a plastic box next time to bring home the ingredients for bubble and squeak!) and extremely good value.

A good time was had by all and our first time won't be our last.

# Calling All Skinburness Residents

The Skinburness Residents Association would like to invite all residents to the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 29th April at 7:30pm in Silloth Community Centre.

The Skinburness Residents Association is a non-political, non sectarian organisation which aims to protect the amenities and other matters affecting the residents of Skinburness. This includes all residents of Skinburness Road through to Hartlaw Farm. Anyone interested in supporting, but not domiciled in the area, would also be welcomed.

After the AGM, when all Officers have been appointed, we will provide, via the Solway Buzz, up to date contact information and also a review of the work which we are currently involved with.

If you would like to be a part of the Association, please come along to the AGM, alternatively, please watch out for information in the Solway Buzz.

# Rotary News



Noah Wall with Teddies and Mum, Mayor Tony Markley & Rotary President Colin Smithson

Report by: Geoff Betsworth

Firstly this month, the members of the Rotary Club of Silloth on Solway would like to draw your attention to an event they have organised in conjunction with STAG to get the season on the Green off to a great start. It is the "Silloth Rotary Shoot-Out" and will take place on the Green in Silloth on Easter Monday (21st April) at 1pm.

The cost per team of five people is £20. If you would like to join in the fun why not get a team together (a works team perhaps) and put your name down now? Places are limited and on a

first come first served basis.

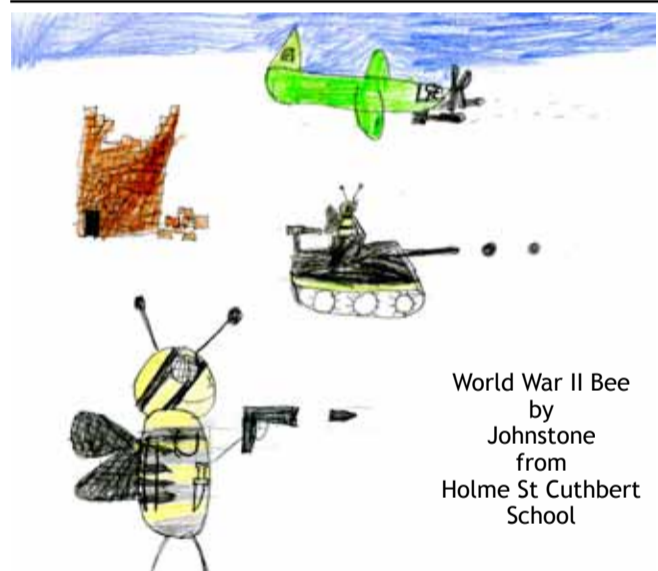
To book your place or for further details please contact Rotary Club Secretary on 0774 8098081. All proceeds go to Rotary charities.

We have had a number of enquiries as to the wellbeing of the Teddy Bears & other toys that have been collected for the 1,000 Bearhugs campaign. Obviously the paperwork takes a bit of doing, not least convincing the authorities that the cuddly consignment has not been fed on a diet of hard drugs etc. prior to despatch!

Anyway, by the time you read this they will have

finally departed for distant shores. Let's hope for a spot of calm weather during their voyage. Many thanks to all (here, in Warwick and in the Philippines) who have been involved in the scheme. In particular we would like to thank Rotarian Colin Smithson without whose boundless energy the 1000 Bearhugs campaign could not have succeeded in the way it has.

If you would like to find out more about the Rotary Club of Silloth or Rotary International, please get in touch with Geoff Betsworth on 0774 8098081.



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# Solway Shore Walks

Ann Lingard, who writes the Solway Shore Stories, [www.solwayshorestories.co.uk](http://www.solwayshorestories.co.uk) – about the people who live and work along the coast and on the Firth – will again be running her informal guided shore walks on the English side of the Firth.

Depending on weather and tide, walks usually take in the submerged forest, the Sabellaria reefs, and look at the animals that live in the sand, in the pools, and cling onto hard surfaces – or that end up on the tide lines. Burrowing sea-anemones, mussel spat, green sponges, Roman 'loom-stones', even alien animals that have been cast up by the sea – you never know what you will find!

Meeting places are at Mawbray Banks carpark, opposite Bank Mill Nursery and café, [www.bankmillnurseries.co.uk/](http://www.bankmillnurseries.co.uk/), or Allonby carpark opposite Twentyman's store (for Dubmill Point).

Walkers should book a place as there is a maximum of ten places on each walk: wear wellies (not walking-boots, trainers or sandals) and warm clothes, and bring walking-poles if you feel happier using them, as the terrain at the bottom of the shore is always wet, mostly pebbly, and often muddy.

The walks are free, but voluntary donations towards the guide's travel



Starfish

and publicity expenses are always gratefully received!

For information about previous walks, booking details, dates and times, see [www.solwayshorestories.co.uk/shore-walker](http://www.solwayshorestories.co.uk/shore-walker), email [enquiries@annlingard.com](mailto:enquiries@annlingard.com) or phone Ann on 016973 21967.

Do come along, it will be great to see you and the walks are always very informal and sociable affairs.

#### Dates, Times And Places



Above: Dog & Human footprints  
Below: Sponge at Dubmill

#### April

Sunday 27th (LW 6pm, height 0.4m); meet at Allonby (Twentyman's carpark) at 5:15pm.

#### May

Friday 2nd (LW 9:15am, height 0.7m); meet at Beckfoot (Mawbray Banks) at 8:45am.

#### June

Sunday 15th (LW 8:50am, height 0.3m); meet at Beckfoot (Mawbray Banks) at 8:15am.

#### July

Wednesday 9th (LW 4:35pm, height 1.5m); meet at Beckfoot (Mawbray Banks) at 4pm.

#### August

Sunday 10th (LW 7pm, height 0.5m); meet at Allonby (Twentyman's carpark) at 6:15pm.

Thursday 14th (LW 9:50am, height -0.1m); meet at Beckfoot (Mawbray Banks) at 9:15am.

#### September

Friday 12th (LW 9:25am, height 0.0m); meet at Allonby (Twentyman's carpark) at 8:45am.

Tidal information taken from <http://www.tides4fishing.com/uk/scotland/silloth> and Laver's Liverpool Tide Table (with corrections for BST and Silloth); note that heights and times can vary depending on the weather.

# There's a Lot Going On!

No shortage of events in towns across Allerdale

Don't worry about the cancellation of a few West Cumbrian events this year – Allerdale's town centre teams have discovered there's more shows, fairs and festivals going on in 2014 than you will believe.

They've compiled a calendar that will see you through right through the year. So, if the wind and rain are getting you down, get these dates in your diary, and plan yourself a few days and nights out.

Councillor Mark Fryer, the Council's Executive Member for Economic

Growth, said: "OK, so some high profile events have been cancelled in 2014, but it really isn't all doom and gloom. From giant food festivals to trawler racing, as well as celebrations of music, mountains and even our markets, there's loads going on. Events bring visitors and vitality to our town centres. You only have to

look at the economic impact of showcases like Taste Cumbria in Cockermouth and Workington's Winter festival to see how they bring valuable investment and raise the profile of this area. That's why supporting events of all shapes and sizes is one of this Council's priorities."

The Council's Town Centre Managers, Joe Broomfield and Toni Magean, offer direct support to many of the events, including help with licences, publicity and funding, and to help maximise the benefits to the local communities.

Allerdale Borough Council has a Festivals and

Events Fund. The grants panel next meets in April 2014 and the deadline for applications is Friday 28 March. Download an application form and guidance sheet from [www.allerdale.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/festivals-and-events/funding-your-festival-or-event](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/festivals-and-events/funding-your-festival-or-event)

Details of even more great events planned for our town centres in 2014 can be found at <http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/events-in-allerdale.aspx>.

Visitors to this web page can also 'add a local event' by completing the on-line form.



Them Beatles at Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2013

Dates for your diary:

#### April

14 – 18 April - Easter Craft Fair, Workington Town Centre - [www.workingtonshopping.com](http://www.workingtonshopping.com)

21 April - Family Laser Clay Pigeon Shooting, Silloth Green - [www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events](http://www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events)

27 April - Keswick Charity Fair on the Market Square

#### May

1 – 4 April - Maryport Spring Festival

4 May - Touch a Truck: James Walker, Cockermouth - [www.cockermouth.org.uk/touchatruck](http://www.cockermouth.org.uk/touchatruck)

8 – 11 May - Keswick Jazz Festival - [www.keswickjazzfestival.co.uk](http://www.keswickjazzfestival.co.uk)

14 – 18 May - Keswick Mountain Festival - [www.keswickmountainfestival.co.uk](http://www.keswickmountainfestival.co.uk)

14 – 28 May - Love Your Local Market Fortnight, Allerdale wide - [www.allerdale.gov.uk/business/markets-in-allerdale](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/business/markets-in-allerdale)

17 May - Maryport Trawler Race - [www.thesolwaytrust.com](http://www.thesolwaytrust.com)

24 May - 1 June - Wigton Spring Fling & Windows Week - [www.wigtontown.com](http://www.wigtontown.com)

25 May - Silloth Green Day, Silloth - [www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events](http://www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events)

26 May - Cockermouth Spring Fair - [www.allerdale.gov.uk/business/markets-in-allerdale.aspx](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/business/markets-in-allerdale.aspx)

#### June

21 – 22 June - Silloth Vintage Rally - [www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events](http://www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events)

21 June - Cockermouth Carnival

21 – 29 June - Keswick Midsummer Festival

27 – 28 June Woolfest, Cockermouth - [www.woolfest.co.uk](http://www.woolfest.co.uk)

27 – 29 June Cockermouth Festival - [www.cockermouthfestival.org](http://www.cockermouthfestival.org)

#### July

5 July - Glassonbury, Maryport

12 July - Maryport Carnival

18 – 19 July - Aspatria Festival

19 – 20 July - Silloth Kite Festival - [www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events](http://www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events)

[sillothgreen.co.uk/events](http://sillothgreen.co.uk/events)

25 – 27 July - Maryport Blues Festival - [www.maryportblues.co.uk](http://www.maryportblues.co.uk)

26 July - Abbeytown Carnival

#### August

2 Aug - Cockermouth Agricultural Show - [www.cockermouthshow.co.uk](http://www.cockermouthshow.co.uk)

2 Aug - Something for the Summer, Wigton Park - [www.somethingforthesummer.com](http://www.somethingforthesummer.com)

TBC - Festival of Fun, Workington Town Centre - [www.workingtonshopping.com](http://www.workingtonshopping.com)

15 Aug - Theatre on the Green in Silloth

17 Aug - Silloth Beach Half Marathon - [www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events](http://www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events)

22 – 25 Aug - Maryport Flower Festival, All Souls Church

25 Aug - Silloth Carnival - [www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events](http://www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events)

#### September

4 – 7 Sept - Silloth Music and Beer Festival - [www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events](http://www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events)

7 Sept - Silloth Craft Show

27 – 28 Sept - Taste Cumbria Cockermouth Food Festival - [www.tastecumbria.com](http://www.tastecumbria.com)

#### October

24 Oct - Bonfire Night on Silloth Airfield

#### November

8 Nov - Cockermouth Fireworks

21 Nov - Keswick Christmas lights switch-on

22 Nov - Maryport Christmas lights switch-on day

23 Nov - Cockermouth Christmas lights switch-on

29 – 30 Nov - Wigton Christmas lights switch-on

TBC - Silloth Christmas lights switch-on

29 – 30 Nov - Workington Christmas Festival and Christmas lights switch-on

#### December

7 Dec - Aspatria Christmas lights switch-on day: 7 December 2014

7 Dec - Keswick Victorian Fayre: 7 December 2014 - [www.keswick.org](http://www.keswick.org)

(Dates may be subject to change)





# Solway Red Squirrel Group

The Red Squirrel is the UK's only native squirrel and needs your help now to prevent them from becoming locally extinct.

They are under constant threat from the grey squirrel – an introduction from North America – that out-compete them for food and carry the awful Squirrel Pox Virus Disease (SQPVD) that they are immune to, but when passed on to a red squirrel causes their very sad painful death, usually within 15 days from onset. At the moment the only way to save your reds is to control the increasing numbers of grey squirrels in your area.

Solway Red Squirrel Group, set up in 2012 is a non-funded group of volunteers working within your area to promote the preservation of the red squirrel population for public benefit and to protect these wonderful creatures from extinction, but we need donations to help us:

- Buy traps and feed for grey squirrel control
- Buy feeders and feed for

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- Fund blood sampling for research into SQPV
- Fund educational and promotional material
- Fund ongoing awareness campaigns
- Fund volunteer mileage expenses

Can you help?

I can reassure you that every penny that we raise goes directly towards red squirrel conservation/ grey control. Your support would be appreciated.

Cheques should be made payable to Solway Red Squirrel Group and sent to Julie Bailey, SRSG Secretary at Woodside, Armathwaite, Cumbria, CA4 9SX.

We also urgently need

more volunteers, especially at ground level, to undertake trap control responsibilities so if you are interested please contact us on 01228 711520/01228 562263 or email: [solwayredsquirrels@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:solwayredsquirrels@hotmail.co.uk).

You can also help by reporting all sightings of squirrels (grey or red) to the above contacts.



Photo by: Sarah McNeil



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Kweeni Bee

by Owen English from Silloth Primary School

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Fashion Bees

by Milly Henderson from Holme St Cuthbert School

# Dinosaurs near Silloth

A Wonderful Dinosaur and Raptor Experience Has Come To Bankmill at Beckfoot, Silloth

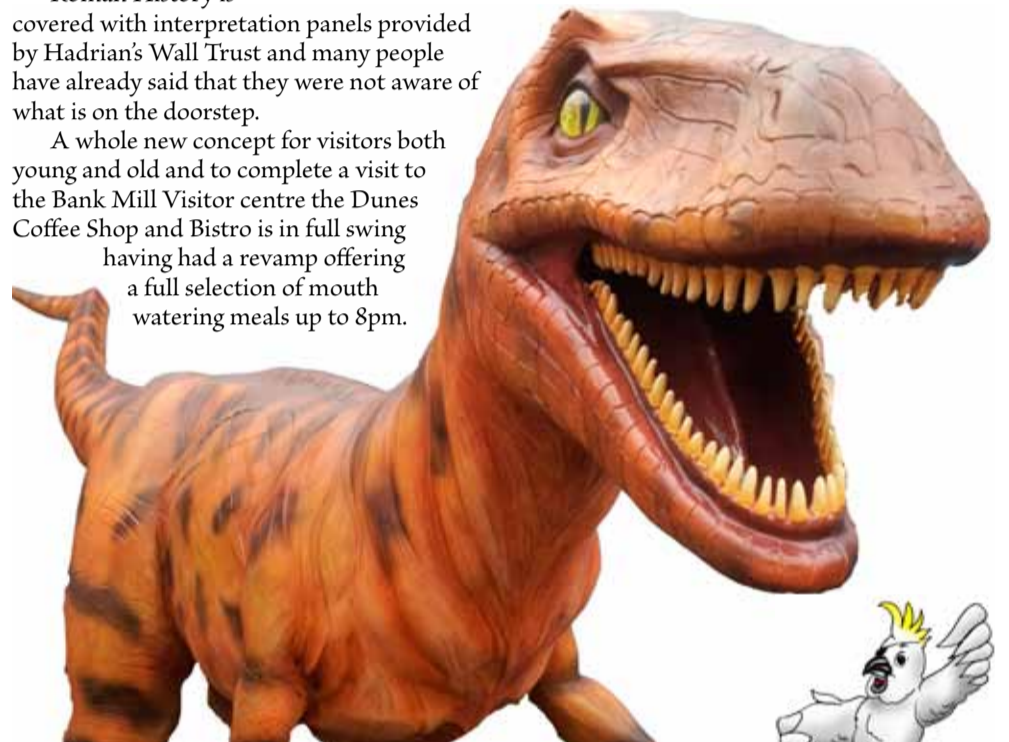
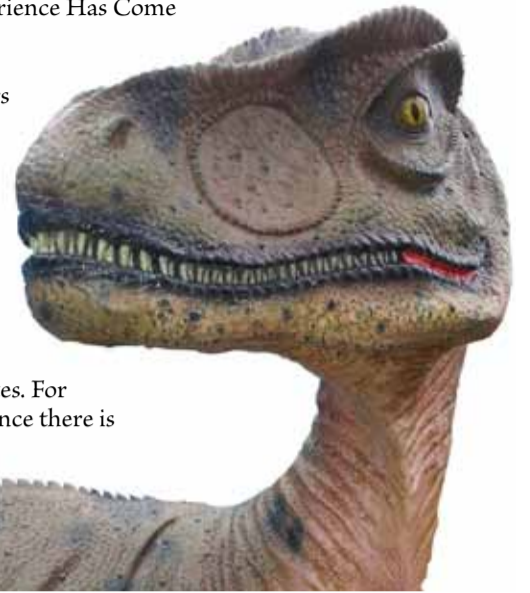
Real life size replicas of Velociraptor, Deinonychus, Archaeopteryx and many others have mass migrated to the coast and have settled themselves into the Bank Mill Visitor Centre.

There are skulls, skeletons and pre-historic artefacts of all description from flint axes and arrow heads to sand trays containing bones yet to be discovered.

The whole experience is in conjunction with 'Charlie' our logo the Sulphur Crested Cockatoo, who is there with his band of pirates. For children this is something not to be missed since there is booty all over to be discovered. This links in with our more modern history and the tales of smugglers on the Solway coast.

Roman History is covered with interpretation panels provided by Hadrian's Wall Trust and many people have already said that they were not aware of what is on the doorstep.

A whole new concept for visitors both young and old and to complete a visit to the Bank Mill Visitor centre the Dunes Coffee Shop and Bistro is in full swing having had a revamp offering a full selection of mouth watering meals up to 8pm.



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Silloth Karate Club will be  
moving to Solway Community  
School Hall.  
under 12's 6:30 to 7:30pm  
12's and over 7:30 to 9pm  
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME  
For further details contact  
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**Whist Group**

Age no barrier. Anyone  
interested please come along  
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**Kickboxing Club**

The Kickboxing Club is held  
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Meet on Wednesday evenings  
from 7 till 9pm, at the Golf Club  
to play Duplicate. Information  
from mike.md@btinternet.com.

**Breastfeeding Group**

Mondays 10am to 11:30am  
Wigton Bowling Club, West  
Road, Wigton  
Have a cup of tea and meet  
other breast-feeding mums.  
Support and advice is available  
from trained Breast-feeding  
Peer Supporters and from  
Health Visitors or Midwives. For  
more information call Wigton  
Health Visitors: 016973 66608

**March**

20th Wigton Medical  
Practice closed for training  
from 1pm

21st See a man get his  
nails painted for charity in  
Abbeystown Village Hall at  
3:30pm, refreshment and crafts

**April**

2nd Parkinson's Group  
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel from  
11:45am to 2:30pm. Anyone  
can paint a Horse! all welcome

3rd Silloth Green market  
starts for the season

4th Arthritis support  
Group meet at 1:30pm at  
Loveday House, Wigton,  
subject: Calvert Trust

**RNLI Shop**

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- Wed 9 April 11am - 4pm
- Thu 10 April 1pm - 4pm
- Fri 11 April 1pm - 4pm
- Sat 12 April 11am - 4pm
- Sun 13 April 11am - 4pm
- Mon 14 April 1pm - 4pm
- Tues 15 April 1pm - 4pm
- Wed 16 April 11am - 4pm
- Thu 17 April 1pm - 4pm
- Fri 18 April 1pm - 4pm
- Sat 19 April 11am - 4pm
- Sun 20 April 11am - 4pm
- Mon 21 April 1pm - 4pm
- Tues 22 April 1pm - 4pm
- Wed 23 April 11am - 4pm
- Thu 24 April 1pm - 4pm
- Fri 25 April 1pm - 4pm
- Sat 26 April 11am - 4pm
- Sun 27 April 11am - 4pm

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volunteers and may not be  
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Silloth Evangelical Free Church,  
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Fun, bible stories, quizzes,  
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Silloth Evangelical Free  
Church, Eden Street Ladies  
Fellowship starts Thursday,  
26th September at 1:45pm.  
Thereafter alternate weeks.  
Warm fellowship, refreshments,  
and good speakers.  
All welcome

**April cont'd**

5th Coffee Morning in the  
Recreation Hall with Silloth &  
District Pensioners

5th Rue & the Rockets  
in Silloth Social Club at 8pm  
charity fundraiser for Silloth  
Lifeboat Station 07740 771622

7th Silloth Town Council  
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

8th Holme Low Annual  
Parish Meeting at 7:30pm at  
Tanglewood, all welcome

9th Causewayhead WI  
The Work of Barnardo's Locally  
Speaker: Racheal Head  
Competition: A Coaster

11th Mairearad & Anna in  
Culterham Hall, Mawbray at  
7:30pm playing guitar, banjo,  
fiddle, accordion, bagpipes &  
small pipes, tel 016973 31925  
bring your own refreshments,  
tickets £8/ £4/ family £18.50

12th Counterfeit Sixties  
at the Wave Centre, Maryport,  
7:30pm, tickets £16/£14,  
tel: 01900 811450

19th Easter Coffee  
Morning in Christ Church Hall  
from 10am to noon

21st Family Laser Clay  
Pigeon Soot on Silloth Green

27th Solway Shore Walks  
(LW 6pm, height 0.4m); meet  
at Allonby (Twentyman's  
carpark) at 5:15pm.

**May**

2nd Solway Shore Walks  
(LW 9:15am, height 0.7m);  
meet at Beckfoot (Mawbray  
Banks) at 8:45am

2nd Arthritis support  
Group meet at 1:30pm at  
Loveday House, Wigton,  
subject: Gaynor Davies Pottery

3rd Coffee Morning in the  
Recreation Hall with Silloth &  
District Pensioners

7th Parkinson's Group  
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel from  
11:45am to 2:30pm. Pill's &  
Parkinson's, all welcome

8th Causewayhead WI  
RESOLUTION MEETING  
Competition: to be decided

12th Silloth Town Council  
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

13th Holme Low Parish  
Council meeting in the  
Community Hall, Silloth at  
7:30pm

18th Plant, Produce &  
Craft Fair in Mawbray Village  
Hall from 10am to 4pm,  
tearoom open for lunches,  
teas, coffees & cakes

23rd Annual MU May  
Market & Plant Sale at 6:30pm  
in Abbeystown

25th Silloth Green Day  
from 10:30am to 4:15pm

**June**

2nd Silloth Town Council  
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

6th Arthritis support  
Group meet at 1:30pm at  
Loveday House, Wigton,  
subject: Paul Gibson, arthritis 4

7th Coffee Morning in the  
Recreation Hall with Silloth &  
District Pensioners

7th Parkinson's Group  
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel  
from 11:45am to 2:30pm. Don't  
give up on young people, all  
welcome

**June**

11th Causewayhead WI  
"Tales in Verse", Speaker: Joan  
Bennett, Competition: A Four  
line verse About W.I.

15th Solway Shore Walks  
(LW 8:50am, height 0.3m);  
meet at Beckfoot (Mawbray  
Banks) at 8:15am.

21st Silloth Vintage Rally

22nd Silloth Vintage Rally

**July**

2nd Parkinson's Group  
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel  
from 11:45am to 2:30pm. Eden  
Valley Hospice, all welcome

5th Coffee Morning in the  
Recreation Hall with Silloth &  
District Pensioners

7th Silloth Town Council  
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

9th Solway Shore Walks  
(LW 4:35pm, height 1.5m);  
meet at Beckfoot (Mawbray  
Banks) at 4pm.

9th Causewayhead WI  
Safer Driving Speaker: Peter  
Logan, Competition: A Car  
(Toy or ornament)

19th Silloth Kite Festival

20th Silloth Kite Festival

26th Abbeystown Carnival

**August**

1st Arthritis support  
Group meet at 1:30pm at  
Loveday House, Wigton,  
subject: Outing to Pot Place

6th Parkinson's Group  
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel  
from 11:45am to 2:30pm. NIA,  
all welcome

10th Solway Shore Walks  
(LW 7pm, height 0.5m); meet  
at Allonby (Twentyman's  
carpark) at 6:15pm.

12th Holme Low Parish  
Council meeting in the  
Community Hall, Silloth at  
7:30pm

14th Solway Shore Walks  
(LW 9:50am, height -0.1m);  
meet at Beckfoot (Mawbray  
Banks) at 9:15am.

15th Theatre on the Green  
presents TREASURE ISLAND  
by the Rain or Shine Theatre  
Company at 7pm, Details TBC

17th Silloth Beach Half  
Marathon @ 11am, also 10k  
race at 11:30am, book online  
by visiting www.q-buster.co.uk

25th Silloth Carnival

**September**

1st Silloth Town Council  
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

3rd Parkinson's Group  
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel  
from 11:45am to 2:30pm. Sing  
along with Mary Kipling & her  
guitar, all welcome

4th Silloth Music & Beer  
Festival

5th Arthritis support  
Group meet at 1:30pm at  
Loveday House, Wigton,  
subject: allergy testing

**Do you have an event  
in the area bounded by  
Abbeystown, Mawbray,  
Silloth, Skinburness, if  
so please let us know.**

**Send 2014 dates  
for local events  
to the Solway  
Buzz now!  
The Diary is  
filling up fast.**

**September cont'd**

5th Silloth Music & Beer  
Festival

6th Coffee Morning in the  
Recreation Hall with Silloth &  
District Pensioners

6th Silloth Music & Beer  
Festival

7th Silloth Craft Show

7th Silloth Music & Beer  
Festival

10th Causewayhead WI  
Cycling through Scandinavia  
to Russia, Speaker: Norman  
Godfrey,  
Competition: A Fridge Magnet

12th Solway Shore Walks  
(LW 9:25am, height 0.0m);  
meet at Allonby (Twentyman's  
carpark) at 8:45am.

**October**

1st Parkinson's Group  
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel from  
11:45am to 2:30pm. Care for  
the carers, all welcome

3rd Arthritis support  
Group meet at 1:30pm at  
Loveday House, Wigton,  
subject: Norman Godfrey

4th Coffee Morning in the  
Recreation Hall with Silloth &  
District Pensioners

6th Silloth Town Council  
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

8th Causewayhead WI  
"Chinese Whispers" (The Life  
of Gladys Aylward) Speaker:-  
Carol Purves,  
Competition:- Chopsticks

12th Silloth Santa Dash

24th Bonfire Night on  
Silloth Airfield

**November**

1st Coffee Morning in the  
Recreation Hall with Silloth &  
District Pensioners

3rd Silloth Town Council  
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

5th Parkinson's Group  
meeting in Wheyrigg Hotel from  
11:45am to 2:30pm. Farming  
past present & future,  
all welcome

7th Arthritis support  
Group meet at 1:30pm at  
Loveday House, Wigton,  
subject: Mary Watson

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

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# Your Letters

Dear Buzz,

With reference to the front page of the last edition of the Solway Buzz. The photograph of SPAND reminds me that there are hard choices to be made between carbon free energy like nuclear and wind turbines and global warming and rising sea levels. If we reject the above then the marsh at Skinburness where this photograph was taken will become permanent tidal sea and a child born today in Silloth will live to see the house you are in no longer inhabitable because of rising sea levels, which are currently rising at 3mm per year or 1 metre per hundred years. If you increase a spring tide by one metre much of the housing on the shore of the Solway Coast will become tidal and probably uninhabitable. I do not object to your support for SPAND I object to your failure to point out the consequences of what the effect of global warming will be to the reader of your publication or more accurately the people who will follow them.

Roy Ivinson

Dear Buzz,

Claire & Leanne Cheng would like to thank everyone who attended Peter Cheng's funeral in January. Thank you for the generous donations which totalled to £420 which has been forwarded on to the First Responders of Silloth. Thank you for the lovely cards, messages, gorgeous flowers, visits and kind tokens during our loss. We're blessed with loving family & friends. XXX

Claire & Leanne Cheng

Dear Buzz,

Its hard to believe that Cumbria has just earned the unenviable status of most obese County in the UK and fluoridated Copeland that of most obese borough. The fluoridated North East is rated most obese region. Obesity is a public health concern for Cumbria County Council and they are right to have to have it as priority issue to tackle. Whilst poor diet and over indulgence are factors in weight gain there are many Cumbrian's, some 70,000 people on the West Coast who are disadvantaged in attempting to control their weight by the presence of fluoride in their water. Fluoride displaces iodine in the thyroid gland and contributes to poor functioning of the thyroid. If the thyroid is underactive the metabolism suffers and the ability to burn fat diminishes. There are many health concerns connected to water fluoridation. Cumbrian's against Fluoride formed to oppose water fluoridation in Cumbria and has information on its website [www.cumbriansagainstfluoride.com](http://www.cumbriansagainstfluoride.com). Allerdale and Copeland Councils do not support Water Fluoridation. We have just launched an e petition on Cumbria County Council web site requesting a full Council debate on water fluoridation. Please sign it and help us work towards the removal of hexafluorosilic acid (artificial fluoride) in all Cumbrian water supplies. If you would like more details or to organise a petition in your area please contact us through our website.

Dianne Standen on behalf of Cumbrian's against Fluoride

Dear Buzz,

Following the sad news of the death of Margaret Dickson from Blitterlees Silloth, the ladies of Silloth Book Club would like to say how much they will miss her friendship and presence at their monthly meetings.

Her Friends

Dear Buzz,

Dorothy, David, Gordon and Sandra, family of the late Brian Akitt, would like to sincerely thank all friends and neighbours for their kind sympathy, also cards and beautiful flowers received during their recent and very sad bereavement. Sincere thanks also to Margaret Gate for her comforting service.

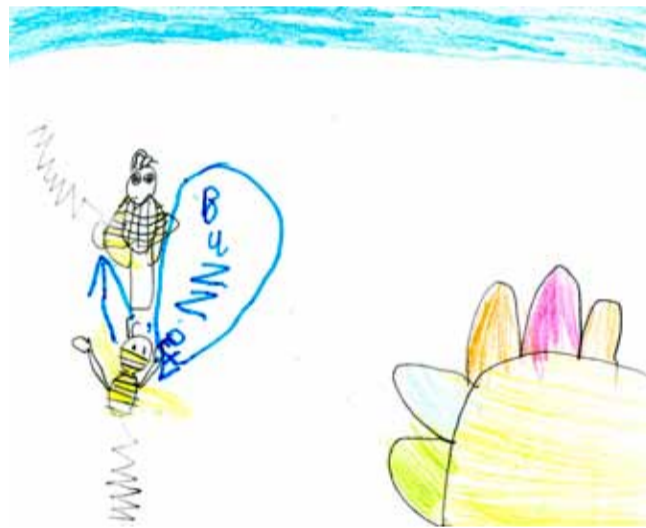
Dorothy Akitt

Dear Buzz,

My family and myself would like to thank most sincerely all my friends, neighbours and many others for the most beautiful flowers, cards and letters of sympathy I received on the death of my beloved husband (KEN). Thank you also to the staff at Chichester Hall, who were so caring during the short time Ken was there and also to Mr Hughie Scott and Mrs Margaret Gates and a very special thank you to Doctors Hymers and Stahlischmidt

Betty Blake

Popstar Bee by Kelly Swan from Holme St Cuthbert School



## Non-Commercial Tourism Websites

- [solwaybuzz.co.uk](http://solwaybuzz.co.uk)
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- [silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk](http://silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk)
- [visitcumbria.com/wc/silloth](http://visitcumbria.com/wc/silloth)
- [soldiersinsilloth.co.uk](http://soldiersinsilloth.co.uk)
- [solwayshorestories.co.uk](http://solwayshorestories.co.uk)
- [solwayplain.co.uk/silloth1.htm](http://solwayplain.co.uk/silloth1.htm)
- [facebook.com/sillothgreen](http://facebook.com/sillothgreen)
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Any other suggestions of sites useful for our visitors, please send them to the Buzz at: [office@solwaybuzz.co.uk](mailto:office@solwaybuzz.co.uk)

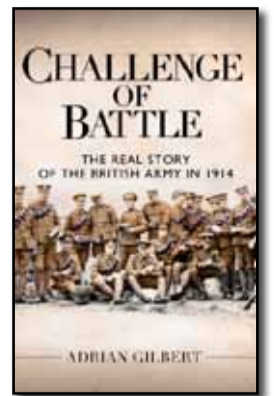
# Winter Reads

Why not curl up with a good book?

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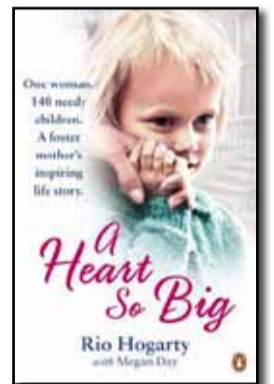
## Challenge Of Battle by Adrian Gilbert

Based on years of research by the bestselling historian Adrian Gilbert, this is a masterful account of the British Army at war in 1914. The British Expeditionary Force played an immensely significant role in the colossal clash of Europe's armies, and this book gives an un-obscured view of the true historical appreciation of their campaign in the West, detailing both the successes and failings of the BEF at war in 1914.



## A Heart so Big by Rio Hogarty

Rio Hogarty's story of her life in fostering, 'A Heart So Big', combines the heart-warming nostalgia of Mollie Moran's Aprons and Silver Spoons with Heart-breaking stories of children whose lives were blighted by being unloved and uncared for in the style of Cathy Glass.

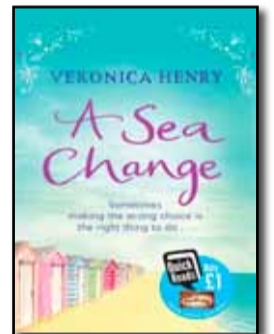


Nearly 70 years ago, Rio started to do her bit for vulnerable children, one child at a time. While she was still in school, she thought nothing of bringing home a schoolmate

who needed refuge. It was the start of opening her home and her heart to children in need.

## A Sea Change by Veronica Henry

Craig spends as much time as he can at the beach hut he rents with a few of his mates. As a policeman, it is a welcome break from his daily life. One weekend he's down there on his own when he notices a girl. He's young and single and she catches his eye. But during this weekend, both Jenna and Craig's lives are about to change.



## March Murders

- The Finisher – David Baldacci
- Cell – Robin Cook
- Death of a Policeman – M.C. Beaton
- The Chase – Janet Evanovich
- Eden in Winter – Richard North Patterson
- Northanger Abbey – Val McDermid
- Unlucky 13 – James Patterson
- Betrayed – Jacqui Rose
- Trouble in the Cotswolds – Rebecca Tope
- The Strange death of Fiona Griffiths – Harry Bingham

The following books have been long listed for this year's Kate Greenaway Award, a prize given each year to a children's book with outstanding illustrations.

All are available to borrow through Cumbria Library Service. Report by Kathryn Flagner

## The Day the Crayons Quit – Written by Drew Daywait, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers

Duncan loves to draw, but his crayons are not happy, so they go on strike. The crayons write Duncan a series of letters stating their grievances, each letter is written in the colour complaining along with a picture to highlight the issue. Pink is sick of being used just for "girly" pictures and red is exhausted with being used to draw so many fire engines and fire breathing dragons. At the end of the book we find Duncan's very clever solution to all the complaints.

The text and illustrations work together to create written and visual jokes that make both adults and children laugh. The book is aimed at children 4 and over.

## The Paper Dolls – Written by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Rebecca Cobb

A little girl and her mother make a string of paper dolls, the dolls enter the world of the girl's imagination to fly around the world and play with tigers. The story appears to have a sad ending when the dolls are cut up, but they survive in the girl's memory and years later she and her own daughter make another string of paper dolls.

This is a wonderfully evocative book showing that things are never lost as long as they are remembered. Aimed at children 4 and over.

## Weasels – Written and illustrated by Elys Dolan

Do we know what weasels actually do? This book explains it all. It is set in the weasel's secret underground layer and shows them try to resolve an electrical problem that looks set to ruin their plans.

This is one of those books where you want to look at the illustrations over and over again, as there is so much going on. It is ideal for children aged 7 and over.

# 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 this page 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. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to us, our address on page 10.

This month the winner is Brooke Steel from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee called "Money Bee".

Well done!



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# On the Water Front

Report by: Captain Slog  
(Assisted by David at John Stronach Shipping Agency)

## January 2014

11th. Icelandica Hav from Wolgast with wheat, then in ballast to Teignmouth.  
17th. Fehn Heaven from Sagunto with fertilizer, then in ballast to Antwerp.  
20th. Zapadnyy from Rotterdam with molasses, then in ballast to Liverpool.  
20th. Bijiberg from Antwerp with part cargo fertilizer, then in ballast to Ayr.  
30th. Iberica Hav from Mukran with lime, then in ballast to Coleraine.  
31st. Burgtor from Shoreham with wheat, then in ballast to Southampton.

## February 2014

1st Scot Isle from Antwerp with woodpulp, then in ballast to Sandbank.  
5th Flinterbirka from Ghent with fertilizer, then in ballast to Ellesmere Port.  
11th Baltiyskiy 202 from Ayr with part cargo fertilizer, then in ballast to Sandbank.  
17th Nikar G from Riga with fertilizer, then in ballast to Newport.  
18th Ben Maye from Liverpool with wheat, then in ballast to Belfast.  
20th Frank W from Vyborg with fertilizer, then in ballast to Rotterdam.  
26th Baltic Carrier from Rouen with wheat, then in ballast to Wicklow.  
27th Theseus from Sfax with fertilizer, then with part cargo to Ayr.

### The role of a Harbour Master is wide and varied, simply because no two ports in the world are the same.

So whilst the core duties will be common to most ports, the peripheral responsibilities will vary from port to port.

In very general terms, the Harbour Master is that principal person who normally exercises jurisdiction over the waters of a port and/or the port approaches. In exercising that jurisdiction, he possesses an authority conferred on him by national law, which can only be over-ridden in this country by the Secretary of State.

The Harbour Master's core duties encompass a legal and operational responsibility for the movement of shipping and more significantly, to ensure that those shipping movements within his jurisdiction are carried out safely. He will be responsible for the marine department within his particular port organisation, which controls the activities and operation of many facets including all port craft, dock-gate or lock movements, tugs, line-handlers, surveyors, dredgers, berth allocation, pollution countermeasures, etc.

In most ports, although not all, (some marinas or fishing ports for example),

the Harbour Master is a person who has a professional maritime background and who has an understanding of the business of ship-masters and ship handling. That will include the practical difficulties to be encountered in bringing vessels in and out of his harbour. Whereas the ship-master is always responsible for the safety of his ship, the Harbour Master has the responsibility for the safety of the harbour and at no time should he knowingly invite a ship into danger. The Harbour Master will, if necessary, provide a pilotage service to guide ships safely in and out of his harbour, supported by a port based 'vessel traffic information service', to relay up to date safety information to the ship-master and his pilot.

In order to provide a safe haven for shipping, the Harbour Master will also need to install and maintain, in a cost effective manner, adequate aids for safe navigation within his area of jurisdiction, such as lights and buoys, whilst maintaining an adequate depth of water for the size of vessel invited to use the port. The maintenance of the necessary depth of water will probably involve provision of an efficient hydrographic survey system, to monitor any changes in approach channels and the inevitable siltation of the port area. This will be backed up if necessary by effective dredging activities from time to time. All dredging activities are carefully monitored by the national Marine Management Organisation (MMO), a government agency which ensures that dredged material does not contain toxic or harmful substances and that it is not dumped in any area which may be harmful to the marine habitat. Of ever increasing importance are the Harbour Master's duties to protect the marine environment from pollution, so as to be fully compliant with current EU environmental legislation. These duties include the provision at his port for the reception and safe disposal of accumulated solid and liquid waste products from shipping arriving at and using the port. Stringent rules must be in place in the port for the handling and transfer of bulk liquids, including fuel oils, to prevent their accidental spillage into the dock waters. The Harbour Master must have a quick response mechanism in place, approved by the

# Tide Tables

APRIL 2014		SILLOTH							
		DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE							
		High Water				Low Water			
Date		Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	TU	00 20	7.7	12 37	8.0	07 27	-1.5	19 49	-1.5
2	W	00 59	7.6	13 17	7.6	08 07	-1.4	20 25	-1.2
3	TH	01 37	7.3	13 56	7.3	08 45	-1.1	20 59	-0.9
4	F	02 14	7.0	14 35	6.8	09 19	-0.7	21 30	-0.5
5	SA	02 50	6.4	15 17	6.2	09 54	-0.4	22 01	-0.0
6	SU	03 35	5.9	16 07	5.5	10 32	-0.0	22 40	0.3
7	M	04 30	5.3	17 10	5.0	11 24	0.4	23 35	0.7
8	TU	05 44	4.9	18 33	4.7			12 41	0.6
9	W	07 08	4.9	19 53	4.9	01 01	0.8	14 05	0.5
10	TH	08 19	5.2	20 56	5.3	02 25	0.7	15 11	0.2
11	F	09 14	5.6	21 42	5.9	03 29	0.3	16 04	-0.1
12	SA	09 56	6.1	22 20	6.3	04 19	-0.0	16 48	-0.5
13	SU	10 33	6.5	22 53	6.6	05 01	-0.4	17 30	-0.7
14	M	11 07	6.9	23 25	7.0	05 41	-0.7	18 08	-0.9
15	TU	11 40	7.1	23 57	7.2	06 20	-0.9	18 46	-1.0
16	W			12 13	7.2	06 59	-1.0	19 24	-1.1
17	TH	00 31	7.3	12 49	7.3	07 38	-1.1	20 00	-1.0
18	F	01 09	7.3	13 30	7.2	08 16	-1.0	20 37	-0.9
19	SA	01 50	7.2	14 13	7.0	08 55	-0.9	21 13	-0.7
20	SU	02 35	6.9	15 01	6.6	09 34	-0.7	21 54	-0.4
21	M	03 28	6.5	16 00	6.1	10 21	-0.5	22 46	-0.1
22	TU	04 33	6.1	17 14	5.8	11 23	-0.2	23 55	0.1
23	W	05 50	5.9	18 37	5.6			12 40	-0.1
24	TH	07 08	6.0	19 54	5.9	01 17	0.1	14 01	-0.2
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26	SA	09 18	6.8	21 53	6.8	03 44	-0.5	16 18	-0.8
27	SU	10 08	7.1	22 38	7.1	04 43	-0.7	17 13	-1.0
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30	W			12 15	7.4	07 03	-1.2	19 21	-1.1

Times shown in UTC. Add 1 hour for British Summer Time.



Photo & caption by: John Forrester  
NIKAR G arrived on 17th February after suffering storm damage in the English Channel en route from Riga, Latvia. The dislodged hold gantry crane can be clearly seen. There was also damage to telecommunication equipment.

Maritime & Coastguard Agency, to deal with any oil spillage.

Any port activity involves an element of risk and Harbour Masters must plan a response to all foreseeable accidents or incidents. On the basis of risk assessments he will endeavour to ensure that all activities undertaken within the port area are as safe as reasonably possible. He will liaise closely with the emergency services to produce a 'Port Emergency Plan', to facilitate the safe evacuation of port workers, visitors and ship's personnel from a dangerous area and for the mobilisation of all appropriate emergency services.

In small ports, such as Silloth, the Harbour Master may well be one of the marine pilots, and have additional roles to play, that would be undertaken by other senior staff in a larger port. Examples include liaison with existing customers, to ensure that their requirements are met in a mutually economical manner. He may also be involved in the promotion of

the port within the business community, with a view to attracting new customers. The Harbour Master may have to work closely with associated port users, such as stevedores, shipping agents and other shipping services, to ensure an efficient turn-around of vessels using the port. He could well be the only local point of contact for several shipping related organisations, such as Trinity House and the DfT. His responsibilities will include maintaining good relations with the local community and the port's neighbours.

In conclusion, the Harbour Master is expected by the Board of his own Port Authority, to have an accurate and comprehensive knowledge of ships, shipping practice, shipping law and maritime matters in general, including an understanding of the marine environment. So, in a constantly evolving world, where costs must be minimised, the Harbour Master and especially one at a small successful port, needs to be a 'Jack of all trades' and a master of pretty well most of them!

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# Astrology

## SAGITTARIUS

November 22nd to December 21st  
 'Who loves the dim, religious light?  
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The Archer, part man, part horse - always seen in the outdoors; an optimist who will seek the proverbial 'silver lining' amidst the dark cloud and cheer you up whilst better times arrive. A great traveller and adventurer, not only physically, but in the mind - a sign that simply has to know the answers to life's Big Questions whilst seeking freedom in every sense of the word.

### The Bright Side:

Out-going and adaptable, Sagittarian people need to interact spontaneously with life as they go on their great quest for its meaning. They are open-minded and intellectually curious, wanting to trust



and learn from other people in an effort to understand them better. But watch out! Sagittarians can be devastatingly frank and unafraid to express their opinions - good or bad!

### The Dark Side:

Following on from that 'frank and fearless' trait mentioned above, Sagittarians' tactlessness, boastfulness and ability to 'put one's foot in one's mouth' can upset people! And so, too, does a tendency to moralize and 'preach' what other people should do - without, of course, following the same rules themselves! As a result, relationships can prove difficult although some Sagittarians find it extremely easy to be entirely faithful to two people at the same time!

Blue and purple resonate with this sign and the mystical topaz is their jewel. As the travellers of the Zodiac, a backpack would be a welcome pressie, please!



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# Fusball County Champions



Report by: Haley Mossop

In March there was a County girls Fusball Competition held at The Sands Centre, Carlisle.

Fusball is played with a smaller ball and indoors but with normal Football rules. Abbeystown under 10 Girls entered two teams and one team won the competition. They will go forward to the Northern Regional Finals in Liverpool in May.

Abigail Mossop (Goal Keeper), Lucy Carr (Striker) and Amy Carr (Defender) from Silloth were part of the winning team. Other team members were Abbie Heaton and Sophie Ferguson from Abbeystown. The girls played all games without a substitute and had the least amount of goals scored against them.

A brilliant display of football skills all round.

# Silloth Tigers Top of the League

Report by: Mark Orchard

Following on from Silloth's emphatic 48-7 win at home to Penrith, Silloth made the journey across the lakes to face a much improved Windermere side.

Silloth's mobile forwards and quick back line had any advantage wiped out with the treacherous pitch conditions, the game was played in a mud bath and although ahead at half time Silloth were reduced to 14 men for 35 minutes of the second half as captain Jamie Baxter was shown a red card for ill discipline. This gave Windermere an advantage and they eventually took the lead with only minutes left. But Silloth, who have a never say never, mentality piled the pressure on Windermere and with the last play of the game were rewarded for all their hard work with an outstanding try from Standoff Steven Stoddart. Dean Scholeys conversion confirmed Silloth as 19-16 winners.

Later that week a disciplinary hearing for Baxter's red card saw him receive a six week ban which was a shock to all as it was his first red card in his twenty year playing career.

There was a break in action for a week but the following week saw Cockermouth travel to

Silloth. The Tigers lead the game start to finish against a lively Cockermouth side but Silloth's dominance was shown when they were worthy 31-10 winners.

There were no more games in February due to the excessive rain around the county but March arrived and league leaders Egremont travelled to Silloth for a game that saw Silloth produce an outstanding 27-6 bonus point win. This win enabled Silloth to leapfrog Egremont to the top of the Cumbria league for the first time in the clubs history.

The following week Silloth made the long journey to third place Furness. Silloth took a much changed squad bearing the scars from their battle the previous week. Furness weathered an early



Photo by: Geoff Bland

Joe Smith enjoying the mud at Windermere

Silloth storm and End went in leading 11-3 at half time. Silloth had the upper hand in the second half but their slow first half looked to have done the damage. With seconds on the clock and Furness winning 23-16 they had a kick at goal which would wind down the clock and win then the game but the kick was short and quick

thinking Silloth Centre Danny Barker caught the ball keeping it alive. He then raced deep into the Furness half, his pass found Captain Greg Wrathall and his off-load put the supporting Steven Stoddart clear under the posts to score a fantastic try. Stoddart held his nerve and kicked the conversion to draw the game 23-23.

March 15th saw the return of captain Jamie Baxter from suspension and his presence lifted Silloth for their away trip to city rivals Carlisle where Silloth were 34-0 winners. The bonus point win was enough to see Silloth return to the top of the Cumbria league.



Powerhouse Danny Barker on a run against Egremont

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# Silloth Tennis Club Awards



Coach Robert Jefferson at the back with the winners

Silloth Rugby Club were hosts to the 10th Awards Night for Silloth Tennis Club as the club celebrated 2013's achievements.

Comperre for the evening David Wise commented: "It's hard to believe that it's ten years since we started holding this event. Time has really flown by and we have seen some great children and great players rise through the club and into adult and county teams and coaching."

The prize winners:

CATEGORY	BOY	GIRL
Under 6 Player of the Year	Jackson Slack	Zainab Brooks
Under 8 Player of the Year	Luke Eilbeck	Alia Brooks
Under 8 Most Improved	n/a	Sophie Hetherington
Under 10 Player of the Year	Max Paton	Anna Fisher
Under 10 Most Improved	Daniel/Matthew Scott	Abigail Mossop
Under 12 Player of the Year	Ben Stoddart	Eve Fisher
Under 12 Most Improved	Nathaniel Mossop	n/a

Club Junior Of The Year: Joshua Stoddart

Other awards:

County Honours: Anna Fisher (under 9) and Emily Wise (under 18 & Ladies)

County Squad Training Recognition: Abigail Mossop

Club Champs Winners: Ella Thompson, Sophie Hetherington, Darci Slack, Abigail Mossop, Ben Stoddart, Libby Millican.

One of those to come through the junior programme was Robert Jefferson who is now a level 2 coach and he was on hand to present the trophies to this years' winners. The night was rounded off with the usual Stand-up Bingo, Raffle and fiendishly difficult Sports Quiz.

The club would like to thank Louise Stoddart, Julie Fisher, Emma Wise and Shaun Savage for the quiz and all those who supplied food and raffle prizes.



Rob with Jackson Slack



Rob with Libby Millican & Abigail Mossop



Rob with Ben Stoddart

# Abbeytown Bowls

Report by: Gladys Temple

Bolton Low Houses were the visitors to Abbeytown Assembly Rooms during February and were welcomed by Michael Faulkner.

Four games of five ends each were played then supper was served. A game of Grand National Winners and Trees was played and the winners were Sarah Ashburner, Vera Petrie, Elizabeth Sewell and

Jim Wilson from Bolton Low Houses and John Crawford and Pam Taylor from Abbeytown.

Another four games were played and Abbeytown came out the winners by 47 shots to 28.

Abbeytown were thanked for a very enjoyable and friendly game and a lovely supper.



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