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## 2015 Events

24th May Silloth Green Day 13th + 14th June Silloth Vintage Rally

25th July Abbeytown Carnival 25th July Theatre on the Green 23rd August St Paul's churchyard at Causewayhead always gives us the best early display of flowering crocus at this time of year. This photograph was taken on Wednesday 4th March when we were blessed with blue skies and bright sunshine for at least part of the day.

# Launch of Lottery Funded Project

Come along to the launch of the Silloth Airfield project at the Solway Community Technology College on 24th April from 7pm. The evening is being organised by Silloth Tourism Action Group (STAG) to showcase the project's main findings. **Everyone is welcome.** 

The Cumberland Hotshots – a 40s big band - will provide live entertainment in the evening and refreshments will be available. To begin the celebration pupils from the Community College will present a drama about the airfield and its significance during the last war. After the drama performance, a short film telling the story of the airfield and highlighting a little of what happened in Silloth during the War Years will be premiered. The film will also draw from interviews with Lawrence Marshall and Rex Morris and will use vintage photos and information kindly supplied by various archivists. More on page 9.





Page 15 World Book Day with Tim



### Silloth Half Marathon

9th August Fairy Day on the Green

> 31st August Silloth Carnival

10th to 13th Sept Music & Beer Festival SoldiersToy SoldiersFantastic forFamilies!Fantastic forFamilies:

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# What Exotic Resort is This?



This evening photo of Silloth was taken on 3rd February at 7pm at a height of 400 ft and shows the full moon rising in the east. You can see the lights of surrounding villages including Causewayhead and Abbeytown, and the TV mast near Caldbeck



## £10,000 for Silloth

Allerdale's seven towns, along with one of its biggest villages, are each to receive  $\pounds$ 10,000 of funding to enhance their communities.

Allerdale Borough Council approved proposals to repeat what was a very successful initiative last year. Aspatria, Cockermouth, Keswick, Maryport, Silloth, Wigton and Workington – and, for the first time this year, Seaton – will each be able to use the money to improve their facilities. An additional £50,000 will be made available for other villages for specific projects.

Deputy Leader, Councillor Barbara Cannon, said: "People visiting our town centres, and those living and working in them, really saw the benefits of this funding last year which is why we were determined to repeat the initiative again if the budget allowed. It's the perfect example of partnership working for the benefit of our communities. Our Town Centre Managers liaised with the town councils to find some great schemes that would make a difference. We decided to extend the scheme to Seaton this year as it is our biggest village, larger than some of our towns. We have also earmarked an extra £50,000 to benefit villages across the

borough and will come back to Council in due course with a plan for how this money will be *s*pent."

This year, Allerdale's seven towns used their funding for projects which included:

Aspatria - refurbishment of the Memorial Gardens Heritage Gate and new lighting at the town's Memorial Statue
Cockermouth - new planters and bike racks for Main Street, and plans to improve the public toilets
Keswick - Christmas lights for outlying streets, repairs to street furniture and pedestrian signs

Maryport – installation of a hand rail along Shipping Brow, provision of a road closure order for several town centre events and the refurbishment of heritage street lights and benches
Silloth – marketing and promotional initiatives, plus grants to events including the vintage rally, carnival and music festival

Wigton - new Christmas lights, improvements to the Corn Market area, better signs for pedestrians
Workington refurbishment of town centre signs, notice boards and shopper maps, purchase of new litter bins and the creation of a town 'app'.

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The free tutorials are courtesy of Literati Public, run by online resource company Credo, and have come at no cost to the county council as they are part of a free number of customised products per year..

Cllr Ian Stewart, Cabinet member for libraries, said: "To obtain these resources for free is an excellent way to reach out to our customers and help them become more IT literate."

The tutorial can be accessed at http://vle. credoreference.com/ cumbria/tablet-literacymodule or by visiting cumbria.gov.uk

The Library Service also have free tutorials for members, via Literati Public, on the following:

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A Library membership number is required in order to access Literati tutorials. Membership is free and you can join on line at http://www. cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/ services/membserv.asp.



### **Our Doors Open Lunch** Group

We are please to announce that St Andrews Church Hall has now had new heating installed making it lovely and warm.

The Our Doors Open Lunch Group now meet every Tuesday from 12 to 1pm. There is a light lunch with good fellowship for everyone.

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# Silloth Scouts Shine!



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#### **Plus Family Entertainment Every Night!**

Silloth Scouts held a fantastic celebration on Tuesday 10th February to celebrate opening a brand new Scout group.

Local volunteers have been working towards the official opening which has provided the young people of Silloth with access to the amazing opportunities that Scouting provides.

In July 2014 an Open Evening was held attracting interest from lots of young people and adult volunteers. Since then, the group has established a successful Scout group with 45 youth members supported by 5 Leaders. The group offers places for girls and boys aged 6-14 and they have enjoyed a varied programme so far including making exploding volcanoes,

Beavers at their Investiture

making lava lamps. The first Beaver Scout sleep over is planned for March and the Leaders have lots more adventure in store for the rest of the year!

Andrew Stanley, the Scout Leader said, "It's great to be back on the map and stronger than ever. We had a great evening with the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts welcoming them into the worldwide Scout family. We've enjoyed varied activities since September and everyone is really looking forward to getting outdoors and enjoying the coming spring and summer".

The group all made their promise on Tuesday which officially welcomed the young people into Scouting.

The members received

that were previously worn by Scouts in Silloth. The celebration drew a big crowd of people from local community and Cumbrian Scouts. 1st Silloth Scouts are keen to be at the heart of the local community and were very happy and grateful to all who attended.

The new Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all did an amazing job throughout the evening showcasing the fantastic group which they have become.

Beaver Scout, Eva Henderson, aged 7 said, "I like Beavers as it is fun and I learn new things. Last night I was proud to get my badges and make the promise".

For more information about the group and how you could get involved, contact Alison on alison.beard@ scouts.org.uk or 01946 821811.

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## Quiz Night at Mrs Wilson's



On Friday 30th January at the new venue of Mrs Wilson's in Silloth 13 quiz teams gathered to compete in the RNLI Quiz organised by the Silloth and District RNLI Fundraising group.

It was a very relaxed and enjoyable evening for everyone. The winning team Sausage Fingers won by a good margin and the WI Wombles only just won the booby prize.

£250 was raised after costs. A big thank you to Geoff and Sarah Betsworth for their hard work in setting the quiz questions and running the evening.

in a song later in the evening,

rendition of "I'm Only a Bird

by Dave and Jackie Harkison

singing "Highland Cathedral."

resplendent in tartan attire

More very talented

singers followed including

Mrs Penny Stimson, who

organized the evening and

also performed songs and

monologues, one of which

"The Lion and Albert"

brought back memories

performed it on many

occasions. Another very

special performance was given by Mr David Spence in

flat cap and braces who sang

of the glories of "Roamin' In

of Stanley Holloway who

in a Gilded Cage," followed

began the programme with

a delicate and melodious

Very special thanks go to David and Carol at Mrs Wilson's for providing a very warm welcome, serving an excellent supper and keeping everyone supplied with drinks.

Finally, thanks to everyone who came along and joined in the fun.

The Gloamin" and later in

## What a Wonderful Olde Time They Had



Report by: Jennifer Bailey

On 31st January Silloth had an Olde Time Music Hall night in St Andrew's Hall. The scene was set, the heating on! The new stage curtains resplendent.

Master of Ceremonies, Mr Pete Stimson opened the proceedings with a string of descriptive superlatives in the time honoured tradition of Olde Time Music Hall.

The acts ranged through songs, to monologues and a finale of "Smokey the Magician" and lots of community singing "For our delectation and participation!"

Mrs Rose Blaylock, whose husband Joe joined her

Wifi

the evening admonishing us all not to "Dilly Dally On The Way," David also related the tale of Mr Neely Done. Peter Stimson temporarily relinquished his

role as MC to entertain us with his version of a Foster and Allan song, "Maggie" and a rousing, foot-tapping performance of "Wild Rover" with lots of enthusiastic audience participation.

The evening concluded with comedic and unfathomable magic tricks

from "Smokey the Magician" alias Mr Sean Stimson and was followed by light refreshments.

A very entertaining evening was enjoyed by everyone who attended and many thanks must go to Penny Stimson for her idea and organizing the evening, to all those willing folk who "did a turn," also those who played piano accompaniment and all those behind the scenes helpers beavering away preparing the very welcome refreshments.



### Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury

### Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 15th May

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2015 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2015 we want to make the batter matter and raise £40,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £20,000 from the suppers. The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

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#### With dementia, it's not just the patients who suffer.

According to Alzheimer's Research UK, over 830,000 people in the UK are affected by dementia. They also estimate that 23 million people in the UK have a close friend or family member with the illness.

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of dementia for their loved one can result in a range of emotions. Carers may feel angry and frustrated at some of the behaviours of their loved one, and this in turn can lead to feelings of guilt. As the disease develops and the person with dementia gradually slips away, Carers may begin to grieve for the person they once knew.

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the difficulties that need to be faced.

If you are a Carer of someone with dementia, we'd like to invite you to join us on Thursday 30th April, 10am -1pm, at the Wigton Market Hall for a free event. The event will have representatives from a number of organisations who can offer you support, as well as workshops and guest speakers. If you would like to attend, please call us on 01900 821 976 to book your free place.

#### **Benefits Support**

Don't forget we have regular benefits clinics in Silloth Library, where you can get help to claim Personal Independence Payments, Carers Allowance, and Council Tax Discount. To find out more, call us on 01900 821 976.



### Curry & Quiz Night on 11th April

Report by: Penny Stimson

St Andrews Church will be holding a 'Curry Night' on Saturday 11th April.

There will be a mild and hot curry with a quiz after. Tickets can be obtained from Silloth on Solway Charity Shop or church members, they are £6 each and there will be no admission at the door.

The last time for tickets will be Saturday 4th April. Water, tea and coffee will be supplied, but we are happy for visitors to bring their own drinks.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

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### **Music & Beer Festival**

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## Arthur at 90!

There are lots of us who know Arthur Todd and have enjoyed reading his life story during the war in previous editions of the Buzz. The Buzz and his family wish to congratulate him on this special birthday. Arthur

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Todd celebrated his 90th birthday on March 19th 2015. He is now happily settled in Silloth Nursing Home. After

losing his wife 30 years ago Arthur lived

with his daughter and sonin-law Pauline and Gordon. Arthur has three lovely grandchildren Paula, Sally and Zoe and now six great grandchildren Jade, Skye,



Paris, Ella, Amy and Jake, who all think the world of their 'Papa'. Many happy returns dad from us all and many happy returns from all who know you.

## Flying the Flag for the Commonwealth

While the Commonwealth Flag was raised Cllr. Markley read out a letter from the Queen and also a letter from the Commonwealth Secretary-General.

for coming and emphasised the importance of Silloth which is a valuable part of the Commonwealth and the most north westerly town in England.

The event was attended

pupils from Silloth Primary School, Solway Community School, representatives from various organisations in the town, the Town Council and also members of the public who braved the cold sleet on



Above: Tony welcoming everyone. Below: Tony with the Primary School pupils. Photos by: Wendy Jameson







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#### Causewayhead W.I. held the village of Eyam noted their monthly meeting on Thursday 12th February at Trinity Methodist, Silloth.

**Causewayhead WI** 

President, Margaret Durham welcomed everyone and introduced our speaker for the evening, Audrey Dorman, who gave a talk and slide show on 'Well Dressing'

Report by: Pat Froggatt

She began by explaining the origins and reasons behind this ancient art which

is mainly confined to Derbyshire. The origins are thought to be Pagan but could be Celtic. The first one of the year is held at the village of Tissington and continues throughout the summer months. Having come from this area I, personally have had the opportunity to see many of these well dressings. They are usually on areas were there are natural springs and are nowadays blessed by

for closing off the village to prevent the Black Death spreading - an event well known for being effective. The computer slides followed the process of building

there. She also touched on

the dressings from preparing the boards to decorating with the flower petals and other natural plants of the area. The village shown doing this was Yulegreave.

This was a most interesting afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A vote of thanks was given by President Margaret Durham.

Competition for a photo of a flower was won by Susan Kenny, 2nd Pat Froggatt.

Flower Competition was won by Frances Jackson, 2nd Molly Lomas.

Raffle won by Ann Harrison, 2nd Liz Telford. General Business followed after the break.

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#### **April:**

Monday 20th: Dubmill Point; meet 0745h at northern-most carpark in Allonby (just before the 30mph de-restriction sign) LW ~0815h, good low tide. 0.4m

Tuesday 21st Dubmill



contact.php (where you can get afternoon tea or an evening meal). LW ~1745h 1.1m

#### June:

Sunday 7th, Dubmill Point: meet at 0945h, at northern-most carpark in Allonby (just before the 30mph de-restriction sign) LW ~1015h 1.4m July:

Sunday 5th, Dubmill Point: meet at 0845h, at northern-most carpark in Allonby (just before the 30mph de-restriction sign) LW~0920h 0.9m

Monday 13th, Beckfoot; meet at 1630h, at the northernmost Mawbray Banks carpark opposite Bank Mill Nursery, www. bankmillnurseries.co.uk/ contact.php (where you can get afternoon tea or an



#### evening meal). LW~1700h Silloth Group Medical Practice 2.0m

Monday 31st Dubmill Point: meet at 0745h at northern-most carpark in Allonby (just before the 30mph de-restriction sign) LW ~0815h, very good low tide. 0.3m

times, meeting-places, and what to wear (and not to wear) can also be found at www.solwayshorestories.

## Holme Low Meeting

Holme Low Annual Parish meeting is on Tuesday 21st April in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm. Residents of Holme Low are invited to attend. Refreshments will be available.

Holme Low Parish Council are keen to encourage the formation of a new Community Group within Holme Low, who can work together and start coming up with ideas for

possible projects within the Parish, to benefit local residents - whether it be organised activities for the elderly, social get togethers, improvements to the Parish or improving access to information and services. You can get involved or simply come up with some possible ideas?

Come along to the Annual Parish meeting and talk to members of the Parish Council.

## Easter Coffee Morning

Christ Church Silloth Easter coffee morning will be held in Christ Church Hall on Saturday 4th April from 10am to 12 noon.

There will be Cake stalls Bric a Brac, Fancy Goods, Cards + Refreshments.

ALL ARE WELCOME so please come along.



## **Arthritis Support Group**

#### Report by: Gladys Temple

Fourteen members of the Arthritis Support Group gathered at Loveday House for the March AGM with apologies from Edna Marper.

Chairman Mary Piele welcomed everyone and introduced Hazel Stewart from Age UK West Cumbria to talk. Hazel is in charge of the Active for Life programme but told us about lots of the items on the West Cumbria Age UK website.

She had leaflets about Supported Activities at a Local Centre, nail cutting and foot care advice, support to take part in an activity in the community, support for small group activities, home from hospital support, befriending and social opportunities, Age Uk shops, trusted assessors, money information and advice and the Handyperson service.

Several members had taken advantage of the various things on offer and Health' Day at Culterham Hall Mawbray on Friday 20th March £1.50 on the door which includes taster fusion fitness session, Drop in any time between 11:30am and 3:30pm. Mary Piele thanked Hazel for a very lively and informative talk.

The AGM was begun by Mary Piele resigning a Chairman but we were pleased to welcome Margaret Armstrong as the new Chair. We were sorry to lose Mary as she has been Vice-Chair then took over as Chair for several years but she will still be a valuable member. Catherine Cheetham agreed to become the Vice-Chair so we look forward to working with her. Mary Harrison agreed to remain as Treasurer and Gladys Temple as Secretary.

Our speaker last month was Paul Gibson from the **Rheumatology** Department at the Cumberland Infirmary and he sent word how

welcome he had been made so was asked to come back next year.

Christine Smithson had been in touch and sent best wishes to the members. She has had her operation and is now learning to walk again so looks forward to when she is able to drive and join our meetings again. Everyone sent her get well wishes.

Gladys thanked everyone for the beautiful flowers sent to her last month wishing her well and thanking her for the work she does over the year organising the meetings.

Eleanor Hodgson served the refreshments and Gladys helped her to wash up. It was agreed that in future everyone should bring their own mug or cup and take it home again to be washed.

Mary Harrison won the raffle and the next meeting on Friday 10th April will be the ladies from 'Heart Start' who will show us how to use a defibrillator.

This surgery is specifically for patients who feel that they need to be seen on the same day. Could we respectfully ask that for those of our patients who do not need to be seen the same day that you book an appointment in the usual way. In order for this service to work it must be used correctly by the people who need it. We thank you in anticipation of your help in ensuring that this new open surgery is a success.



Full details of dates and

#### Patient On Line Access

**Open Surgery** 

We have introduced an open surgery between the

hours of 9:00am and 11:00am each morning Monday

to Friday.

Some of you may already know that we offer repeat medication and on line booking of appointments on



line. We are now offering you the opportunity to access your medical records to obtain information regarding your allergies, medication and adverse reactions.

If you wish to access any of the above please contact the surgery to gain the necessary password to access this information on line from our website.



co.uk/shore-walker. For other snippets of information about the Solway, see www. solwayshorewalker. wordpress.com or @ solwaywalker on Twitter, https://twitter.com/ solwaywalker.

a lively debate took place with some very happy and others not so pleased with the outcomes. Hazel agreed to look into the things which had not gone according to plan but on the whole many were satisfied. There is a 'Headstart on

### **SILLOTH CAFE Traditional Fish & Chips**

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## Silloth Carnival Queen Ruby



Retiring Queen Emily Graham and Queen Elsa Ruby Graham

#### Report by: Owen Martin

On Friday 13th February a carnival disco was held in the Rugby Club to choose this year's Silloth Carnival Queen.

We asked the Retiring Queen to attend and select the new Queen, all the children who wanted to be on the float where asked to put their name forward. We had a brilliant response and all the children put their names in.

Retiring Queen Emily was asked to pick a name out of the hat for Queen Elsa, she picked Emily, she then went on to pick Princess Anna, she picked Sophie, both the Queen and Princess went on to pick an attendant each. Due to the amount of support shown on the night, not wanting any of the children to feel left out we decided to have another float so continuing on the Disney theme we chose Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Katelyn was picked as Snow White and the rest of the children as the dwarfs.

As you may have seen we are having a theme for this year's carnival which is Disney. So if you want to take part dress up as your favourite character or make a float we would love for you all to take part.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who attended the disco and to the Rugby Club for letting us have the disco there.



Some of the members of the group pictured Front L-R: Margaret, Jennifer, Penny Back L-R: Yvonne, Yvonne (yes there are 2!) Rose, and Kath Report by: Jennifer Bailey

Penny, our leader, suggested we attempt making tiny clothes for dolls as a project which we could all have a go at and practice our finishing techniques, so we chose our patterns and fabric and set about the task at hand. Penny's idea was that we should make the dresses perfectly to give us the opportunity to hone our skills on something small, rather like an apprentice piece, so that we could pay greater attention to detail, rather than being presented with the daunting task of organizing a mountain of fabric. Of course, this was just a suggestion from Penny and we were all at liberty to make something of our own choice if this was our preference.

The dolls dresses are exquisite, beautiful in every detail and cute as buttons, though some are still WIPs (works in progress!) and will be photographed for the Buzz next month.

We have two challenges coming up, the first being to create our own patterns, so that we'll have a greater understanding of how patterns work and the various markings used to create shape and style in garments. The second (Penny really will have to stop watching The Great British Sewing Bee!) is to alter an existing garment to become something completely different! So you never know what you may see walking towards you on the streets of Silloth in the near future!



Fairy Day goes to The Seaside Join us flying around Silloth Green

### Stanwix Park Country & Westerners Donate £2,500



Graham Brown with Liz, Maureen and June

The participants who attended the Country & Western weekend last November at Stanwix Holiday Park raised an impressive £2,500 for charity through raffles, shoot-outs, and other fun events. The cheque for £2,500 was handed over by Graham Brown at their most recent event this March to the Cumberland Infirmary's Abbe Campbell asthma fund. The March Country Music Festival at Stanwix Park was once again a great success raising an amazing £2,772.76 which will be presented to a charity at the next festival, during 6th - 8th November – It's almost sold out already! A big thanks to everyone involved, see you in November for another fantastic weekend.



Elsa & Anna Bee by Ruby Graham from Silloth Primary School





Back by popular demand! Enjoy an Evening of Music with Music with There Ting Perform The Configuration of the Conf





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Celebratory Launch of the Silloth Airfield Project





'A' Flight RAF Silloth, 1941, supplied by Gordon Akitt



Gullen Crew, supplied by Peter Ostle

Come along and celebrate the launch of the Silloth Airfield project at the Solway Community Technology College on 24th April from 7pm.

The evening is being organised by Silloth Tourism Action Group (STAG) to showcase the project's main findings. Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy the evening's celebration.

The Cumberland Hotshots – a 40s big band - will provide live entertainment and refreshments are available.

To begin, pupils from the College will present a drama about the airfield and its significance.

Next, a short film telling the story of the airfield and highlighting a little of what happened in Silloth during the War Years will be premiered. The film is based on the development of the airfield and the role it played, the training ranges, defences around the Grune, the accidents and crashes in the marshes and into the Solway, and extracts from stories and people's memories. It will also draw from interviews with Lawrence Marshall and Rex Morris and will use vintage photos and information kindly supplied by various archivists.

There will also be an exhibition to showcase some of the airfield's memories.

There will be a vintage 1940's style clothing and accessories stall.

In addition, STAG, with help from Kevin Irwin, are building a digital simulator for the evening so that young and old can experience



Hudson undercarriage at Grune Point, thought to be AM771 Photo Copyright: Gordon Akitt

to collect information

after this current Heritage

Lottery Funded project ends.

Members of the community

information or artefacts along

and returned and the artefacts

In March 2014, STAG

Heritage Lottery to research

the history and significance of

Silloth Airfield and memories

of the town's wartime years. A

past year. Massive thanks goes

huge amount of information

has been gathered over the

to all the people who have

taken the time to contribute.

Among the growing

archive of information, there

are copies of vintage photos

from the archives of Peter

Ostle, Gordon Akitt and

others, also writings by the

permission of his daughter

Pam Coates. George was a

young aero engineer when

he arrived at the airfield in

July 1942 with Rex Morris,

local girl Elsie Patterson

and lived his latter years in

his lifelong friend and also an

aero engineer. George married

late George Doughty, by kind

on the celebration evening.

Information can be copied

and others living outside

Silloth are encouraged

to bring letters, photos,

photographed in situ.

were awarded £9,600 by

flights in the types of WWII planes that were at Silloth Aerodrome.

Brian Irwin is kindly building a diorama of the airfield for the project, complete with diecast model planes that were flown and maintained at Silloth, eg. Avro Ansons, Lancasters, Spitfires and the well known Lockheed Hudsons.

A website for the project is being developed at https:// sillothairfield.wordpress. com/ Content, which will continue to be added to over time, draws from research and over 2,000 files of photos and information now in the airfield archive.

Please get in touch if you are able to help with any part of the project or on the celebration launch evening. Some of the ladies from the AONB/Wetlands building next to the library have already pledged support and will be wearing 40's style dress to meet and greet. Visitors are invited to do the same. Youngsters coming along with parents can also dress up in 40's style school clothes or even as evacuees. Outfits can be bought very cheaply on Amazon.

The project will continue





Air Crew Trainees, June 1941, supplied by Peter Ostle

Skinburness.

Now aged 93 and living in Tollerton, near Nottingham, Rex kindly agreed to be interviewed for the project. His memories of the airfield during his seven year stint as an aero-engineer are pin sharp, and he had many a tale to tell. The interview will appear on the Airfield website.

Gordon Akitt has been a stalwart supporter of the project, and has provided much practical information as well as many of his archive photos. Local photographer, Jim Smith, who has a full pilot's license, has captured some wonderful aerial footage of the airfield and the town with his DJ Inspire. The results are truly outstanding and extracts will be included on the website and in the film.

The film's voice-over will be by Tim Barker, and Geoff Betsworth is kindly recording it for the project. The short video will be edited by John Hamlett, a film-maker with previous experience in heritage documentaries.

Businesses – You can help highlight the town's events and the Airfield's Heritage. The airfield project provides an opportunity for local businesses in the town to get involved leading up the celebration launch. Businesses can help celebrate the town's involvement during WWII by dressing shop windows in a 1940's style with the local airfield as the key theme. There could even be a prize for the best display. The airfield is part of the town's heritage and, if well promoted, new visitors can be encouraged to come to Silloth to find out more about it. If

there is enough interest in the airfield project continuing, it may be possible to hold an event next year to highlight the aerodrome's contribution to WWII and encourage visitors to come to the town to find out more.

New committees have been formed recently to take the Vintage Rally and Carnival forward. The Music and Beer Festival continues to gather strength, as does Friends of the Green's Annual Silloth Green Day and Special Projects organised by STAG such as the Beach Half Marathon and 10K

and Theatre on the Green. Clearly businesses profit from the influx of visitors to these events.

If business owners or anvone else is interested in helping with these events, or in developing aspects of the airfield's heritage, please get in touch. There's scope to hold a commemorative day, weekend or week to celebrate the airfield's important role in WWII, but, this - like other ideas for events - won't happen by itself. Willing helpers and constructive action is needed if things are to go forward.



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In Holme Cultram Abbey Sunday 7th June 2015

Wartime Poster, supplied by Peter Ostle

Contact Details for anyone who wishes to offer further information, artefacts or help. Anna Malina, The Community Hall, Petteril Street, Silloth, CA7 4EA Email: anna.malina@silloth-on-solway.co.uk Office Tel: 016973 31816 STAG Email: info@sillothonsolway.com

May

Trail around Silloth

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June

**RNLI Yellow Wellie** 

Recreation Hall at 10am with

Silloth & District Pensioners

Coffee Morning in the

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An Evening Of Music

Silloth Town Council

Holme Low Parish

Guided Shore Walks

Silloth-A Craft Trail,

Solway Tea Dance

Silloth Green Day

Silloth Town Council

Coffee Morning in the

5th Solway Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

With Zing! at Holme Cultram

meet, 7pm in Community Hall

Council Meeting at 7:30pm in Community Hall, Silloth

13th Causewayhead WI meeting in Methodist School

Hall at 7:15pm with Cookery

meet at 5pm, must be booked, tel Ann 016973 21967

17th Spring Plant & Craft Fair at Culterham Hall,

Mawbray from 10am to 4pm

in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

meet, 7pm in Community Hall

2nd Solway Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall

Recreation Hall at 10am with

Silloth & District Pensioners

First Responders

Silloth Community First

Responders train on the first

and third Tuesday of every

month in Silloth Fire Station

at 7pm.

Mondays until the end of

March from 7pm to 9:30pm in

Abbeytown Village Hall

Indoor Bowling

1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973

Demonstration by Sarah

call 016973 31816

Abbey, 7:30pm, tickets £10

#### Children's Centre

**Opening Hours:** Monday 9:30am to 12:30pm fortnightly for the Childminders group also Monday 1pm to 3 pm term time Tuesday 1pm to 3 pm term time Wednesday 9:30am to 12:30 for Tots n Toddlers

Open at other times when the rooms have been booked, if you wish to use the Centre please call to make arrangements. We are more than happy to show people around, chat on a one to one basis or in small groups.

Contact Numbers: Silloth CC - 016973 31230 Aspatria CC - 016973 22777 Wigton CC - 016973 49555

#### Arthritis Support

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

#### Silloth Tots/Toddlers

Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in the Children's Centre, Silloth and is open to all children aged from 0 to 4 accompanied by a parent/carer. Sessions are on: Wednesdavs: 10pm to 11:30am term time only Entry is £1 per family and this includes refreshments All Welcome Call in for a friendly chat

#### Abbeytown Library

Abbeytown mobile library will stop outside the Wheatsheaf Inn at 1pm for an hour every Monday

#### Christ Church

For Christ Church baptisms and other church related business please contact: Rev Bryan Rothwell The Vicarage, Wigton Road Tel: 016973 31413

#### **Civic Amenity Sites**

Operated by Cumbria County Council. Tel: 01228 606060 Maryport Tip, tel 01900 66922 open daily 8am to 6pm Wigton Tip, tel 016973 45617 open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 6pm

#### **Production Team**

**Proprietor:** Peter McRobert Barn Cottage Skinburness, CA7 4RA Tel: 016973 32180 Email: office@solwaybuzz.co.uk

### Football Training

#### Silloth Football Club

Sports Hall

under 7 years Wednesdays 4-5pm over 7s years Wednesdays 5-6pm

Men's Team Wednesday 7pm to 8:30pm

Open to boys and girls. Membership forms available from all coaches.

Secretary: Stephen Hart 32706

#### Martial Arts

Silloth Dragons **Mixed Martial Arts Club** train in Christ Church Hall on Thursdays under 12's 6:45pm to 7:30pm 12's & over 7:30pm to 8:30pm NEW MEMBERS WELCOME For further details contact Stephen on 07811 761033

#### Wednesday Bunch

Silloth Evangelical Free Church. Eden Street Wednesday Bunch. at 5pm every Wednesday, (except in school holidays) Fun, bible stories, quizzes, craft, games for 5-11s

#### **Kickboxing Club**

The Kickboxing Club is held in Christ Church Hall every Thursday night from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. All welcome. www.solwaykickboxing.

webeden.co.uk

#### Ladies Fellowship

Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Eden Street Ladies Fellowship is on alternate Thursdays at 1:45pm. Warm fellowship, refreshments, and good speakers. All welcome

#### **Breast-feeding 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

#### Abbeytown Lunches

Holm Cultram Abbey C of E School are providing and 4th Friday of the month.

## **Dates for the Diary**

#### March

20th Headstart on Health at Culterham Hall, Mawbray, a taster fusion fitness session between 11:30am and 3:30pm, entry £1.50

Holme Cultram Abbey 23rd MU meeting in Abbey tearoom at 7:30pm, speaker Mary Heslam, all welcome

24th Solway Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

Holme Cultram Abbey 26th Lent Lunch from noon to 1pm in the Abbey tearoom, £4 includes Soup, bread, tea/coffee, cheese & biscuits

#### April

4th Easter Coffee Morning in Christ Church Hall 10am to 12noon, all welcome

Silloth on Solway Golf Club Open Night from 7 to 9pm to show the clubs facilities and potential to all. all welcome, free finger buffet and a free glass of wine for every visitor

Solway Tea Dance 7th in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

8th Causewayhead WI meeting in Methodist School Hall at 7:15pm with talk by Stephanie Diver about Hand Bell Ringing

Holme Cultram Abbey 9th Monthly Munch in the Abbey tearoom noon to 1pm, all welcome

Open Spring Show at 11th Blencogo Village Hall, entries from 10am

11th Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall at 10am with Silloth & District Pensioners

11th Curry & Quiz Night in St Andrews Church Hall, tickets from SOSCS until 4th at £6 each, no entry without ticket

13th Silloth Town Council meet, 7pm in Community Hall

20th **Guided Shore Walks** meet at 7:45am, must be booked, tel Ann 016973 21967

21st **Guided Shore Walks** meet at 8:45am, must be booked, tel Ann 016973 21967

21st Solway Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

21st Holme Low Parish Council Meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

24th Silloth Airfield Project celebratory launch event in Solway Communty Technology College from 7pm to 11pm to see a drama, video, exhibition plus refreshments and live band . 1940's entertainment by the

#### June cont'd

**Guided Shore Walks** 7th meet at 9:45am, must be booked, tel Ann 016973 21967

7th Fashion Show By Bron-ja's of Wigton at Holme Cultram Abbey, 2pm, tickets £10, tel: 016973 43312

10th Causewayhead WI meeting in Methodist School Hall at 7:15pm with Woodturning Demonstration by Jimmy Jackson

Silloth Vintage Rally 13th

#### 14th Silloth Vintage Rally

16th Solway Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

30th Solway Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

#### July

4th Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall at 10am with Silloth & District Pensioners

**Guided Shore Walks** 5th meet at 8:45am, must be booked, tel Ann 016973 21967

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

Causewayhead WI 8th meeting in Methodist School Hall at 7:15pm with talk by June Gerrard about Belly Dancing

11th Strawberry Teas at Holme Cultram Abbey 2 to 5pm

12th Strawberry Teas at Holme Cultram Abbey 2 to 5pm

13th **Guided Shore Walks** meet at 4:30pm, must be booked, tel Ann 016973 21967

14th Solway Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

25th

#### Abbeytown Carnival

26th Theatre on the Green presents Shakespeare's THE TEMPEST at 3pm by the Rain or Shine Theatre Company

28th Solway Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

#### **RNLI** Shop

SILLOTH LIFEBOAT STATION SHOP OPENING HOURS

Sat 28 March 11am - 4pm Sun 29 March 11am - 4pm Mon 30 March 1pm - 4pm

#### August

9th Fairy Day Goes to the Seaside on Silloth Green from 11am to 4pm

11th Solway Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

11th Holme Low Parish Council Meeting at 7:30pm in Community Hall, Silloth

Silloth Half Marathon 23rd + 10k races

25th Solway Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

**Guided Shore Walks** 31st meet at 7:45am, must be booked, tel Ann 016973 21967

#### Silloth Carnival 31st

#### September

5th Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall at 10am with Silloth & District Pensioners

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

8th Solway Tea Dance in Westnewton Village Hall 1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

9th Causewayhead WI meeting in Methodist School Hall at 7:15pm with talk by Pauline Mole about Poems and Rhymes

10th Silloth Music & Beer Festival

11th Silloth Music & Beer Festival

Festival with The Jam

Village Hall Produce Show

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Blencogo & District

Solway Tea Dance

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Errors do occur in Dates

for the Diary. Please check

before attending an event.

Do you have an event

in the area bounded by

Abbeytown, Mawbray,

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Cumberland Hotshots

#### Slimming World

Saturday Slimming World group meet in Silloth RUFC at 9am. Every Saturday all year. Tel Denise on 07799 708465.

### **Crafting Group**

Interested in crafting? come along to Silloth Crafting Group on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm at the Methodist Church Hall. We are a well established group, friendly people with a variety of crafting talents-willing to share their knowledge. Enjoy the chat and learn from the other crafters, or just sit and chat.

Blencogo Art Group Every Monday from 1:30-4:30pm in Blencogo Village Hall where members help each other. Refreshments provided, regular outings, tel 016973 61158 or 61327 **Tourist Information** & Library Silloth Local Link **Opening Times** 

Monday 10-1pm 2-5pm Tuesday CLOSED 10-1pm 2-5pm Wed Thursday CLOSED Friday 10-1pm 2-5pm CLOSED Saturday 10-1pm Tel: 016973 31944

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#### Doors Open Lunch

Our Doors Open meets in St Andrews Church every Tuesday from noon to 1pm for a light lunch with good fellowship for a donation only.

#### Metafit Training

30 Minute MetaFit sessions, designed to push you to the Max, combines traditional body weight exercises with the latest interval and Tabata techniques to set the metabolism on fire! Every Thursday at silloth sports Hall, 5:30pm, for more info Call Gayle 07725 990062.

## Letters

#### Dear Buzz,

The family of Alan Henderson would very much like to thank the kind man, who after the bus from Maryport to Silloth failed to turn up, on a cold January Saturday afternoon, rang his wife at Silloth, who then drove to Maryport and brought them both back home. We don't know who you are but we all just wanted to say THANKYOU very very much.

#### Mike & All of Allens' Family

#### Dear Buzz,

The members of the Silloth Reading Group are sad to announce that their founder Margaret Melville died at the end of January. We would like to express our deepest sympathy and also our gratitude for starting a group that still continues and flourishes today.

#### Silloth Reading Group

#### Dear Buzz,

Through your paper can I just thank the Silloth Fire Service for putting a fire out in my home, my dryer set on fire. They were in my house in 7 minutes flat, my son rushed over in about 3 minutes. By the time Stephen got over there was smoke everywhere, he managed to drag the dryer into the back, by then the firemen were here and soon had the hose pipe into the back and soon had the fire out. They did all this with good humour, they even found time when they had finished to let little Ava have a quick look inside the fire engine. They were so kind and I wish to thank Andrew in our street who came running down to see if he could help, also my daughter-in-law Tracy who came back and washed every thing down, thanks so much Silloth is a nice place to live.

#### Dear Buzz,

Shelley, Amy, Chloe and family would like to thank everyone for the kind messages, cards, flowers and support shown following the passing of Michael.

A special thank you to Silloth Seagulls for the minutes silence, Silloth Tigers for the minutes applause in tribute to Michael and to both for the beautiful flowers, it was very kind. A massive thank you to Darren Studholme for arranging the funeral and his continued support, David Tembey for his service and support. Thank you to all who contributed to the collection for Eden Valley Hospice, raising over £1,800, some of which myself and the girls will be purchasing essentials (towels and bedding) off the Wish List for the Adult Unit at the Hospice, where Michael stayed, the remaining money will also go to the Hospice. We have been overwhelmed by the support of the local community over the 12 months of Michaels battle against cancer and the support shown for Airdv's Musical Walk, may we take this opportunity to say a big thank you. Michael was an amazing person, full of life, always smiling and so proud of his girls, he is greatly missed by us all.

Shelley, Girls & Family

#### Dear Buzz,

Sydney beach wedding for Carren and Steve. Congratulations to Carren (nee White) and Stephen Ferrett who were married in Australia on March 21st, on a Central Coast beach. Carren left Silloth about 15 years ago "to work and have a look around

## Poems

Alfie by Mrs Jennifer Bailey

Alfie Dean came here to stay To give his Mum a break, He's a very very lively lad And makes my poor arms ache.

He dashes there and back again With glee upon his face, Around the kitchen, out the door As though he's in a race

And when I take him on the green To try and calm his "hype" He sets off at a manic speed Thank goodness for my trike!

These "puppy dashes" don't last long And when he's calm and sweet, *He curls up on his big soft bed With his nose upon his feet.* 

Australia for a year". After falling in love with Sydney she decided to stay and her "year" has now been extended. The main thing she misses is being able to "pop in to friends and family for coffee" and with this in mind, where else would she choose for their honeymoon, but wonderful Silloth.. . They arrived here late March with Abi and Jake from Carren's first marriage, and Steves' son Cameron. With love, congratulations and best wishes for the future from all family and friends.

Isobel White



Dear Buzz,

Slimming World in Silloth had a great turn out on our first Saturday. We had 72 new members, achieving Diamond status for the group. I am so looking forward to taking these lovely members all the way to their chosen target weight. Unfortunately, Tony Markley was unwell and therefore unable to attend. I will be in touch with him in the near future, asking if he would like to attend another meeting. We have a competition coming up soon where one of members will be the winner of The Greatest Loser in our group.

Denise

## Our Doors Open **Social Lunches**

St Andrews Church held their first 'Our Doors Open' on Tuesday 3rd March. It was a very enjoyable luncheon with twenty six people turning up for this event. All enjoyed a bowl

of soup with bread, cake, biscuits and tea/coffee. This will now be a regular event every Tuesday from 12 to 1pm all are welcome. Come along bring a friend

and make new ones.



## **Cumbrian Reads**

#### Relax with a good book this Spring

Throne of the Caesars – Iron and Rust by Harry Sidebottom

In a single year six emperors will lay claim to the Throne of the Caesars....

When Emperor Alexander is cut down in a dawn attack, his murder marks the end of the Severan Dynasty and shatters four decades of the Roman certainty. Military hero Maximinus Thrax is the first Caesar raised from the barracks. A simple man of steel and violence, he will fight for Rome.

The Senators praise the new Emperor, but will any of them accept a Caesar who was once a shepherd boy? In the streets of the eternal city, others merely pray to escape imperial notice. In the north, as the

Invisible by James Patterson and David Ellis

Everyone thinks Emmy Dockery is crazy. Obsessed with finding the link between hundreds of unsolved cases. Emmy has taken leave from her job as an FBI researcher. Now all she has are the newspaper clippings that wallpaper her bedroom, and the nightly recurring nightmares of an all-consuming fire. Not even Emmy's ex-boyfriend, field agent Harrison "Books" Bookman, will believe her that hundreds of kidnappings, rapes and murders are all connected. That is, until Emmy finds a piece of evidence he can't afford to ignore. More murders are reported by the day - and they're all inexplicable.

The Girl in the Red Coat by Kate Hamer

Carmel Wakeford becomes separated from her mother at a local children's festival and is found by a man who claims to be her estranged grandfather,

He tells her that her mother has had an accident and that she is to live with him. As days become weeks with her new family, Carmel realises that this man believes she has a special gift, that she is potentially a saviour...

While her mother desperately tries to find her, Carmel is sent on an extraordinary journey, one that

Girl in the Dark by Anna Lyndsey This is a true story.

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merciless war against the barbarians consumes men and treasure, rebellion and personal tragedy drive Maximinus to desperate extremes. An amazing story of

bloodlust and revenge.....



No motives, no murder weapons, no suspects. Could one person really be responsible for these unthinkable crimes?

One of the worst serial killers of all time is being ignored.....



will make her question who she is – and who she might become.

Compulsive reading.



Marion Graham

## Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and £5 Gift Voucher. So, come on kids,

get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Send them in to the address on page 10 and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.

You don't have to be at school here to send a bee to us.

If you are here on holiday we would love to receive your bee drawing. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to us, our address on page 10.

Well done!

This month the winner is lan Fearon from Silloth Primary School with a bee drawing called "Silloth Tigers Bee".



Remember you can join the library, search the library catalogue, renew and request books online at cumbria.gov. uk/libraries Visit Silloth Library in the Discovery Centre

Anna Lyndsey was living a normal life. She enjoyed her job; she was ambitious; she was falling in love. Then the unthinkable happened .... Whenever she used a computer screen, she felt a burning sensation on her face. Soon she started to react to other kinds of light. The burning spread and intensified. Now she must spend much of her life in darkness because of her extreme sensitivity to light. During the best times she

can venture outside at dawn and dusk. During the worst; she must sbend months in one blackedout room.

This is the astonishing and uplifting account of Anna' decent

into the depths of her extraordinary illness. It is the story of how, through her determination to make her impossible life possible; and with the love of those around her, she has managed to find light in even the darkest of places

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## **On the Water Front**

#### Report by: Captain Slog

#### January 2015

4th. Britannica Hay, from Ghent with fertilizer, then to sea for orders.

#### February 2015 9th. Sea Harmony, from Antwerp with fertilizer, then in ballast to Waterford. 10th. Accum, from Riga with fertilizer, then in ballast to Cardiff. 20th. Zapadnyy, from Amsterdam with molasses, then in ballast to Klaipeda. 25th. Fluvious Otter, from Ghent with fertilizer, then in

ballast to Birdport. **Solway Dangers** 1940's – 1960's

During WWII, RAF high speed rescue launches were occasionally detached to Silloth, from their regular base at 55 Air-Sea Rescue Unit, Gibb Hill, Kirkcudbright, on the Scottish side of the Solway Firth.

These craft were primarily tasked with rescuing ditched aircrew, including those operating from the RAF airfield at Silloth, or Royal Naval aircrews flying out of the Fleet Air Arm base at Anthorn, (HMS 'Nuthatch, which opened in 1944 and is now the home of an array of tall radio aerials). The launches would of course, undertake the rescue of civilian seamen and others in the Solway if required, as there had been no RNLI presence in the upper Solway since the Silloth Lifeboat Station closed in 1896.



#### RAF Air-Sea Rescue Badge

Throughout WWII, RAF Silloth was, amongst other things, a training base for young airmen. Many of them were learning to fly and operate maritime patrol aircraft, including the British built Vickers Wellington and American built Lockheed Hudson bombers. The Hudsons were transhipped from the United States to supplement the limited number of suitable British aircraft. These aircrews were being trained to undertake long-range patrols over the western approaches to the UK and to defend our desperately needed Atlantic convoys from attack by German U-boats. Unfortunately, some of these young and inexperienced aircrews came to grief in the waters of the Solway Firth. Parts of the wrecked planes still occasionally become exposed as the sands move, snagging or tearing the nets of local fishermen. For a while, the Solway became known locally as 'Hudson Bay,' due to



#### RAF Rescue Launch c.1943

the number of Hudsons that had ditched into its waters. After the end of the war, the RAF rescue craft in the Solway were deployed

elsewhere and as a result,

the two duck shooters. In 1954, Silloth Fire Brigade was provided with a small, aluminium open boat equipped with an outboard engine, to provide a means of



British Vickers Wellington (RAF Coastal Command)



#### American Lockheed Hudson (RAF Coastal Command)

the maritime lifesaving facilities in this area reverted to the rather unsatisfactory situation that had existed prior to WWII. At that time, the nearest RNLI lifeboat station for the upper Solway was located at Maryport, which had opened in 1865, and even that station closed in 1949. The nearest RNLI lifeboat now was based at Workington, which was a long and time consuming haul from the waters of the upper Solway. Local fishermen, other mariners and those venturing onto these difficult waters had to fend for themselves.

It wasn't long before the lack of a nearby rescue service resulted in tragedy. In November 1950, a cold but quiet day but with big tides, two local duck shooting cousins, were out hunting on Moricambe Bay marshes. The incoming tide rose quickly and cut them off from the shore. A fellow shooter, Teddy Baxter, who had just left the marsh, saw their plight and swam out to them through the icy cold water to help bring them ashore. But the two duck shooters were poor swimmers and could not be persuaded to strike out for the shore. Teddy Baxter swam back to shore to raise the alarm, but from utter exhaustion could then do no more to help the two cousins. The tide rose and reached their necks before starting to ebb. When the level was eventually down to their knees they sadly collapsed from hypothermia and drowned. There was no rescue boat in the area that might easily have saved them. Teddy Baxter later received a Life Saving Award for his brave efforts to try and save

rescuing anyone in difficulties on the marshes and in the many creeks and gullies of the bay or close to the shore. Bearing in mind that Moricambe Bay is open to the Solway Firth, it is not clear what training the firemen received in maritime rescues, whether they had lifejackets and appropriate clothing, or even if the weather limitations for using this small open boat were clearly defined.

It was on a cold, wet and windy night, the 10th



Moricambe Bay (Between Anthorn and Silloth)

December 1956, when the Fire Brigade responded to a call that someone was thought to be in difficulties on the marshy edges of Moricambe Bay, near Skinburness. A helicopter from the Royal Naval Air Station at Anthorn had been called to help, but it could not operate during the hours of darkness. The Fire Brigade took their boat to Grune Point and launched it into the turbulent waters of Moricambe Bay, in an effort to locate the person in trouble and bring him or her to safety. The boat's crew were local men, Alex Ramsey, Stan Graham, Jocky Johnson and Joe Bell. The boat was soon out of sight from the shore, but heading towards the reported location of the casualty. As the night went on and with no sign of the boat, concern grew for the safety of the crew. In fact the boat and crew never

returned. It was presumed that it had been swamped by the rough waters in the bay. When daylight returned the following day, a huge search resumed, involving the Anthorn helicopter and four aircraft. Workington RNLI lifeboat eventually found the overturned boat on a sandbank. Ironically, the lifeboat itself then became stranded on that same sandbank for several hours. The bodies of two of the missing firemen were found on the shore at Skinburness and a third was found near Silloth. Some three weeks later, the last body was found on the shoreline near Annan. Following this tragedy, the Coroner stated that he was confident that a person had actually been seen on the marshes, but no-one came forward or was reported missing. Those four brave Silloth firemen had been lost in vain.



#### **Memorial Plague** Silloth Fire Station

The County and local Councils, as well as the people of Silloth, appealed to the RNLI to re-establish a rescue boat at Silloth. Unfortunately at that time, the RNLI did not have a lifeboat suitable for inshore estuarial work, which entailed negotiating through areas of very shallow water with strong currents or across numerous exposed sandbanks.

It was not until 1967, that the RNLI successfully completed trials of a new 20 knot inflatable rescue boat, which would be ideal for the likes of Silloth, Moricambe Bay and the upper reaches of an estuary like the Solway. A new appeal in the Silloth district was successful. The RNLI refurbished the old lifeboat house and a slipway was built, suitable to accept this new kind of small, fast and inflatable, inshore lifeboat, known to the RNLI as the 'D Class' A local Committee was formed to run the lifeboat station and volunteers were found to man the lifeboat. Other volunteers would assist with the safe launch and recovery of this much needed lifeboat. Modern versions of that 'D Class' inshore lifeboat are still in use today, a vital part of the RNLI fleet and located at appropriate stations all around our coastline. My thanks go to Ivan Lomas, one of the original Silloth Lifeboat crewmen in 1967, for his details of events leading up to the reestablishment of a lifeboat station at Silloth. In the next 'Waterfront' article in the 'Solway Buzz, I will feature the re-introduction of RNLI lifeboats at Silloth.

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#### **SECTION 1** Class

1a Standard Single Yellow Daffodils - 3-5 cut stems of single variety in vase 1b Standard Double or Multicoloured Daffodils - 3-5 cut stems of single variety in vase

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8 Tulips in Container - 3-5 blooms of single variety 9 Spring bulbs or corms (not in Classes 1-7)

cut stems in vase preferably of single variety 10 Spring bulbs or corms (not in Classes 1-7) growing in container

preferably of single variety 11 Any Spring bulbs or corms growing in novelty container

NB Containers should be either plant pots or bulb bowls

Vases should be preferably glass and plain **SECTION 2** 

#### Class

15 Photograph - spring bulbs and/or corms 16 Photograph - My Garden 17 Painting in any medium of plants normally in flower in Spring Closed 18

19 Home-grown spring plant or spring flowers with accompanying metal display

#### mounted and no larger than 10 x 15cm in size **SECTION 3** Class 20 1 pot of either Auriculas, Primroses or Polvanthus 21 1 pot of any Alpines other than those in Class 20 22 1 house plant either flowering or non-flowering

23 A vase of not more than 3 stems of flowering shrub(s) (in flower) 24 Wallflowers in vase (multicoloured) 25 1 pot of Heather(s) in flower 26 Vase of Flowers not included in other Classes

27 Bonsai 28 5 Pansy or Viola blooms in vase

#### **SECTION 4 (Children)** Class

medium of Spring Garden or Spring Flowers (may be eligible for Class 18)

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Watch the May issue of the Buzz for details.

### Old Time Music Hall Raises £420 for Repairs

St Andrews Church 'Old Time Music Hall' held on Saturday 31st January was a great success raising £420 towards church repairs.

We would like to thank all the very kind businesses of Silloth, who generously contributed raffle prizes and food to help this evening be the success it was.

Our grateful thanks to: Spar, Co-Op, Little Gems, Johns Plaice, Macmillan Charity Shop, Balmoral Hotel, Kandy Shop, Winters, Silloth Cafe, Jaybee's and the Silloth on Solway Charity Shop. Also, Silloth Town Council for the loan of their P.A. System.

Our next event is a Curry & Quiz night to be held on Saturday 11th April, tickets only so make sure you get yours early, available from Silloth on Solway Charity Shop early March.

Our hall is available for hire, with its excellent kitchen facilities and stage, ideal for drama groups, receptions, meetings, and any other group activities,

### Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning

#### Report by: Pat Froggatt

Our first coffee morning of 2015 took place on the 7th February at the Recreation Hall off Eden Street. It was a pleasure to see so many of you attending. The stalls were well supported and the raffle, as usual, was a popular feature. These coffee mornings give many of you the opportunity of catching up with old friends and making new ones.

The committee were on hand to serve coffee and, if preferred, tea. Scones, jam and biscuits were set out on the tables for all to enjoy. When the raffle was

drawn the following were the lucky winners:

Mrs Denard, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Maybury, Betty Johnson, Pat Carruthers, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Irving and Mrs Henderson.

Well done to you all. The Committee were delighted to see you all and

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## Holme Cultram MU

The Annual General Meeting of Holme Cultram Abbey Mothers' Union was held on Monday, 26th January.

**Reverend David Tembey** took the chair and Elaine Atkinson read the minutes of the AGM. Anita Norman, Treasurer, read her financial report, 17 subscriptions received, the Branch is solvent. The Branch Leader, Brenda Sim, gave her report outlining the various fundraising events, visits and meetings that had taken place throughout the year. Special thanks to Reverend Tembey for all the time and support he had given the Mothers' Union over the last fourteen years and wished him well for his future ministry in Marske.

Appointment of Officers: Branch Leader, Brenda Sim, Minute Secretaries: Joan Winter/Elaine Atkinson, Correspondence Representatives: Joan Winter/Elaine Atkinson, Treasurer: Anita Norman, Press Secretary: Gladys Temple, Raffle Organiser: Judith Bryan, Committee Members: Brenda Sim, Anita Norman, Elsie Donald, Judith Bryan, Joan Winter and Elaine Atkinson.

Subscriptions for 2015 £15.75 due now.

The Chairman, Reverend David Tembey, gave his report pointing out that this was his final report to members, something he would not have been expecting to say even six months ago. Not seeking to move or expecting to move he had simply followed God's call and found that in two weeks he, along with his wife Lynne, will have

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moved to Marske. In the last twelve months we had gained full use of the Abbey - albeit in an unfinished state - and there had been many visitors, singly and in groups. The cottages had also been revamped and the facilities we now have much appreciated. The highlight of his year had been the AGM in Belfast and the visit to Grey Abbey, the daughter house of Holme Cultram. He also stressed his hope that for this year the Branch would help the Team Rector in his ministry. David thanked Brenda and the team for all they had done and achieved in 2014 and wished everyone all God's blessings in 2015.

The programme for 2015 was circulated to members.

Brenda expressed the thanks and appreciation of the members to David and Lynne for all the support and encouragement given to the Branch over the last 14 years. Also best wishes for the future challenge which lay ahead of them and the new path they would be walking in Marske.

Following the AGM the business meeting took place. It was reported that the Christmas Market had been a huge success. Invitations to attend meetings had been received from St. Michael's, Workington 1st April, when Lynne Tembey, Worldwide President of Mothers' Union, will be the speaker, and St. Mary's, Wigton 21st April, when Wendy Houghton, Diocesan President, will be the speaker.

After an enjoyable supper, Lynne Tembey described her afternoon at York Minster when the first Lady Bishop was consecrated. History in the making!

## World Book Day Celebration in Silloth



Below: Archie Winter getting his print signed



Local author and illustrator Tim Stead was invited to Silloth Primary School on World Book Day where the theme was bedtime stories. The children were all asked to attend school in their pyjamas.

Tim spent time with the children, firstly reading through his latest published book Fat Bat and the Strange Woolly Hat showing the illustrations on the wide screen monitors which they

all seemed to enjoy and nearly all laughed at the part of the story when Fat Bat flies straight into a pink bra! After that, Tim showed

them through the portfolio of original watercolours used in all eight of his books and had a look at his new book being published this summer called Dinoshakes and Bellyaches. The children were very interested asked him all sorts of questions.

Throughout the day Tim got the children to take part in a colouring competition using the Steady Eddie truck and his friends. At the end the child who produced the best coloured and most imaginative image received a personally signed print by Tim from the Fat Bat book.

As a star prize one child out of the whole school won a signed framed three print original set from the Fat Bat series. These were awarded at the end of the day in a special

Above: Year Group Winners Chelsea (Year 6), Darci (Y5), Daniel (Y4), Lexi (Y3), Brandon (Y1), Ronnie (Reception), Alfie (Y2)



Above: Presenting a framed print. **Below: Watching** and listening to the story in their pyjamas



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### **Stunning Results**

We were delighted with our position on this year's league tables! TOP for added value

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# Silloth Tigers

Silloth on course for the League and Cup Double



Silloth followed up their emphatic 71-0 home win over Penrith with a massive 73-0 win over Carlisle side Creighton, A game that was to set them up nicely for the trip to Keswick. Silloth have never won at Keswick in well over a decade and that was about to change as table toppers Silloth secured a great 24-7 away win.

Next up was the eagerly awaited Cumbria Cup semi final clash away to Workington, the only team to beat Silloth this season when they just pipped the Tigers 27-25. There was to be no repeat this time as a dominant Silloth side destroyed their title rivals 33-12 to claim their place in the Cumbria Cup Final.

The following week Silloth welcomed Millom and although missing a few regulars from the previous week coach Mark Orchard made full use of his squad resources and Silloth finished on top 38-0, a win that saw Silloth extend their lead at the top of the Cumbria league to 8 points. The following week there was a well deserved break from rugby giving the Silloth players a week to rest. Although, title rivals Workington won and reduced Silloths' lead to 3 points Silloth now have a game in hand to play.

March came and Silloth travelled to Egremont. This time seven regulars were unavailable and again Coach Mark Orchard's resources were tested, It was a tough contest but Silloth battled to a 34-7 bonus point win, extending their lead and keeping them 4 points clear at the top of the Cumbria League, they have a game in hand and are still on course for an unprecedented league and cup double.

# **Indoor Bowls**



#### Report by: Gladys Temple

January: Abbeytown Indoor Bowling Club went to Wigton West Road Club for their first match of 2015. Rita Fell welcomed everyone and began the match. Four games of 6 ends were played before a lovely supper was served then another four games. Abbeytown members were lucky in the raffle with Alan Litt, John Tuck, Michael Faulkner and Gladys Temple winning prizes. Wigton were the winning team and Michael Faulkner thanked them for making us so welcome and invited them to Abbeytown in March.

The next match was at Blencogo Village Hall and Harry Douglas welcomed us then four games of 5 ends were played before supper and another 4 games after. At supper time Blencogo were leading 24 to 14 but at the end of the evening Abbeytown came out winners 39 to 37. Abbeytown raffle winners were Malcolm Temple, Pam Taylor and Alan Litt. Michael Faulkner thanked Blencogo for making us so welcome and a lovely supper.

February: Eleven Members of Abbeytown Indoor Bowling Club were welcomed to Bolton Low Houses Hall by John Chester who told everyone the rules



March: Wigton Indoor Bowling Club members were welcomed to Abbeytown Village Hall by Michael Faulkner. Five ends were played for each of 4 games then a buffet supper was served. The winners of the Grand National Game were Rita Fell, Alan Wills and Richard Johnston from Wigton with Carol Jones, Alan Litt, Joyce Wilson, Michael Faulkner and Gladys Temple from Abbeytown. There were 4 more games and the winning team was Wigton with 39 and Abbeytown 33. Rita Fell thanked Abbeytown members for a warm welcome, lovely supper and friendly evening.



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