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## Silloth Certified as a World Record Breaker



L to R: Sheila Pattinson, Sam Harrison, Phoebe Pattinson, Clare Stabler (NADT), Bob Pattinson (DA Harrison), Sandra Keaveney (NADT), Gary Harrison, Solway Pupil, Judith Schafer (Solway School), Solway Pupil, Maggie Dunn, Sue Hayman MP, Mayor Tony Markley, John Dunn, Fausto Previtali, John Cook and Rachel Ingrams (Silloth Primary School)

### 2016 Events

- 29th May  
**Silloth Green Day**
- 11th + 12th June  
**Silloth Vintage Rally**
- 30th July  
**Abbeytown Carnival**
- 26th to 28th August  
**Solfest**
- 29th August  
**Silloth Carnival**
- 8th to 11th Sept  
**Music & Beer Festival**

**GOT IT AT LAST!**  
After a long wait, Guinness World Records have finally released the certificates confirming that the community of Silloth-on-Solway is the official Guinness World Record Holder for the World's Largest Human Image of a Bicycle. The people of Silloth broke the world record last September as part of the Tour of Britain celebrations on Silloth Green after the race passed through.  
Our MP Sue Hayman presented the official certificate to our Mayor, Tony Markley who received the certificate on behalf of the community. Sue also presented official certificates to Silloth Primary School and Solway Community Technical School in recognition of their excellent contribution to the record breaking event.  
Head teacher Judith Schafer and two pupils received the certificate on behalf of Solway Community

College and head teacher Rachel Ingrams received the Primary School Certificate.  
Also present at the event in the Golf Hotel were driver Bob Pattinson

and others representing sponsors DA Harrison Ltd and representatives of the organisers, Silloth on Solway Inner Wheel and Rotary clubs and NADT.



# Woodcarvers Christmas



Report by: Jennifer Bailey

The Solway Woodcarvers Group held its annual Christmas Dinner again at the Dunes Restaurant at Bank Mills Nurseries, Mawbray, on the

4th December.

The food, traditional Christmas fair and superb vegetarian choices, was the usual high standard which we have all come to expect from Shirley and

her team. It was efficiently and cheerfully served by the staff, who couldn't have done any more to make our experience most pleasurable and festive.

Thank you to all.

# Our Doors Open Christmas Party

Report by: Penny Stimson

On Tuesday 15th December 2015 'Our Doors Open' at St Andrews Church held its Christmas party.

After a bowl of soup, sandwiches, sausage rolls, tea or coffee, there was a bowl of trifle. Everyone had a gift and the raffle was drawn for a beautiful hamper of goodies, this was won by Jeff.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and remind them that we will be open again on Tuesday 2nd February at 12 o'clock, and we invite anyone who has not yet enjoyed the



company and friendship of 'Our Doors Open' to come

along and join use they will be very welcome.

Beach Bees  
by  
Isla Stevens  
from  
Holme St Cuthbert  
School



# Crib Service



Report by: Lawrence Marshall

There was a very good attendance at the 6pm Christmas Eve Crib Service, with about seventy adults and children for the annual service.

Our rector Bryan Rothwell conducted the very well portrayed show of the of the Christmas story by the children. The baby Jesus

was Frankie Daniels who was excellent. Everyone enjoyed the crib service.

Later we held the midnight communion service which was taken by the Venerable Richard Pratt, Archdeacon of West Cumbria. As the Archdeacon's birthday is Christmas day we wished him a happy birthday and it was a special one.



Mayor Bee  
by  
Kristan Scott  
from  
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# Waver Wine Circle

Report Stuart Jones

Our November meeting took us to the heavens - stargazing that is! Our outings organiser, Chris Russel, invited us to his home, where he and Sue laid on an informative talk about astronomy, what an absorbing subject. Although the conditions were far from ideal a break in the clouds enabled some of us to view, through a magnificent telescope, a small portion of the vast upper atmosphere. Nibbles were provided as usual by Stella and the draw was won by Jan Jones. Thank you Chris and Sue for a most 'enchanted' evening.

On Friday 11 December nineteen members and visitors met at the Wheyrigg Hotel for our Christmas get-together, where everyone agreed that the chef, Stephen Benson, really did us proud with a lovely meal. The 'dark days before Christmas' were certainly brightened by Stella and Bill's quizzes and the staff of the Wheyrigg led by Grace.

The draw was organised by Stella assisted by Judith and as everyone had brought a prize there were numerous



winners.

Thanks again to the Wheyrigg for making our annual Christmas dinner such a success.

The New Year started with a bang! Yes it was Stuart Jones' 82 birthday and after the 'birthday song' and presentation of a cake with a candle (just enough for one, a mince pie!) then Chair, Bill Henderson, welcomed all and wished everyone the happiest of New Years.

There were eight present with three apologies. Janet Stukins has recently undergone a knee replacement operation, we wish her a speedy recovery. Over the next few months she is due to have her hips replaced, so the Circle will have its own biopic woman. Thanks to Stella for sending Janet a get well card on the group's behalf.

Thanks also to the Wheyrigg for a most enjoyable evening at our Christmas Dinner, with

twenty members and friends present. There was a successful draw, a great help to our funds.

The evening continued with a "blind beer tasting" which was won by "birthday boy" Stuart with his bottle of EPA being the most popular brew.

Judith Woods informed us that the Village Hall is in need of additional funds, owing to increased rent etc. and the Committee are hoping to put on some special fund raising events in the coming months - Friday 19 February - Quiz Night with Pie and Pea Supper.

Friday 1 April - Pudding Night  
Friday 1 July - Bingo with Pie and Pea Supper  
May - Curry Night to be arranged.  
Do try and support our village hall.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th February when we will be having our annual

Cheese and Wine and Games Evening. All are welcome. As ever why not join us - contact 016973 61006.

# Mens Choir Concert



Report by: Ivan Lomas & Lawrence Marshall  
Photo by: Dan Rothwell

The Mens Choir Concert took place on Friday 11th December in Christ Church hall. A full house enjoyed a good meal of pie peas and trifle supplied and served up by the men! A programme of songs and carols arranged by our musical director

Derek Shaw was very much appreciated by the audience. This is because of our rehearsals before the event. The soloists this year were Barry Lodge and for the first time Peter Stimson.

Thanks to Ernest Graham who looks after the logistics and has done so since the choir began. Also to Master of Ceremonies Lawrence Marshall

announcing introductions supplied by Derek. Thanks to the many friends of the choir who donated prizes for the drawing along with the choir members prizes. The night raised a very welcome £1,018 for church funds.

Closing speeches by music director Derek Shaw and Rector Bryan Rothwell completed an excellent night's entertainment.

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## Free Christmas Lunch Raises £170

Report by: Jackie McCormick

Silloth Cafe opened its doors on Christmas Day this year and fed 24 people who would not have been having a Christmas lunch otherwise. We had a lot of laughs and we made the day that little bit nicer for a few people. I am very grateful to the generosity of local business people in town as well as the kindness of other people that gave us vegetables, turkeys, mince pies, etc. There are far too many to mention everyone but I have been overwhelmed by people in the towns kindness

Thank you very much to Alison Henderson who helped us to get donations and let us use

her establishment for the day. Also to John Smart for being so kind as to give up part of his day to cook a gorgeous three course meal that everyone enjoyed. To my glamorous waitresses and dish washers Theresa Bell and Anneke Ramsay who gave up part of their day too to help. Lastly to Rhonda Clark who picked up a couple of people for us and also dropped a few more off back home.

Thank you very much everyone for supporting me and helping me. I could not of done any of it without you. We raised over £170 in donations for the lunch which will be going to the local flood victims charity.

You should all feel proud.

## Silloth Master Quiz

On Friday March 11th in Christ Church Hall at 7pm Tim Barker's quirky quiz is back with entry open to all.

Teams of up to four are welcome at an entry fee of £15 per team. Supporters and spectators are also very welcome, entry is £2 each. There will be a raffle and refreshments.

For more information contact Tim on 016973 31246.

princess

Princess Barbiee by Jessica Cork from Silloth Primary School



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# Patchwork Heaven

Report by: Jennifer Bailey

The group celebrated the last meeting of 2015 at Pennine View with their annual "Fuddle" - for those not familiar with this Midlands term, it means FOOOOOD and lots of it, preferably home-made and everyone brings a plateful to share.

The members displayed their Christmas garlands and other decorations made over the last few weeks and Brenda gave us all a selection of tiny pieces of fabric with which we must create minor masterpieces to bring when the group resumes in January 2016.

2015 has seen some wonderful patchwork creations ranging from wall hangings and bedspreads to bags and cushion covers of all sizes and descriptions, some of which have now been distributed to friends and relations both at home and in far flung places all around the globe.



# Cockermouth Ukulele Group Will Play at Charity Events for FREE!

The Cockermouth Ukulele group "CUKES" meet once a week in a Cockermouth pub to practise/jam.

They are a friendly local group who enjoy playing ukulele and are happy to entertain locally by arrangement, especially for any fundraising or charity events.

If you have a fundraiser coming up please feel free to contact us by telephoning Jenny on 01900 873020.

Log in and "like" Cukes new facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Cockermouth-Ukuleles-839556289504705/?fref=nf>



# Test Your Smoke Alarm

Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service is urging residents to regularly test their smoke alarms and those of people they care for to prevent fire deaths, as a new look Fire Kills advertising campaign is being launched by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The Government Fire Kills advertising campaign will run for one month from January across radio, print, digital, outdoor and social media as there is an increase in fire-related emergencies and deaths over the winter months, compared to the rest of the year.

There were more than 160 deaths from accidental fires in the home last year. By simply testing smoke alarms, many more lives could be

saved. Adverts will feature friendly smoke alarms, which will tell the public to make time for their home's 'unsung heroes' by testing their alarms once a month.

A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time to get out, stay out and call 999. But just half of all householders who own a smoke alarm say that they test it's working on a regular basis.

You're four times more likely to die in a fire without a working smoke alarm, but only half of the people who own an alarm say they take the time to check it regularly. Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service encourages people in



Cumbria to make sure you test your smoke alarms this month and get into the habit of testing them each month as they can save you and your family's life.

Help keep yourself and your loved ones safe from fire by following these simple steps:

Make sure you fit smoke alarms on every level of your home and test them monthly.

Make testing your smoke alarm part of your household routine in 3 easy steps:

Test it by pressing the button once a month

Change the batteries once a year if your alarm has removable batteries

Clean the alarms casing twice a year to ensure dust



isn't blocking the sensor. Whatever happens, never remove the batteries in your smoke alarms unless you are replacing it.

Make sure that everyone in your home knows what to do in a fire and knows your escape route.

For more information visit the Fire Kills campaign's

Facebook page at [facebook.com/firekills](https://www.facebook.com/firekills).

A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time should the worst happen to get out, stay out and call 999.

Find out more about Fire Kills at [www.facebook.com/firekills](https://www.facebook.com/firekills) or <https://www.gov.uk/firekills>. Or find us on twitter @Fire\_Kills.

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# Slimmers Lose 500 Stone



Silloth slimmers are now 500 stone lighter, the approximate equivalent of two Mondeo Cars, the car in the photo was kindly supplied by Stan Palmer at Bolton Low Houses.

The Saturday Group is expanding and moving to Silloth Primary School on Saturday mornings with sessions at 9am and 11am.

Weight loss expert Denise, a Slimming World Consultant who runs the Silloth Slimming World groups, says that if people want to lose weight for good this year then they need to learn to be kinder to themselves when things go wrong.

Denise revealed that a new Slimming World survey of 1,722 slimmers found that almost everyone who had tried to lose weight in the past (98%) had experienced a slip-up where they went off-track in a way that they worried would affect their weight loss journey. After they lapsed, 84% of slimmers automatically criticised themselves, calling themselves 'weak', 'stupid' and 'a failure' – words they would never have used to describe someone else in their position. This harsh criticism was found to lead to comfort eating or giving up on those

diets completely. As a result 78% were unsuccessful with their weight loss, with at least 47% gaining weight.

The survey found that at Slimming World, members had learned how to reduce how critical they are of themselves when things go wrong and have instead become more self-reassuring. As a result of recognising that they're only human and applauding their own determination, the research found that Slimming World members are now less likely to comfort eat and more likely to get back on track within a day or two, and more likely to lose weight and keep it off.

Denise who lost 4Stone 7lb and now helps others in Silloth to shed the pounds, says: "As someone who had struggled with my weight for many years I had tried lots of different diets in the past. Life would always get in the way at some point though and I'd go off track. It would knock my confidence and I'd end up feeling like a failure. When you have an unhealthy relationship with food, as I did at the time, comfort eating can feel like the only way to make yourself feel better. I'd turn to chocolate, crisps and biscuits but afterwards I'd feel even more guilty and empty and before long I'd have given

up completely. Since joining Slimming World my outlook has changed completely. With the support of other people who have experienced the same thing I gradually started to realise that I wasn't the only one who this happened to. We're all human and we all have our off days, the important thing is that we're able to forgive ourselves and draw a line under it. Now if I ever have a lapse I'm careful to always talk to myself as I would any of the members of my group – with encouragement, support and without any judgement or blame. And that's why the support of a group is so important, as by sharing problems and solutions with other people, you realise that you're really not alone and you have a network of people like you who really understand and care, to help pick you back up when things go wrong. After all, things will often go wrong, and learning to cope with lapses, forgive yourself and get back on track is the key to successful weight loss in the long-term."

For more information about the local Slimming World groups see our advert, or to speak to a successful Slimming World member who has changed their life for the better, please contact Denise on 07799 708465.

# Knoxwood Rescue Christmas Lunch



Report by: Jennifer Bailey

The volunteers at the Knoxwood Wildlife Rescue charity shops in Silloth and Wigton gathered for Christmas lunch at The White Heather Hotel at Kirkbride. There were twelve ladies altogether and

the lunch was hosted by Isobel Scott, a founder of the charity. As always, the food was tasty and plentiful and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Knoxwood Charity takes in all manner of frail and injured creatures which are then nursed back to

health ready to be returned to the wild whenever possible. Always on the lookout for more trusty volunteers to help keep the shops open for as many days as possible each week, if you think you can be of help, call in and find out more.

# Blencogo Art Group



Report by: Jennifer Bailey

This year, the Blencogo Art Group decided to have a go at "The Big Picture Challenge" just for our own enjoyment, so a picture was chosen and we were all given three or four sections to enlarge and paint using

acrylic paints.

The picture chosen was "The Bar At The Follies Bergere" and (in fear and trembling for some of us) the marathon was begun.

The painting was proudly hung in the village hall in Blencogo where the art

group meets and not a bad job was done I think. The next effort may be something from a chap called Lowry, it's quite an enjoyable thing to do once you get into it, so we're all looking forward to seeing how our next effort will turn out.

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# Speeding in the Crofts



Report by: Denise Pattinson

On Saturday, January 9th, Sue Hayman MP visited Silloth to hear about problems with speeding and anti social driving throughout the area.

She had been invited to discuss the subject by local community group, West Side Stories, who have been highlighting the problem within The Crofts housing estate in recent months, they were joined by Chris and Don Graham from the business group, Alledale



Borough Councillor John Cook, County Councillor Tony Markley and Silloth Town Councillor Owen Martin.

After a very lively and full discussion Ms Hayman promised to support an application by Silloth Town Council to Cumbria County Council for a survey to take place of speeding vehicles

in the area of the Crofts housing estate and central Silloth.

A visit was then made to the old playing field area in West Silloth where plans are being made to provide a local communal garden and young children's play area to accompany the football posts that were provide by the town council last year.

Please look out for a new Facebook page - Silloth and Area 20 is Plenty campaign - which is launching in the next few weeks and will be open to all.

# Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service Supports Register My Appliance Day

Making homes safer [www.registermyappliance.org.uk](http://www.registermyappliance.org.uk)

21st January was Register My Appliance Day. Millions of shoppers are receiving a safety message from their favourite brands of white goods, reminding them to register any bargains they snapped up in the sales and then to take an extra moment to check around their kitchens and register their trusty, older machines.

As part of the Fire Kills campaign, Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service is urging people to take this sensible safety measure to reduce the risk of home fires.

Thousands of consumers are still missing out on product safety warnings as they fail to register their fridges, freezers and washing machines, according to the most recent research. There are over 100 million large appliances<sup>1</sup> in use in our homes and we keep them a very long time, but less than half (47%) of consumers registered the last product they bought<sup>2</sup>. Unlike cars, this leaves the vast majority untraceable if a safety action



becomes necessary.

Usually a simple, free, in-home fix by a qualified technician is all that is needed to put the product back on track for a long safe life. But manufacturers need to identify and contact owners swiftly to organise a repair.

At [www.registermyappliance.org.uk](http://www.registermyappliance.org.uk) the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Appliances (AMDEA) provides quick and easy access to the registration pages of 62 leading brands.

Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service urges the public to register their new buys now and not to forget older appliances they may be harbouring in their kitchens: "Everyone should put registering appliances

at the top of their to-do list in the interests of the safety of their homes and families. On this portal most manufacturers offer registration of large white goods that are up to 12 years old and keying in details of both old and new appliances is time well spent."

The Register my appliance portal - whose growing number of supporters includes the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), Age UK, Citizens Advice and Electrical Safety First (ESF) - also provides valuable advice on correct maintenance, safe usage and installation, product standards and testing, guarantees and warranties, consumer rights, a product recall listing<sup>3</sup> and the AMDEA Code of Practice on Product Safety.

<sup>1</sup> ONS, Family Spending 2012, Table A48

<sup>2</sup> Consumer Survey by Populus, on behalf of Electrical Safety First, 4-6th December 2015

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.registermyappliance.org.uk/products/recall-list/>

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# Rotary £3,092 for Floods



Report by: Geoff Betsworth

The President and members of the Rotary Club of Silloth would like to wish all readers (and even those who don't) happiness and good health for the year ahead.

Last month's devastating floods in Cumbria have, if nothing else, once again served to show how Cumbrian people pull together in times of crisis. The good people of Silloth and the surrounding areas, as well as contributing hugely to the call for donations of household items to assist the flood victims, once again put their hands in their pockets and purses when we held a collection on the Golf Hotel corner.

I think it is important to remember that there are many very generous and kind hearted folk in the area who, for whatever reason, do not or cannot donate over the internet. I have probably said this before, but it certainly works well for our club in our town to continue with such collections. Of course, there is the added bonus of the good craic with the many friends who are out and about on a weekend (even on a dull and rainy day) in Silloth.

We have a close association with two clubs from outside Cumbria, namely the Rotary Clubs of Cumbernauld (Scotland) and Warwick in the West Midlands both of which, along with the Inner Wheel club of Silloth, made very generous donations towards our contribution to the flood



fund. Last but by no means least, the community college donated the proceeds of the raffle which was held during the evening of their Christmas banquet. The grand total raised through the club came to £3,092.60. Many thanks and well done everybody.

Once again Santa visited Silloth to hand out gifts to the youngsters of the town. Much as for the above event, it was a dull day with some heavy showers, but hey-ho, or perhaps I should say Ho Ho Ho, Santa has surely faced far worse! My heart goes out to the elf who was operating the music system on the sleigh, who because he was sheltering under a tarpaulin making sure the gear stayed

dry, was oblivious to the fact that sherry and mince pies were being handed out at various stops. If the looks on the faces of some of the little ones is a picture, it is also very rewarding to see the expressions on the faces of some of the parents, particularly those new to the job!

Once again, the buckets were rattling and over £400 was collected for Rotary charities, so a big thank you to the parents and grandparents (and of course everyone who contributed) for that.

Thanks to Alison and her staff for their help in organising the event and for supplying the very welcome portions of chips.



Arty Clarty Bee  
by Charlotte Hodgson from Silloth Primary School

# Old Fashioned Sing Song



Report by: Penny Stimson

On 12th December an 'Old Fashioned Christmas Sing Song' was held in St Andrews Church Hall.

The Church members

sang the old and much loved Christmas songs and then there was candle-light carol singing with everyone joining in and enjoying themselves. One little scout, Billy, was

so brave being on his own to sing the much loved children's Christmas songs, Frosty the Snowman, etc. After, there was a light buffet and raffle.

## Stay in Control

It can be a worry, wondering how you will cope with all the decisions of everyday life as you grow older. But it needn't make you anxious. There is a way to make things easier for you and your family. How? Make a Lasting Power of Attorney.

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official form-filling you can download and complete the forms yourself from the website of the Office of the Public Guardian <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-public-guardian>

But if you would feel happier having some support, West Cumbria Carers can help you to write and register an LPA and for this we charge a nominal fee.

If you do not have an LPA in place and you lose the capacity to make decisions through accident, illness, disability or age, your carers would need to apply to be made your Deputies by the Court of Protection. This

costs in the region of £1000, is complicated and takes time. In the meantime your carers might have to pay for your expenses from their own funds. West Cumbria Carers can also help if you are in this unfortunate position by supporting a Court of Protection application.

But we'd rather help keep things easy for you with a Lasting Power of Attorney. Give us a ring on 01900 821976 or email [lpa@westcumbriacarers.co.uk](mailto:lpa@westcumbriacarers.co.uk) for more information, or visit our website <https://www.westcumbriacarers.co.uk/> to see what else we can do for you.



Disco Bee  
by Joseph Kay from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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# Atlas Concrete Expand their Silloth Airfield Factory



The first articulated lorry for DA Harrison

Alan Harrison founded DA Harrison in 1958, with £60 he saved while serving in the Scots Guards. He bought a tractor, trailer and saw bench and started out with a log business, he also drove wagons at weekends for a local haulier. Soon he expanded into selling potatoes and vegetables alongside the firewood.

Alan worked hard and after a while was able to buy a three tonne Austin petrol wagon and soon after a ten tonne Guy Otter diesel wagon. This was the start of the haulage business where he was hauling farm feeds, hay/straw and fertilisers for local farmers. In 1960 he took on a driver (his first employee) and they both drove the two wagons and concentrated on the transport business.

In 1963 he changed the two wagons for two tippers and started hauling sand for other companies and purchased his first sand field to quarry. Over the next few years he opened the quarry and acquired plant and bought more wagons. As the business grew he continued to

purchase land that was mostly on sand, thus building a sand bank for the future. Following this, he started batching ready mix concrete and this was the start of the ready mix concrete business. During the early 1970's Alan moved into operating flat haulage vehicles and bought storage facilities in Wigton, this was the start of the storage business.

In 1978 Alan bought Watsons garage at Waverton which comprised a filling station, garage and office, he built storage warehouses and this site became the new headquarters for the business. 1979 saw the formation of the skip hire and waste disposal business at Aldoth Quarry. The Waste Disposal side of the business eventually moved to a hangar on Silloth Airfield where they recycled the waste that was brought in.

1980 saw the firm granted a Stevedores license and they obtained a lease on the dock for unloading animal feeds. During the eighties this side of the business took off with the addition of storages facilities on Silloth airfield



Stevedores unloading wheat at Silloth Dock

and the building of silos on the docks so they could export cement. DA Harrison Stevedores also handled Nestle products, Cattle, Peat, Woodpulp, Wheat and Fertiliser.

1995 saw the addition of the pallet manufacturing side of the business, which quickly out-grew its original premises at Waverton and was relocated to the Old Circuit Foil building on Silloth Airfield.

In 2012 they expanded the Ready Mixed Concrete side of the business by purchasing two batching plants at Carlisle and Workington; this gave DA Harrison the capacity to supply Ready Mixed Concrete and Floor Screed to the whole of Cumbria and South West Scotland.

In September 2014 they moved into refurbished offices on Silloth Airfield alongside the team from Atlas Concrete Ltd, these are now

their new headquarters.

The foundations of the business are now complete and over the years the business has flourished and gone from strength to strength. DA Harrison now has nearly one hundred employees and Atlas Concrete has fifty employees.

1989 saw the formation of Atlas Concrete Ltd, which has gone from strength to strength. Atlas Concrete is one of the leading experts in Pre-stressed and Pre-cast Concrete Products in the UK. In the last two years Atlas Concrete Ltd has grown the workforce from thirteen to over fifty employees. They offer a full Design, Supply, Fix and Deliver service to all areas of the UK market.

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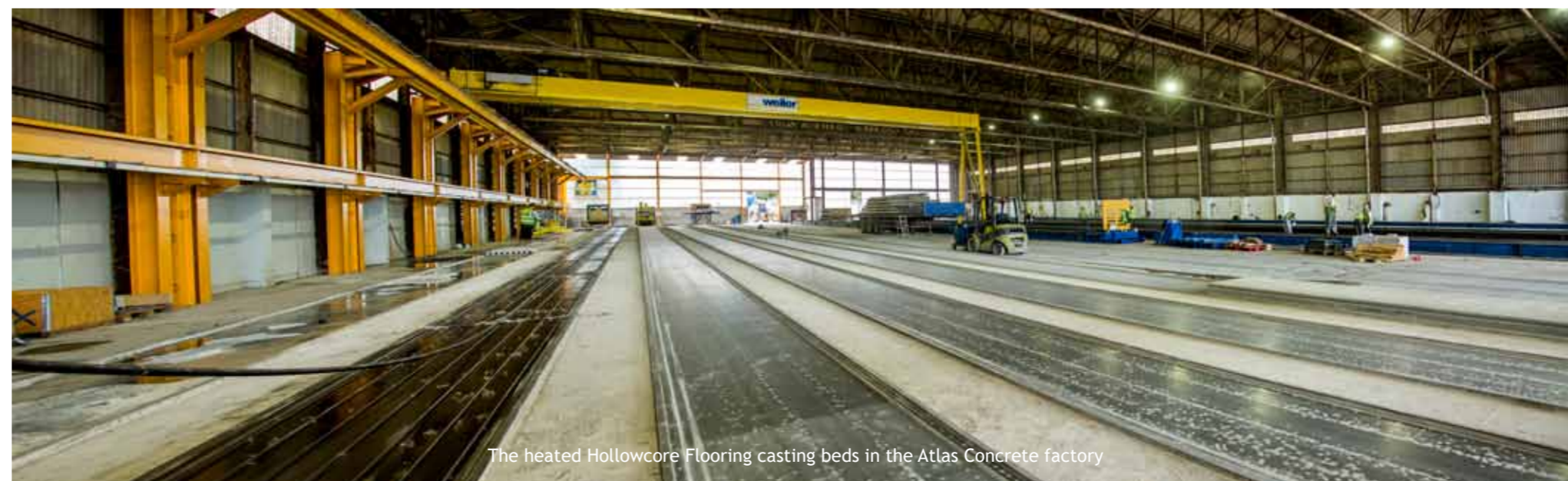
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The heated Hollowcore Flooring casting beds in the Atlas Concrete factory

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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 West Street Bowling Club, Wigton @ 1pm to 3pm, 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: Wednesdays: 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

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**Football Training**

**Silloth Football Club**

Silloth Sports Hall  
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Secretary: Stephen Hart 32706

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RNLI shop has now closed.  
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**Wednesday Bunch**

Silloth Evangelical Free Church, Eden Street Wednesday Bunch. at 5pm every Wednesday, (except in school holidays)  
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**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**

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**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 Community Lunches every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Two courses and a drink for only £3.50 at 12:30pm (we can deliver locally too!) to book tel: 016973 61261

**Bridge Group**

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

**Dates for the Diary**

**January 2016**

29th RNLI Quiz Night in Mrs Wilson's at 7:30pm, team of 4 £5 inc light supper, pre-book on 016973 31155

30th Silloth RUFC St Benedicts v Silloth

**February**

1st Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

2nd Our Doors Open starts again in St Andrews Church Hall at 12 noon.

3rd Parkinson's Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel at 11:15am, speaker Sandra Blair on Bio Energy Heating, Lunch at 12:15pm, Tel 016973 52527

6th Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall at 10am with Silloth & District Pensioners

9th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

10th Waver Wine Circle in Blencogo Village Hall for cheese & wine and games, Tel 016973 61006

11th Causewayhead WI meeting in Methodist School Hall at 2pm

13th Crunch Service in Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

13th Pancake Coffee Morning in St Andrews Church Hall from 10am to 12 noon

13th Silloth RUFC Silloth v Upper Eden

17th Dracula Comes to Mawbray in Culterham Hall

18th Chamber of Trade meeting in Golf Hotel at 7pm open to all

18th Dracula Comes to Mawbray in Culterham Hall

19th Dracula Comes to Mawbray in Culterham Hall

19th Waver Wine Circle in Blencogo Village Hall for a quiz night with pie & pea supper, Tel 016973 61006

20th Silloth RUFC Aspatria v Silloth

20th Dracula Comes to Mawbray in Culterham Hall

**First Responders**

Silloth Community First Responders train on the first and third Tuesday of every month in Silloth Fire Station at 7pm.

**NatWest Mobile**

The NatWest mobile van will be outside Silloth Community Centre on Mondays from 1pm to 2:15pm and Fridays from 9:45am to 11:30am.

**Tourist Information & Library**

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Friday 10-1pm 2-5pm  
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Local Links desk closes at 4pm

**March**

2nd Parkinson's Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel at 11:15am, speaker Cumbria Fire Service, Lunch at 12:15pm, Tel 016973 52527

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

5th Heart Start Course (CPR And Other Life Saving Skills) in the Golf Hotel, Silloth at 10am

5th Children's Crafts making Mothers Day cards from 2pm to 5pm in St Andrews Church Hall

5th Heart Start Course (CPR And Other Life Saving Skills) in the Golf Hotel, Silloth at 1pm

5th Silloth RUFC De la Salle (Salford) v Silloth

7th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

10th Causewayhead WI meeting in Methodist School Hall at 2pm

11th RMW3, the Retro Music Weekend at Stanwix Park

11th Silloth Master Quiz in Christ Church Hall at 7pm, teams of four £15, spectators £2, raffle & refreshments, Tel Tim on 016973 31246

12th RMW3, the Retro Music Weekend at Stanwix Park

13th RMW3, the Retro Music Weekend at Stanwix Park

12th Crunch Service in Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

12th Italian Night in St Andrews Church Hall from 7pm to 9:30pm

17th Chamber of Trade meeting in Golf Hotel at 7pm open to all

19th Silloth RUFC Silloth v Fleetwood

26th Children's Crafts, Easter Egg decorating in St Andrews Church Hall from 2pm to 5pm in St Andrews Church Hall

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

**Indoor Bowling**

Mondays from 5th October until the end of March from 7pm to 9:30pm in Abbeytown Village Hall

**Slimming World**

Saturday Slimming World group meet in Silloth Primary School at 9am then the second group meet at 11am  
Tuesday Slimming World group meet at Silloth Primary School at 7pm  
Tel Denise on 07799 708465.

**Wigton Cancer Support**

Open to anyone who has/is living with cancer or anyone caring for someone with cancer. Feel free to drop in for a chat and refreshments any time between 2pm and 5pm on the second Wednesday of each month, at Wigton Bowling Club. For further information please contact: Gill Edmondson  
Tel: 016973 71696  
Carole Storey T: 016973 44410

**April**

1st Waver Wine Circle in Blencogo Village Hall for a pudding night, Tel 016973 61006

2nd Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall at 10am with Silloth & District Pensioners

2nd Silloth RUFC Oldham v Silloth

4th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

6th Parkinson's Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel at 11:15am, speaker Eddie's Ramblings, Lunch at 12:15pm, Tel 016973 52527

9th Silloth RUFC Silloth v Tyldesley

9th Bingo in St Andrews Church Hall from 7pm to 9:30pm

13th Causewayhead WI meeting in Methodist School Hall at 7:15pm

16th Silloth RUFC Aldwinians v Silloth

23rd Silloth RUFC Silloth v Ashton-under-Lyne

23rd Children's Crafts, St Georges Day in St Andrews Church Hall from 2pm to 5pm in St Andrews Church Hall

**May**

4th Parkinson's Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel at 11:15am, speaker Wendy Hessel-Richardson on NIA Technique Exercises, Lunch at 12:15pm, Tel 016973 52527

7th Silloth RUFC Presentation night

9th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

10th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

11th Causewayhead WI meeting in Methodist School Hall at 7:15pm

21st Beetle Drive in St Andrews Church Hall from 7pm to 9:30pm

29th Silloth Green Day

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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.

**Crafting Group**

Interested in crafting? come along to Silloth Crafting Group on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm at St Andrews 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.

**June**

1st Parkinson's Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel at 11:15am, speaker James Edge on Music for Health, Lunch at 12:15pm, Tel 016973 52527

6th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

8th Causewayhead WI meeting in Methodist School Hall at 7:15pm

10th SSW at Stanwix Park book at www.sswevents.com

11th Silloth Vintage Rally

11th SSW at Stanwix Park book at www.sswevents.com

12th Silloth Vintage Rally

12th SSW at Stanwix Park book at www.sswevents.com

18th Children's Crafts, Fathers Day cards in St Andrews Church Hall from from 2pm to 5pm in St Andrews Church Hall

**July**

1st Waver Wine Circle in Blencogo Village Hall for bingo with pie & pea supper, Tel 016973 61006

2nd American 4th July Night in St Andrews Church Hall from from 7pm to 9:30pm

4th Silloth Town Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7pm

6th Parkinson's Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel at 11:15am, speaker Lindsay King on Speech Therapy, Lunch at 12:15pm, Tel 016973 52527

13th Causewayhead WI meeting in Methodist School Hall at 7:15pm

30th Abbeytown Carnival

**August**

3rd Parkinson's Solway Group meeting in Wheyrigg Hall Hotel at 11:15am, for lunch and a natter, Lunch at 12:15pm, Tel 016973 52527

9th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

27th Strawberry Cream Tea in St Andrews Church Hall from 2pm to 4pm

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

**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

**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  
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# Your Buzzing Letters

Dear Buzz,  
Thanks to all my family and friends for their kind words, get well cards, flowers, gifts and my special teddy bear! During my stay in hospital I was overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and generosity, it was very much appreciated. Many thanks,

Hazel Graham

Dear Buzz,  
Silloth Library in the Local Links would like to say a HUGE Thank You to all our customers that supported us in Children In Need Week. The Raffle and Cake sale were well supported and we made a wonderful £147.00 Thank you once again for all your support.

Dear Buzz,  
The flooding in Cumbria is a product of burning Fossil Fuel and the climate change that is the result. If the weather had been colder the rain would have fallen as snow. Even on the tops of the mountains in the Lake District there is no snow, it would have melted gradually and the rivers would have coped. We are an island on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean who's temperature is going to rise by 2°C or more. How much more water vapour will this warmer atmosphere produce? If the wind patterns don't change where will this denser rain fall?

These are questions to which no-one really knows the answer but given the small rise of 1°C in temperature we have had, the results do not bode well. In the century we have had high average temperatures and a whole series of flood events of which this is just the latest, and every time the rivers get higher. When bridges have stood for two hundred years start falling down this is a fundamental change. Even if we change our behaviour

now, much of this is unstoppable, the carbon is already in the atmosphere and much more will join it soon. People in Cocker-mouth like the rest of Cumbria have an utterly inadequate understanding of the problems they are up against, they have demonstrated absolutely no interest in global warming, well - global warming is flooding your house and it is time you started showing an interest.

The position of Cocker-mouth is that it is 40 metres above sea level on two fast flowing rivers with good water fall, whatever the water is planning, its not staying long. Begin by admitting you have got a problem and admit what it is. Don't think it is going away if you stop thinking about it, it is not. In Cumbria we build submarines, they are not famous for letting water through the front door unlike houses in Cocker-mouth, its not the lack of ability that fails to stop houses from flooding, its the unwillingness to use the brains you've got. In most cases making houses watertight is doable. Watertight doors and windows and sewage systems is not rocket science. Or, prepare your house to be flooded in a way that is recoverable because flooded again it will be.

In Carlisle they have spent 45 million pounds on flood defences and it has been utterly wasted. Some of the money has come from stripping the environmental budget in the countryside to finance a failed flood defence system in Carlisle, it did not work this time and it will not work in the future. Carlisle sits on a natural flood plain, the only real solution is to divert the river Eden north of the city and stop it going through the centre of Carlisle all together, or abandon the parts of the city that flood on a regular basis. In the saga of global warming the turn of the coastal communities will

come later and it will be a lot more brutal. People in Cumbria now live in a different world, the problem is they do not know it. Like the political leaders they have been in denial for so long and most of them still are. But it comes back to the problem people refuse to recognise. Global Warming is happening to them. At the last election the choice between producing cheap electricity by burning fossil fuels and flooding Cumbria or building more wind turbines, the country elected by an overwhelming majority to flood Cumbria. More than 90% of the votes cast in Cocker-mouth were for political parties who favoured burning fossil fuels and against building more wind turbines. If you are not prepared to vote against global warming don't complain when your house gets flooded. Most of Cumbria is saveable if people are prepared to recognise what is happening and take action accordingly, but the worst is yet to come. The more you look at the consequences of global warming the more you realise how much cheaper it would have been not to go there in the first place. In the climate we have the human race has prospered beyond all measure, why do people want to change it. The dinosaurs died out because of an accidental change of climate, but we have got intelligence, we are going to change the climate ourselves.

Roy Ivinson  
Parliamentary candidate  
May 2015

Dear Buzz,  
On Saturday 9th January my mother-in-law and myself were walking along the promenade next to the sea when a small dog came down from the field and started jumping up at my mother-in-law then it came over to me and started jumping up at me. I lost my footing and fell down three lots of those large steps next to the

sea. The dog owner just stood at the top of the steps looking at me as I struggled to get up as I had landed on a step full of slime. I struggled up the steps crying and when I eventually got to the top the woman was there and the dog was still jumping up at us. I told her to get the dog away from us. I had injured my arm, my shoulder and my knee was swollen and bleeding. My husband came along and went for the car as I was in shock crying and in such pain. It was a small pug looking dog. My mother-in-law saw her again and spoke to her. She refused to give us her name and address. If this lady reads this article I was very lucky my injuries were not more severe and that the sea was not in. I have bruising all over my shoulder, my knee is swollen and I have a dressing and bandage over my knee. This is the result of you not being in charge of your dog.

Mrs C Alty

Dear Buzz,  
The Sunday before Christmas I came out of the Kandy Shop, turned right towards the church, tripped in the gutter and fell headlong into the road. I hurt my arm, shoulder and ribs, smashed my watch and I ended up in a pool of water. Two young ladies flew to my aid, lifted me up and refused to let me go until I assured them that I was OK, just dazed. You see lots of poor reports of young people in the press, but these two young ladies contradict that and show there are a lot of good young people. They put Christian values into action. Good will to all men. I hope you both had a lovely Christmas and I wish you all the bst for a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you once again from a very grateful 80+ OAP.

name withheld

# Poems

RESOLUTIONS  
by Mrs Jennifer Bailey

*It wasn't meant to be like this, the year that just went past  
I'd made my resolutions firm and all were meant to last.  
I'd rise from slumber - greet each day with happy heart all cares  
away,  
To stretch and bend to gain my prize of figure trim and mind more  
wise.*

*The housework done brings joys untold, what wondrous treats  
these days will hold.  
Now I don't smoke or eat or drink, waiting for my form to shrink.  
And once again the time of year for resolution making's here  
When all my vows I shall renew - which in my mind remain quite  
true*

*But as it's end approaches fast.  
Will I look back on year just past  
With thoughts of goals achieved with bliss  
OR - It wasn't meant to be like this!*

Dear Buzz,  
We would like to wish all our friends who come to 'Our Doors Open' a very Happy New Year. We will now be closed until Tuesday 2nd February, we will then be open from 12noon to 1pm for soup and till 2pm for chatting or playing games, etc. We look forward to seeing you all then and any new people who would like to come along and join us for a light lunch and good fellowship. There is no one we have not met here, only friends we have yet to met.

Penny Stimson  
St Andrews Church Hall



Dear Buzz,  
Congratulations to Jackie McCormick and Alison Henderson for providing the free Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day in Silloth Cafe with donations to raise funds for the flood victims. Some 24 folk attended raising £200 for the cause. Well done to all the helpers and eaters, what an inspired idea in the true spirit of the Festive Season.

Jennifer Bailey

Dear Buzz,  
On behalf of the ladies over 60's club, I would like to thank Owen Browbank and his lovely staff at the Golf Hotel, for the smashing Christmas Lunch. We were all well looked after.

Thank you.  
The Committee



Stinky Bee  
by  
Joel Tyrer  
from  
Silloth  
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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 the Buzz, our address on page 10.

This month the winner is **Summer Cash from Silloth Primary School with a bee drawing called "Happy New Year Bee"**.

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# On the Water Front Coals from Silloth

Report by: Captain Slog



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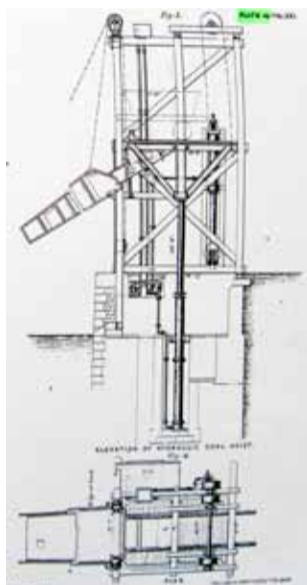
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## Coals from Silloth

Much of the coal extracted from the numerous Cumberland pits was exported to Ireland and a large percentage of that coal passed through Silloth Docks. Right from the opening of this port in 1859, a special berth was equipped to deal with this valuable



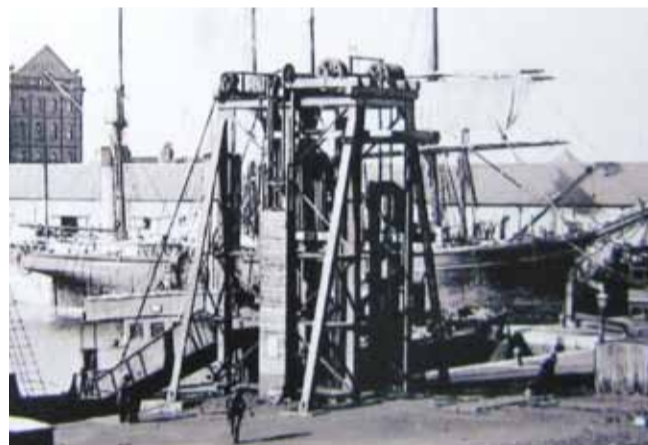
1859 Opening of 'Marshall Dock'



An early drawing of 'Marshall Dock' and plans of coal hoist



'New Dock' and Carrs Mill, but note the coal hoists behind, in the 'Marshall Dock'



The 'New Dock' coal hoist 1910

export commodity. Railway wagons loaded with coal were brought to a pair of dockside structures, specially designed to lift the trucks and then tip their contents into the ship's cargo hold. The vital component of this operation was the hydraulic (water) powered coal hoist.

In the engraving above, depicting ceremony for the opening of the Marshall Dock in 1859, the first of two

such coal hoists can be seen in the foreground. These machines were connected to the dock's hydraulic power system, which was also used for operating the dock gates, the warping capstains on either side of the dock entrance and the quayside cranes.

Following the collapse of the 'Marshall Dock' entrance in 1879, which rendered that dock tidal; and the building



The 'New Dock' coal hoist 1934

of the 'New Dock', completed in 1885, the handling of coal cargoes and most other commodities was transferred to the 'New Dock'. It is not known for sure if one of the early coal hoists was

moved to the 'New Dock', or a new machine was specially built for this dock. Whichever option was taken, photographs indicate that a substantial coal hoist was operating at the eastern end of the dock soon after the turn of the century.

This hydraulic coal hoist operated until the mid to late 1950's, after which it ceased to be used, probably because it was worn out. Coal continued to be exported through Silloth to Ireland, albeit in steadily declining volumes through to the beginning of 1958, when the final shipment departed to Dublin aboard the s.s. 'Cairngorm' on 14th January, having been loaded from rail wagons by a quayside crane on the south side of the 'New Dock'.



1950's A loaded coal truck approaches and is tipped



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# Silloth Has a Unique Heritage



Report by: Anna Malina

The rich heritage of Silloth and the Green is being highlighted in two new projects. Both are outcomes of the Silloth Green refurbishment project, which has been funded over the past few years by Heritage Lottery.

The 1.4 million pound development, which is managed by Silloth Town Council and supported by dedicated local volunteers, is due to reach its conclusion in early 2016.

Anna Malina, Community Engagement Officer for Silloth Green has created a digital 'Heritage Archive' now uploaded to the Silloth Green website at [www.sillothgreen.co.uk/filter/1850-1999/](http://www.sillothgreen.co.uk/filter/1850-1999/). The archive covers the history of the Green, the Port and the Railway between 1850 and 1999. An important aim is to inform youngsters and members of the local community in Silloth about their local history.

Many people in Silloth have provided information and photos, including local historians and members of

the 'Old Silloth' and 'History of Silloth' Facebook pages, where there is a good deal of discussion about Silloth's past.

Besides the archive, there are additional filters on the Silloth Green website linking to memories from the years after 1999. These can be found in the 'Memories' Section of the website at: [www.sillothgreen.co.uk/memories/](http://www.sillothgreen.co.uk/memories/).

Anyone with heritage information or old photos can contact Anna Malina at [anna.malina@silloth-on-solway.co.uk](mailto:anna.malina@silloth-on-solway.co.uk) or get in touch with Wendy Jameson, the Town Clerk at [townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk](mailto:townclerk@silloth-on-solway.co.uk) or a Town Councillor.

The second heritage project involves images on interpretation panels on the walls of the Victorian Pagoda. Displayed above the windows, the images will give a flavour of the past, including, for example, the Railway, the old Harbour and Port, bathing and fishing in the Solway, the West Beach, the Victorian baths and avenue, the old tennis courts, putting green and

# Silloth Dock Tide Tables

FEBRUARY 2016								SILLOTH	
Date	DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE								
	High Water				Low Water				
	Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon		
	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	
1 M	04 44	5.3	17 06	5.3	11 16	0.5	23 55	0.6	
2 TU	05 46	5.0	18 18	5.0			12 19	0.7	
3 W	07 02	5.0	19 37	5.0	01 09	0.6	13 41	0.7	
4 TH	08 14	5.2	20 48	5.3	02 27	0.5	14 57	0.5	
5 F	09 15	5.7	21 43	5.9	03 34	0.2	16 01	0.1	
6 SA	10 03	6.3	22 29	6.4	04 30	-0.1	16 56	-0.3	
7 SU	10 47	6.9	23 11	6.9	05 20	-0.5	17 48	-0.7	
8 M	11 28	7.4	23 51	7.3	06 09	-0.8	18 37	-1.0	
9 TU			12 08	7.7	06 55	-1.1	19 23	-1.3	
10 W	00 32	7.6	12 49	8.0	07 39	-1.2	20 07	-1.4	
11 TH	01 15	7.7	13 35	8.1	08 22	-1.2	20 49	-1.4	
12 F	01 59	7.6	14 19	8.0	09 03	-1.1	21 28	-1.2	
13 SA	02 44	7.3	15 06	7.5	09 42	-0.9	22 08	-0.9	
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Times shown in UTC. Add 1 hour for British Summer Time.

MARCH 2016								SILLOTH	
Date	DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE								
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the old paddling pool not to forget the donkeys on the Green, and the popular 'Pierrots', who performed in an area of the Green known as 'Happy Valley'.

The next stage is to circulate a newsletter

with links to the heritage and education web-page sections on the Silloth Green website to all educational establishments in Cumbria.

Mayor of Silloth, Tony Markley, commented that: "It's extremely important

that heritage is preserved and made available for young people to learn and enjoy. Silloth is striving to maintain its uniqueness and culture, and has many natural qualities for local residents and visiting tourists to enjoy"

Cllr. Bill Jefferson, Chair of the Parks

Committee adds "We are seeking to build on the Silloth Green Heritage Lottery project legacy by securing additional funding from the Coastal Communities fund to expand this work and other

potential projects."

There is a warm welcome in Silloth for anyone who wants to visit and learn more about the Green's rich history or who just want to enjoy what the Green and this lovely Victorian town on the Solway Coast offers throughout the year.

Information about events can be found in the 'Events' page on the Silloth Green website ([www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events/](http://www.sillothgreen.co.uk/events/)) or by visiting the Silloth Tourism Action Group (STAG) website at [www.sillothonsolway.com/](http://www.sillothonsolway.com/).

Silloth's Tourism Officer, Colin Baty, who is based in the Silloth Tourism Information Centre on Liddell Street, can also provide information, tel. 01697 331944, or email. [Colin.Baty@allerdale.gov.uk](mailto:Colin.Baty@allerdale.gov.uk).

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# Seagulls AFC

Report by:  
Mr C Gull

Once again the terrible weather played havoc with the football fixtures and Silloth only managed to get one match played in the month of December.

However, it turned out to be a fantastic end to 2015 for the Seagulls thanks to an emphatic 8-4 victory over Whitehaven Miners Reserves to progress to the quarter-finals of the Benevolent Cup.

The strong wind and heavy pitch were certainly a leveller and made defending a tricky proposition. Twice Silloth fell behind early on in the first half but once the lads got their passing game into full swing the result was never in doubt.

The Seagulls were 5-2 up at the break and only the efforts of the opposition keeper prevented the Gulls from scoring more than the



Gareth celebrating the win in his new club scarf!

three goals they added to their tally in the 2nd half. The Rocket Kieran Little helped himself to a hat-trick with Adam Carr and Reece Blake each bagging a brace. Veteran Gareth Lewis making a rare appearance up front slotted home the eighth from close range.

Man of the match was Shaun 'the Sheep' Clark whose tireless performance was the very epitome of what it is to be a 'box to box' midfielder.

As an added bonus after the game all the players were presented with a brand new club scarf courtesy of club chairman Eric Telford.

# Golfers Donate £800 to Nursing Home



Members of the three famous Golf Society's came together at Xmas for their annual fundraiser. This years worthy recipients were the residents of Silloth convalescence home with a fantastic amount of nearly £800.

Presenting the cheque to Mrs Ann Blair was main organiser Stephen Frazer and his glamorous assistant Lennie Hodgins. The main winners on the day with an unbelievable (magic pencil) score of 45 points were 2016 Silloth Golf Club Captain elect Phillip Allison and his partner (golfing) Malcolm Wise.

Among the many thanks for making the day a success

were of course Stephen and Lennie, Brian Storey and his staff, a special mention and thanks to Nicola for keeping us all fed and watered, also all those who donated prizes and gifts.

A massive thanks to Wendy in the Albion for providing the superb hot and cold buffet, cheese and wine, beautiful as ever, and the entertainers who shall remain anonymous. Elvis has left the building?

Here's to the next fundraiser and well done to all who took part and made this day and donated towards the fantastic Silloth Convalescence Home, a facility we should all be proud of.

# Silloth Course is the Best



At Silloth on Solway Golf Club we have been fortunate to receive many accolades over the years but the latest one may be the best yet.

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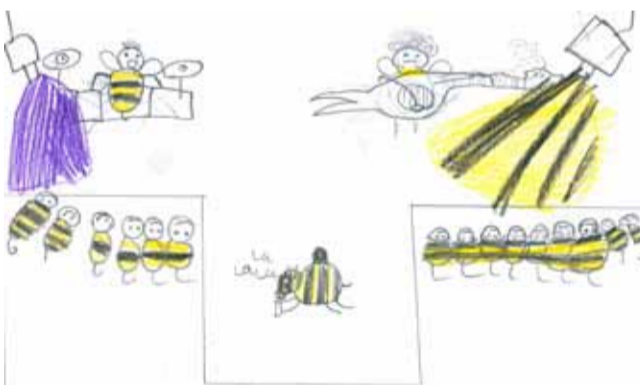
Often described as a hidden gem I have tried very hard over the last few years to get rid of the hidden part of this tag! Accolades like this help greatly

If you haven't played at Silloth yet then hopefully this article will show you that the course belongs in the top bracket of courses in Britain and with the green fees only £49 per day midweek it surely has to be on your must play list for 2016.

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# Silloth Tigers Rugby Club

Report by: Joe Kirkup

With 2016 under way Silloth travelled away to Whitehaven for what they knew was going to be a battle, with both teams fighting for tenth place in the table. The first twenty minutes saw the pitch turn into a mud bath which meant mistakes were occurring for both sides. Silloth built pressure and with a great break Ricky Sutcliffe was awarded a penalty try after the fullback tried an outrageous slide tackle.

The second half started and both sides saw tensions rise and mistakes still happening as often as ever meant coach Whealan brought to the pitch the veteran himself Darren Irwin to calm things down and within making this decision saw Silloth awarded a penalty 30 yards out but the cool head of Stoddart slotted the ball over with the pressure not effecting him what at all. The whistle blew for full time and both teams out on their feet with a well deserved 2 points in the table. Stoddart awarded man of the match.

Next game was a double header against Hawcoat Park at home, this was called off due to ice and snow affecting the pitch, so will be rescheduled

Bolton at home and with Silloth being humiliated when they met at Bolton, the Tigers went into this game with a point to prove!



Ricky Sutcliffe scoring a try against Bolton at home

Greg Wrathall made his appearance on the bench for the first time in 18 months after his injury. All players, coaches and supporters were delighted to see his return.

The game got underway and within twenty minutes Bolton had scored 3 try's! Once the home side got into the game you could see they knew they had a chance of victory. There was excellent work from the forwards with Jamie Baxter turning the ball over and big runs from Luke Baker and Dan Yeoman saw the pressure build. Then a brilliantly worked move involving every back and a few forwards meant Ricky Sutcliffe crashed over in the corner and Stoddart was successful with the boot. The game was now 7-19 and Silloth had their tails-up. Moments before half-time Silloth made mistakes and a few missed tackles resulted in a try and the fly half having no trouble at all converting it, leaving the half time score

at 7-26.

Team talk was simple for the Tigers, cut out the mistakes and play rugby.

Next, points on the board again with a brilliant worked move from the backs with John Dollochin and Craig Foster linking up well in the centres saw opposite winger Kieran Ritchie finish off a superb move, unfortunately Stoddart missed the kick, 12-26. Veteran Phillip Scott, after twenty years of playing for the club received his first ever yellow card which was a decision only the ref could understand and meant a successful penalty, score now 12-29. Another try and penalty for Bolton ended the game at 12-39. Young Flimby lad Luke Baker received man of the match with an outstanding performance with big tackles and big runs.

Next game is away at St Benedicts on 30th January who currently sit top of the league but, could the Tigers take the points?

# Abbeytown Girls Football

Report by Haley Mossop

Floods can't wash away winning Girl Football teams.

The Abbeytown Girls U14 Football Team started slow in their latest game but after some brilliant team work and tactical encouragement from Manager, Ian Beattie, they finally got a win in the League Cup, beating a good Northbank team. Charlotte Bradly and Holy Carr scored in the 2 - 2 draw and Holy went on to score the winning penalty goal after a shoot out.

Girls U12 A Team are still undefeated in The League and the County Cup to date, winning all of their ten games convincingly. They sit alone at the top of the League and began 2016 with a superb 13 - 3 win over Castletown. Excellent work from all the girls in defence and attack.

Girls U12 B Team have won their last four games, improving immensely after losing their opening three games, beating Crown Newlathies who were previously undefeated. Proud Coach Paul Harrison couldn't have wished for a better start to the New Year. Keep going Girls.

Girls U10 are starting out on a new journey with energetic new coach Hannah Wilson, sporting a strip sponsored by DA Harrison Haulage and storage. They have lost three and won four games, improving with every strike of the ball.



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