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Kayakers Ride the Tide from Silloth to Annan and Back



On Green Day, 28th May, an intrepid group of sea kayakers departed Silloth Lifeboat Station at 11am to cross the Solway to Annan Harbour. After a short break at Annan they re-crossed the Solway and returned to Silloth.

This was the first 'Ride the Tide' organised by Annan Harbour Action Group. They had a large number of applications for the crossing but limited the number to just ten

for this first trial crossing of the Solway.

Before leaving they were given the good wishes of Silloth by Mayor Tony Markley on behalf of the town.

The by now weary sea kayakers arrived back in Silloth at 6:15pm.

Annan Harbour Action Group intend this to be just the first of many crossings across the Solway, bringing England and Scotland that little bit closer together.



2017 Events

**5th August
Abbeystown Carnival**

**13th August
Silloth Fairy Day**

**25th to 27th August
Solfest**

**28th August
Silloth Carnival**

**7th to 10th September
Music & Beer Festival**

**21st October
Silloth Bonfire & Fireworks**

Who is this Sailor Boy?



Sent in by: P Forster

This photograph was found in a book purchased in the Charity Shop, Silloth, during 2014.

Can anyone recognise the

young sailor?

It was taken during his first leave on Sunday 24th January 1942 at Castle Park, Penrith.

Artists Visit Silloth

Artist Karen Strang, a regular to Silloth, will be returning on July 14th with a group of Scottish painters, writers, photographers - and even an artists' model, - for a week of plein air and other creative activities.

"The lodgings at Marine Terrace are ideal for artistic pursuits" says Karen. "The view across Criffel provides a wonderful scene and sunset, which even mesmerised Turner"

Among the artists are Suzanne Enterkin and Brian McFie, who studied painting with Karen at Glasgow School of Art, and Suzanne Williams, who studied painting at Duncan of Jordanstone in Dundee. The artists will be around and about with their easels, so please feel free to stop and engage with them. They are happy to organise lessons on landscape and commissions.



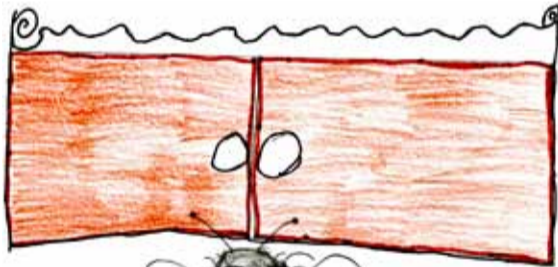
Brian McFie



Karen Strang



Suzie Enterkin-Grogan



Fashion Bee by Abigail from Silloth Primary School



Silloth Pensioners Mystery Tour

Report by: Jennifer Bailey

On 16th May I went on my first ever "Mystery Tour." It was organised by Margaret Durham of the Silloth & District Pensioners Group and everyone gathered in wild anticipation of the forthcoming delights, outside the Co-Op at 10am prompt! Now I've been on coach trips before with the group, and, even though I live nearest to the departure point, I'm usually the last one on the coach. Not this time though! I was all ready and raring to go and find out what had been planned for us all.

Everyone was guessing where they thought the trip would take us and, as we left Silloth and headed towards Carlisle and beyond, we were all sure we were on our way to Bonnie Scotland, which turned out to be the case. We travelled for a while passing through some beautiful scenery and through many varied weather types, until we reached the Drummur Farm Ice Cream Parlour in Annan, where we were to have refreshments and then on to The Arden House Hotel in the Kirkcudbright area where we were to have

lunch. The hotel was a well appointed place and the staff were ready for us with our pre-chosen lunches all ready and which were served very quickly and efficiently and with friendliness and good humour by the hotel staff.

Some of us sat outside after lunch, taking in the surrounding mountain scenery until it was time to move on. The weather provided us with variety, giving us, sunshine, rain, some very atmospheric swirling mountain mist and a little breeziness to blow cobwebs away as we passed through some lovely little towns and villages, one in particular brought back happy memories to Linda McCormick as it was where she was a bride 51 years ago!

On we went until we arrived at Gretna for a cuppa and a stretch of the legs before completing our tour back in Silloth. My first "Mystery Tour" was over and very enjoyable too. Wonder where the next one will go! Thanks must go to Margaret for all the hard work involved in arranging and booking the tour, it was very much appreciated.

About Nursery Rhymes

Report by: Jennifer Bailey

The NIA (Non-Impact Aerobics) Group had organised an afternoon tea at Culterham Hall in Mawbray on Friday 19th May, with a talk to be given by Pat Martin from The Helena Thompson Museum in Workington (AKA The Knicker Lady) on The Origins of Nursery Rhymes.

The afternoon was a most entertaining one filled with stories of how the nursery rhymes we've all known and loved, came into being. Most of them relating stories of the times and events taking place all around the towns and villages then in existence. A lot of them originating from the need to pass on information which otherwise would have been lost in the mists of time.

Pat Martin gave a very humorous and interesting

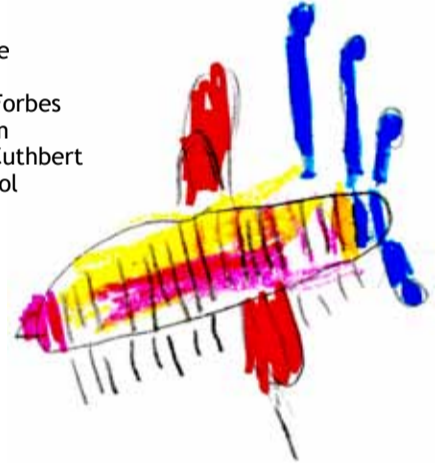
talk and there were many moments when the hall was filled with the sounds of voices singing as old, familiar memories came back to us of hearing childhood nursery rhymes and tender moments spent gently singing the same songs to sleepy heavy eyed grandchildren.

After the talk, we were all treated to a sumptuous afternoon tea served by members of the NIA group, with sandwiches, cakes to die for, trifle and endless pots of tea and coffee and cold drinks.

A raffle and tombola completed the afternoon's activities - the first raffle prize being an enormous cake,

Barbara Hepburn who had introduced Pat Martin, thanked her for her very enjoyable talk and also those people helping to organize and run the afternoon.

Dave by George Forbes from Holme St Cuthbert School



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These emails are designed to persuade victims to pay upfront, via bank transfer, before visiting the seller to collect the goods. The emails also claim that the buyer (victim) has a cooling off period to reclaim the payment if they change their mind. This gives victims the false sense of security that their money is being looked after by this trustworthy third party, when in fact it is not and the money has gone straight to the fraudster.

Protect yourself:

When making a large purchase such as a new car or

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If you receive a suspicious email asking for payment, check for spelling, grammar, or any other errors, and check who sent the email. If in doubt, check feedback online by searching the associated phone numbers or email addresses of the seller.

Contact the third party the fraudsters are purporting to be using to make the transaction. They should be able to confirm whether the email you have received is legitimate or not.

False adverts often offer vehicles or machinery for sale well below market value to entice potential victims; always be cautious. If it looks too good to be true then it probably is.

If you have been affected by this, or any other type of fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk, or by calling 0300 123 2040.

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Pensioners Coffee Morning

A very successful coffee morning was held on Saturday 3rd June at the Recreation Hall.



It was a beautiful day; warm, sunny and dry and the event was well attended.

Eve from Goldmark was in attendance with her lovely fashions and lots of people took the opportunity to buy a new outfit for the summer!

The cake stall and the bric a brac stall were well supported as was the raffle! The lucky raffle winners were as follows:

Mary Bragg,
Margaret Mattinson,
Margaret Gate,
Connie Anderson,
Maureen Grey,
Elaine Johnston and
Gerry Thorogood.

The committee would like to thank everyone for their support and thanks go to Eve for showing everyone her lovely clothing range. The next coffee morning will be held on 1st July at 10am. Everyone is welcome!

Freemasons Donate to First Responders



Silloth First Responders Nicola Szandurski and Ben Cork kindly received a £200 donation from W. Master Grant Anderson of Miramar lodge accompanied by Ivan Lomas of Miramar lodge, Peter Clark and Bill Morley both Grant lodge officers

The Great Get Together

Report by: Owen Martin

On Saturday 17th June Silloth joined in with a national event to commemorate the death of Jo Cox MP.

With the idea "More in common than divides us" we decided that a community get together on The Green would be an ideal way to bring the community and visitors alike together.

The sun was out and the wind was up, but that did not put people off. We battled with the wind to erect the gazebo. The day seen musicians from around Cumbria perform to the



crowds. People enjoyed picnics on the green whilst the kids played with sports

equipment provided by the primary school. They also enjoyed amazing cakes from Sarah's Kitchen.

We also raised money for the London fire and the Manchester attack victims by way of a collection which raised £150. We would like to thank everyone who helped organise the event and all those who attended.



Dear Householder

For the last three years Silloth has been awarded Cumbria in Bloom's Best Coastal Town Award and last year we received a Silver Gilt Award for the Coastal Town (up to 12k) category in the Britain in Bloom competition which was a tremendous achievement. This year Silloth has again been nominated to represent Cumbria in the National Britain in Bloom contest which in itself is a great honour. There are 3 ways in which you can help us to do well in these prestigious competitions:

1. Plant up any baskets, tubs, containers or borders at the front of your property
2. Clear any weeds from your property
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Well Done Our Philip!



After 25 years of cleaning the streets of Silloth six days a week, Philip Irving's employers FCC Environment rewarded him with an extra five days holiday, £250 in vouchers and a card.

The effort put in by 65 year old Philip obviously helped to boost Silloths'

chances in Britain in Bloom where the judges commented on how clean everything was.

In addition, Philip was also invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 16th May, which he attended with his sister and they both thoroughly enjoyed.

Philip said "I would like

to thank all the very kind people who wished me well regarding my visit to the Queen's tea party. I have been stopped on the street by many and have had over 250 'Likes' and messages on facebook. I really appreciate the support given to me. I wish everyone all the best for the future."

New Appointments at David Allen

Paul Mason and Jodie Ingleby have both joined the growing team at David Allen Financial Services.

Paul is a fully qualified independent financial adviser with more than 13 years experience in financial services, in various roles including compliance management and more recently in providing financial advice to individuals and businesses across a wide range of areas including investments, protection, and retirement planning. During his career to date he has gained invaluable experience working for a local building society and most recently for a local accountancy practice where he looked after a portfolio of clients across the county.

Speaking of his move to David Allen Financial Services Paul Mason said "I have been given a fantastic opportunity to build my knowledge and expertise in a rapidly expanding business where the client sits at the heart of everything we do - this was the ultimate attraction to the role for me. As independent advisers we truly have the opportunity to search the whole of the market and find the very best options for each client we work with."

Paul will be supported



in his role by Jodie Ingleby, an experienced Paraplanner who also joins the team. Jodie will work alongside Paul to ensure that collectively they support the business as it continues to grow and move forward. With their wealth of experience they will deliver an outstanding service experience for clients that is rarely seen in the sector. Whether it's at home or at work, in their office or during the evening, the team at David Allen recognise that clients shouldn't have to spend their precious spare time in endless appointments trying to sort their finances. They do the hard work for you, searching the whole of the market to ensure that each client receives the best deals available all of the time, every time.

Steve Balmer, Managing Director of David Allen Financial Services said "I am delighted to have both Paul and Jodie join what is already a fantastic team of people.

I am committed to the development and growth of our team and Paul and Jodie joining us are great examples of how, together with our people, we will continue to grow and develop and create long-lasting, valuable relationships with clients as we go. Their experience and expertise will further strengthen our business and I am looking forward to working with them both."

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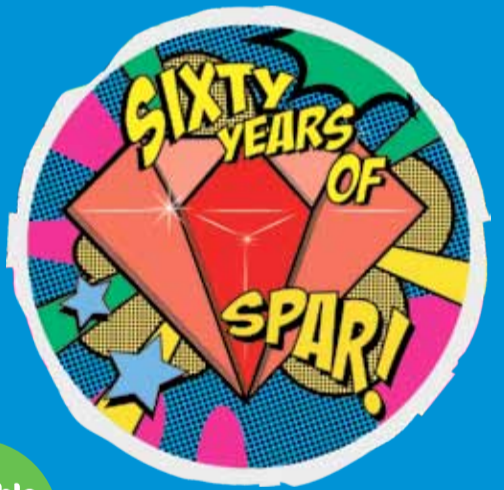
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Silloth Green Day was a Sunny Success



What an absolutely amazing day on the Green for Silloth Green Day, yet again overwhelming number of people here!

A massive thank you to all those who attended and all those who helped organise all the amazing acts, bands, singers, entertainers, stalls, funfair, H&M dog display team.

And especially the two Anne's for the dog show which raised £196 for Guide Dogs for the Blind.



Organiser Owen Martin



Still burning rubber on the turf



Anne Stephenson, one of the Dog Show bosses



Tania Irwin enjoyed Green Day



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60's Night



Report by: Penny Stimson

The tables were laden with exciting dishes of food, the band had warmed up and was ready to play. It was our 60's Night at St Andrews Hall on 13th May.

All who came had a lovely evening with plenty to eat and a great raffle. Then the Cockermouth Ukuleles

Band played music from the 60's with everyone singing along and swaying in their seats.

It was a great evening and we are looking forward to our American Night on Saturday 1st July, check the advert below for more details.

Knoxwood Trust Craft Fair

Report by: Jennifer Bailey

The Knoxwood Wildlife Trust held it's first Craft Fair in Allonby Village Hall on 13th and 14th May. I went along with Mrs Enda Keaveney to try my luck with a stall at the fair organised by Mrs Isobel Scott of the Trust. Enda was to run the raffle whilst I had some of my husband's wood carvings and my paintings to sell.

Well, the rain poured, the wind blew and the people stayed home! That was on the Saturday. There were a few hardy souls who ventured forth, but attendance was quite slow. However, on Sunday the sun came out and, although it was still a tad breezy, we had quite a goodly number of folk who came



to see what was on offer and help to raise funds for the Trust. There were stalls of wooden toys, puzzles, word plaques, painted boxes which were exquisite, prints and jewellery, as well as a patchwork stall run by Mrs Margaret Spence from Silloth.

The Knoxwood stall selling all manner of goodies from ornaments to handmade toiletries created a lot of interest as did a stall filled with baby matinee jackets, bonnets and gift sets beautifully presented. There were also driftwood sculptures on another stall.

There was a temporary cafe set up in the hall's kitchen, serving drinks, cakes and scones, all of which did a roaring trade.

Everyone was happy to have been there for this first Knoxwood Craft Fair, so fingers crossed for the next one.

American Night with The Cockermouth Ukulele Band
 Will Be Held In St Andrews Hall On Saturday 1st July From 7 To 9:30pm.
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British Heart Foundation

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Cake Cutting at WI 90th



Report & Photo by: Pat Bell

The WI 90th Birthday party was held on 3rd May. L-R: Shirley Sharp, made the cake, Morag Parkin, Federation Chairman, Dorothy Ross, the oldest member and Jean Graham, the longest serving member both cut the cake, and Margaret Durham the WI President

Slimming World

Diane Becomes a Slimming World consultant Achieving her Dreams and changing Lives

Diane first walked into a slimming world group five years ago – wanting to lose 1st 6lb she was apprehensive, but really didn't need to be, she was greeted by a fabulous consultant and the group, she was made to feel part of a team. Diane wanted to join as she felt overweight uncomfortable sluggish had low self-esteem and had lost her confidence. Diane embraced the plan along with her husband who also wanted to lose weight for health reasons, being a wagon driver and overweight he also wanted to feel better and fitter.

Diane was thrilled to lose 6lb in her first week. She couldn't believe she could eat all these fabulous foods, have her favourite meals, still have curry, pasta and chips and lose weight.

Over the years her husband's job moved them all over the country, they have now settled in Crosby and Diane walked into the 7pm group at Silloth RUFC on a Tuesday night. Again she was made to feel extremely welcome by Denise and the members, part of the team.

Diane had always wanted to be a slimming world consultant as she knows the food optimising plan works she can eat unlimited amounts of free food and lose weight, Diane's journey has been up and down but like many members Diane is human and always truly believed that when you followed the food optimising plan 100% and filled up on all those empowering foods she could lose weight.



Diane taking over from Denise

Diane now feels happier in herself her confidence had grown so much and she thoroughly enjoys her exercise.

Diane had her dreams come true when Denise told the group slimming world were looking for consultants in the local area and she attended a local Opportunities Event. (Contact Denise on 07799 708465 for forthcoming events). Diane then went forward to interview and has done her training.

She took over the Tuesday 7pm group at Silloth RUFC on 18th July. Denise has said she will be extremely sad to be leaving her members on a Tuesday,

but will remain in her other groups. Denise told me, I wouldn't be leaving the Tuesday group if I didn't know I was leaving them in such capable hands, Diane will be an awesome slimming world consultant, they don't get rid of me that easily though as the team developer for the local area I will of course still pop in from time to time and as a member it's a group I will be attending. The group will of course run as normal during the transition period, Diane's launch date is Tuesday 18th July at 7pm, everyone is welcome and the kettle will be on. For more information please contact Diane on 07788 137848

Causewayhead WI Report

Report by: Jenny Stride

The June meeting of Causewayhead WI was held on the 14th.

A demonstration of lace making was made by Barbara Ratcliffe. Barbara showed a selection of lace items she had made over the years showing examples the different types and styles such as Torchon, Bedfordshire, Maltese, Honiton. She also explained how bobbins have been made from lots of different materials. Bone was the most common originally but have also been made from pewter, silver, gold, ivory, brass and wood. Some are engraved to commemorate hangings, weddings and other events. For a basic item such as a bookmark 52 bobbins are required. Lace has been made world wide, and Barbara had books from Russia and Ireland. Its history in this country goes back to at least the 16th century, a first mention of bone lace in historical records was at the execution of Thomas

Wyatt in 1554. The influx of Huguenots in 1572 to the Midlands created Midlands lace and in 1685 the Flemish refugees taking up residence in Devon created Honiton Lace. Lace making is very time consuming, to make an average sized frilly garter by hand can take over 100 hours. As a result hand made lace has always been expensive and was originally worn mainly by wealthy men in the 16th century. After George 3rd banned foreign lace to try and protect the lace industry it became heavily smuggled into the country often in coffins with bodies being shipped back to the UK. As a cottage industry it was very hard and intensive labour for those involved. As they were often in a situation where they were given a pattern and sold thread by a middle man who then paid them



a pittance while selling the lace for a much higher sum. Because soot would stain the lace they had to work without fires, if making silk lace this had to be done in damp conditions to keep the thread supple. So many of them suffered from lung diseases and arthritis/rheumatism. The introduction of machine made lace saw the demise of lace making as a cottage industry.

Mona Kent thanked Barbara for an interesting talk.

The competitions were won as follows:
 Flower Competition
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Fantastic Display at Silloth Vintage Rally



Report by: Wendy Jameson Treasurer

2017 was the 18th year of the Silloth Vintage Rally which is an established part of the annual calendar of events on Silloth Green.

Tony Markley, Chair of Silloth Vintage Rally said "I must applaud and thank the tireless commitment and dedication given by the committee, to continue this marvellous event and especially to you all for continuing to support this great annual show."

Despite the weather, we had a good selection of exhibits and plenty of visitors braving the wind and the rain. There were some amazing examples of vintage vehicles on show including steamers, classic cars, vintage tractors, commercial vehicles and motorbikes etc. Mike Richardson from Wigton received the Overall Winner trophy at this year's Rally for his immaculate Ford Cortina, which was presented to him by Tony Markley, Chair of Silloth Vintage Rally. On the Saturday, Carr's Mill had a museum open day in support of the Vintage Rally, for which we are very grateful. Entertainment at the Rally was provided by Greg Chapman, performing his juggling shows mixed with comedy and escapology. The Vander Wheel of Death team were going to do three performances on the Sunday but unfortunately due to the weather, it was too dangerous for them. However, everyone will have another opportunity to see them when they perform at the Silloth Carnival in August. On Saturday and Sunday, the Orange Factory tractor pulling team were in the arena, with their super powered Fiat tractor which was a sight to behold.

A big thank you to everyone who turned out to this year's event, despite the weather not being particularly kind. Thanks to all the exhibitors, traders, sponsors, programme advertisers, entertainers and the Silloth-on-Solway Town Council for allowing us to hold the Rally on Silloth Green.

A very BIG THANK YOU to our volunteers, as without them the Vintage Rally simply wouldn't happen. There is an awful lot of work that goes into organising an event such as this which brings people into the town and benefits the local economy.



Photo by: Kellymarie Henderson



Photo by: Jamie Bell



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Sunday 9th July

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at

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Solway School Prom in Stanwix Park



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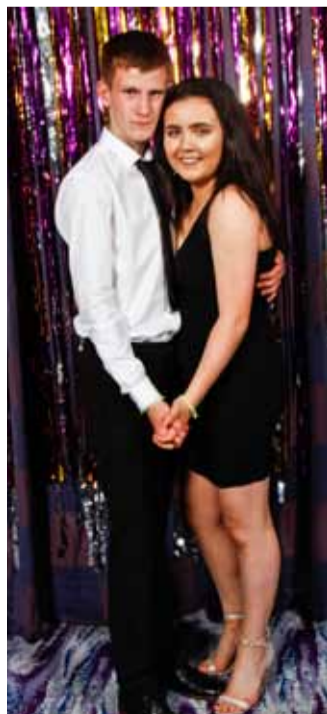
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In:- St Andrew's Church Hall
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Tea : - £2.50

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Copy Date ➔

Copy date for the August issue is: **1st July 2017**

If your organisation has an event to promote or you have something to say, please note the next copy date.

Please let us know of any changes within this section

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.

First Responders

Silloth Community First Responders train on the first and third Tuesday of every month in Silloth Community Centre 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.

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

Bridge Group

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

Slimming World

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

Christ Church

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

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Abbeytown Library

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

Production Team

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

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Football Training

Silloth Football Club Juniors in Silloth Sports Hall

(Mini Gulls under 7 years) Sundays at 10:30 to 11:30am Contact Geoff Grainger 016973 43370 Under 10's Training Wednesdays 5pm to 6pm Contacts Martin Slack & Paul Mulgrew 07526 665759

Open to boys and girls. Cost £2 Membership forms available from all coaches.

Men's Team

Men's Team training to restart on Tuesday 4/7/17. Thereafter every Tuesday and Thursday 6.30pm Colin Baty: 07754 890297 Silloth Over 35's Matches on Monday nights May until end of August. Contact Philip Scott 07712 549070

Abbeytown Girls

Abbeytown Sports Field Wednesdays 4-5pm

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

Sewing Circle

Have you clothes you don't wear - don't like or don't fit properly? Come along to Silloth Sewing Circle on a Thursday afternoon from 12pm to 4pm at St Andrews Church Hall opposite the Co-op. We will teach you to alter and make cloths and furnishings for the family. Just £2 and you get tea/coffee and biscuits. 016973 31915

Clubercise Dance

Stanwix Park Holiday Centre The Sunset Inn, Every TUESDAY 5:45pm to 6:45pm. Glow sticks, 90's to present day dance hits. Just Show up! Call Gayle 07725 990062 for more information.

Silloth Tennis Club

For coaching information call David Wise on 07742 547767

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

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.

Dates for the Diary

July

1st Coffee Morning in the Recreation Hall at 10am to noon with Silloth & District Pensioners

1st St Andrews Church American Night with food and Country Music by Cockermouth Ukulele Band 7pm-9:30pm

3rd Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall, Petteiril Street at 7pm

4th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

5th Police Desk Drop-In at Silloth Library, 2pm to 4pm

5th Parkinsons UK Group meeting, lunch and a natter in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527

8th Free Barbecue with Churches Together from 11am to 3pm at Aspatria Community Centre, all welcome

8th Strawberry Teas at Holm Cultram Abbey 2pm-5pm

9th Strawberry Teas at Holm Cultram Abbey 2pm-5pm

10th Cumbria in Bloom judging today in Silloth

12th Causewayhead WI meet in the Community Hall at 7:15pm, all welcome

14th Summer Concert by Christ Church Men's Choir

15th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

18th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

18th Thwaite U3A Group meeting in All Hallows Community Centre, Fletchertown from 2pm to 4pm, talk: The Calvert Trust by Alison Miles Tel Pauline 016973 49943

20th Causewayhead WI Afternoon Tea in St Andrews Church Hall, 3pm to 4:30pm Tea: £2.50, cake stall & tombola

25th Blencogo Gardening Club in Blencogo Village Hall at 7:30pm, open to all £3, talk on Gardening for health

28th Allonby Artex 2017 in Allonby Village Hall

29th Allonby Artex 2017 in Allonby Village Hall

29th St Andrews Church Bingo 2pm-4pm

30th Allonby Artex 2017 in Allonby Village Hall

31st Allonby Artex 2017 in Allonby Village Hall

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

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August

1st Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

2nd Britain in Bloom judging today in Silloth

2nd Parkinsons UK Group Eddie's ramblings and lunch in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527

5th Abbeytown Carnival

8th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

9th Police Desk Drop-In at Silloth Library, 2pm to 4pm

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

12th Free Barbecue with Churches Together from 11am to 3pm at The Abbey, Abbeytown, all welcome

13th Silloth Fairy Day on the green 11am to 4pm

15th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

15th Thwaite U3A Group meeting in All Hallows Community Centre, Fletchertown from 2pm to 4pm, talk: The Lives and ladies of Burns and Wordsworth by Paul Heslop Tel Pauline 016973 49943

20th Annual Allonby Charity Ploughing Match at Allerby Hall Farm, Messr Miller, Info Ian Tordiff 07732 618819

25th Solfest

26th Solfest

26th St Andrews Church Strawberry Cream Teas 2-4pm

27th Solfest

28th Silloth Carnival

29th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

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

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Dementia Cafe

To be held in WIGTON METHODIST CHURCH 1st Monday in month 10am - 12 noon For people with dementia and their carers Coffee, cake, chat...and more

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

September

2nd St Andrews Church Bingo 2pm-4pm

3rd Silloth Community Craft Show in Christ Church Hall, 12 to 4pm

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

6th Parkinsons UK Group meeting, Antiques Roadshow with Michael Roberts of PFK. (Bring an Item to be discussed and valued) Starting at 11:15am. Lunch at about 12:30pm in Wheyrigg Hotel Tel 016973 52527

7th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

8th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

9th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

9th RNLI Evening with John Crouch (Chef) in St Cuthbert Church Hall in Wigton at 7pm for 7:30pm

10th Holme St Cuthbert Community Group Table Top Sale in Culterham Hall noon to 4pm, Refreshments available, T: 01900 881343

10th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

12th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

13th Police Desk Drop-In at Silloth Library, 2pm to 4pm

13th Causewayhead WI meet in the Community Hall at 7:15pm, all welcome

16th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

19th Thwaite U3A Group meeting in All Hallows Community Centre, Fletchertown from 2pm to 4pm, talk: Cumbria to China on a motor cycle by Michael Cowen. Tel Pauline 016973 49943

23rd Free Barbecue with Churches Together from 11am to 3pm at Christ Church grounds, all welcome

26th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

26th Blencogo Gardening Club in Blencogo Village Hall at 7:30pm, open to all £3, talk on Northern gardens to visit

27th SCTC Prize Evening from 7-8pm all welcome



Arthritis Support

Wigton Area Arthritis Support Group meet on 1st Friday each month at Fair View Court, Wigton @ 1:30pm, details from Gladys 016973 43964

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

October

2nd Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall, Petteiril Street at 7pm

4th Parkinsons UK Group meeting, speaker and lunch in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527

10th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

11th Causewayhead WI meet in the Community Hall at 7:15pm, all welcome

14th Crunch Service at Skinburness Road Car Park from 8am to 9:45am

14th Cumbrian Dialect Competition hosted by Silloth Rotary in the Golf Hotel at 2pm

14th St Andrews Church Quiz & Food from 7pm-9:30pm

14th RNLI Fish & Chip Supper in the Corner Cafe at 7pm for 7:30pm

17th Thwaite U3A Group meeting in All Hallows Community Centre, Fletchertown from 2pm to 4pm, talk & tasting of jam & preserves by Wild & Fruitful Tel Pauline 016973 49943

18th Police Desk Drop-In at Silloth Library, 2pm to 4pm

21st Bonfire + Fireworks on Silloth Airfield at 6pm

24th Solway Tea Dances in Westnewton Village Hall from 1:45 to 3:45pm, 07765 961822, all welcome

24th Blencogo Gardening Club in Blencogo Village Hall at 7:30pm, open to all £3, talk on bulbs glorious bulbs

November

1st Parkinsons UK Group meeting, speaker and lunch in Wheyrigg Hotel at 11:15am Tel 016973 52527

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

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

Children's Centre

Opening hours are 9am to 3pm on a Tuesday and Thursday, when a member of staff would hope to be present. Other Room usage is subject to fulfilling certain criteria and must be arranged and pre booked. Contact numbers: Silloth 016973 31509 Wigton 016973 43870 Aspatria 016973 23401

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 Keep Fit 8:30pm to 9pm NEW MEMBERS WELCOME For further details contact Stephen on 07811 761033

Letters

Dear Buzz,

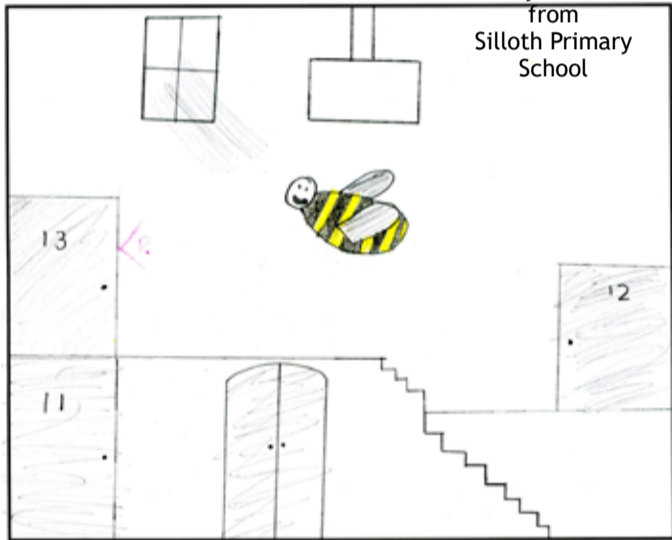
Many thanks to the staff of the Blue Dolphin restaurant in Silloth, and to the passers by, sadly I have no names but you know who you are. I was very grateful for the help you all gave me with my husband when he had a bad fall in Silloth. God bless you all.

S. Messenger



Beer Festival Bee
by Oscar Hyde
from Silloth Primary School

The Room 13 Bee
by Emily Graham
from Silloth Primary School



Readers Poems

PUSS
by Mrs J Bailey

*Puss was old and Puss was slow,
Puss had nowhere else to go,
So Puss was brought to my back door,
And hasn't wandered anymore.*

*"We'll find a home for Puss," said I,
And with a will set out to try,
But no-one wants a cat who's old,
"It's kits we need," so I was told.*

*The cats home then was all full up,
I thought that I'd been "sold a pup",
A home for Puss could not be had
Things really started to look bad.*

*Time went by and Puss remains
By the warmth of fireside flames,
She purrs contentment, eyes aglow
And knows there's now no need to go.*

I'm Tired
by Penny Stimson

*I'm tired and I'm weary
And don't know what to do.
I've got a cough and cold
And feeling kinda blue.*

*The sink is full of dishes,
There's not a cup that's clean.
No food is in the fridge
So I'm getting kinda lean.*

*The sofa is where I spend my day
Just sleeping time away.
I should get up and do some work,
But perhaps another day!*

*I'd like to think a fairy
Will call when I'm asleep,
Clean the house and wash-up
Leaving it nice and neat.*

*I know that's wishful thinking
And the work something I have to do.
So tomorrow I'll make a start
And see what I get through!*

Nature At Its Best
by Andrew Bennie

*As I lay in the grass
Looking upwards towards the sky
There was not even a whisper
Or weary passers by*

*The clouds make shapes of people's faces
Sometimes they even look like places
As you look into the distance
Where the sky meets the land
Against the blue of the sky
There is this beautiful purple band
The heather so thick and evenly spread
If you look close you will see a rabbit or a hare
Showing their head*

*The deer can roam free
They eat all that they see
As I walk through the field life feels just right
As I look to the sky I can see the birds taking to flight*

*They swoop and dive
They make everything come alive
Should I be happy the bird caught its prey
Or sad that the poor wee mouse
Won't live to see another day*

*Then there is the farmer ploughing his land
He goes up and down in straight lines
Like a marching band
You reach the trees so straight and tall
There is the hole where the wee bird makes its nest
There is never a hole too large or too small*

*Do you think that these trees can talk?
For there is always weird sounds when you walk
Then there is this small babbling brook
As it flows you start to get hooked
The more you stare and look*

*The fish are swimming
The bugs are singing
Everyone is happy
In their own wee world*

*Me I will continue to lie here
My eyes are closed like the animals I am free of fear
A slight wind is starting to blow
The long grass swaying to and fro*

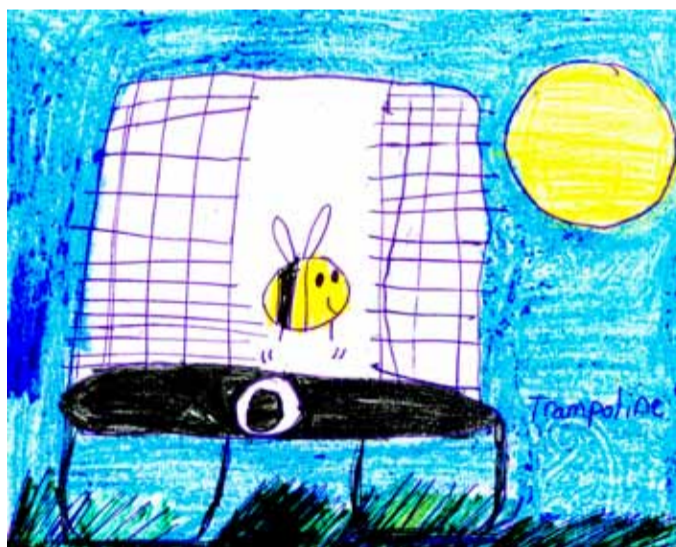
*The smell of the plants is caught in your nose
It's beautiful your mind it starts to wonder
To where or when no one knows
You feel the heat of the sun upon your skin
You lie there in awe and welcome it in*

*It's nice to get away from the hustle and bustle
Of the streets below
I have had a wonderful time
In these hills of mine
So I will finish now
For it is time for me to say*

Cheerio



Rainbow Bee
by Sophie Crawford from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Bouncy Bee
by Lara Phoebe Gilfillan from Silloth Primary School

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Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered Polo Shirt 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 Polo Shirt from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.

This month the winner is Emily Jane Hetherington from Silloth Primary School with a bee drawing called "Buzz Bee".

Well done!



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.

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Report & Photos by:
John Forrester

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The arrival of CHRISTA caught the attention of families taking the sea air on a sunny Sunday afternoon. The ship was inbound from Sagunto, a Mediterranean port to the north of Valencia. The sailing from Spain had taken ten days at a leisurely speed averaging 6 knots.

Passing through the dock entrance is always a dramatic sight when viewed at close quarters. Ship watchers followed the skilful manoeuvre as the pilot controlled speed and direction to counter the effects of tidal currents which can move the ship off course. Once safely into New Dock the ship was turned and berthed alongside the

unloading quay.

The usual busy scene at the quayside was accompanied by the arrival of new members of crew who had flown in and were ready to board to begin their stint of duty.

CHRISTA, built in 1989 bears the flag of Vanuatu, an island in the Pacific to the northeast of Australia. The funnel logo 'W' indicates the London operator 'Wakes'. Many ship owners use flags of convenience where the regulations of the flag state offer operational advantages.

The ship is used mainly on short sea routes in the Mediterranean and Black Sea. Silloth has been the most northerly port visited so far this year. Two days after arrival and with her cargo of fertiliser discharged she was ready for departure south to Falmouth.



Tide Tables

JULY 2017		SILLOTH							
		DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE							
		High Water				Low Water			
Date		Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	SA	05 02	6.1	17 35	5.6			12 05	-0.2
2	SU	06 04	5.7	18 41	5.4	00 17	0.2	13 03	0.1
3	M	07 08	5.5	19 45	5.4	01 19	0.4	14 03	0.1
4	TU	08 12	5.5	20 46	5.6	02 24	0.4	15 03	0.1
5	W	09 10	5.6	21 35	5.9	03 25	0.2	15 56	-0.0
6	TH	09 57	5.9	22 18	6.2	04 19	0.1	16 42	-0.1
7	F	10 39	6.2	22 56	6.5	05 04	-0.1	17 23	-0.3
8	SA	11 17	6.3	23 31	6.7	05 46	-0.4	18 03	-0.4
9	SU	11 52	6.5			06 25	-0.5	18 39	-0.5
10	M	00 05	6.9	12 25	6.6	07 02	-0.6	19 15	-0.6
11	TU	00 39	7.0	13 01	6.6	07 40	-0.6	19 52	-0.6
12	W	01 15	7.0	13 37	6.6	08 18	-0.7	20 31	-0.6
13	TH	01 52	6.9	14 14	6.5	08 57	-0.6	21 09	-0.4
14	F	02 31	6.7	14 54	6.3	09 34	-0.6	21 47	-0.3
15	SA	03 13	6.6	15 39	6.2	10 14	-0.4	22 29	-0.1
16	SU	04 02	6.4	16 32	6.0	10 58	-0.3	23 19	-0.0
17	M	04 59	6.2	17 35	5.7	11 51	-0.1		
18	TU	06 08	6.1	18 50	5.7	00 20	0.1	12 56	-0.1
19	W	07 21	6.1	20 01	6.0	01 32	0.1	14 11	-0.1
20	TH	08 30	6.3	21 06	6.4	02 48	-0.1	15 23	-0.4
21	F	09 33	6.7	22 04	7.0	04 01	-0.4	16 30	-0.6
22	SA	10 30	7.1	22 56	7.3	05 07	-0.8	17 31	-0.9
23	SU	11 23	7.4	23 46	7.6	06 07	-1.1	18 25	-1.0
24	M			12 12	7.5	07 01	-1.4	19 16	-1.1
25	TU	00 31	7.7	12 59	7.5	07 51	-1.4	20 04	-1.1
26	W	01 18	7.7	13 45	7.4	08 38	-1.4	20 47	-1.0
27	TH	02 03	7.5	14 29	7.1	09 20	-1.2	21 26	-0.7
28	F	02 46	7.2	15 11	6.6	09 59	-0.9	22 04	-0.4
29	SA	03 30	6.7	15 56	6.2	10 38	-0.5	22 43	-0.1
30	SU	04 16	6.2	16 44	5.7	11 19	-0.1	23 27	0.3
31	M	05 09	5.6	17 42	5.3			12 06	0.2

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

May Shipping at the Port of Silloth

Report by:
Ian Macpherson,
Deputy Harbour Master &
Short Sea Pilot

Christa docked on the 14th with a cargo of Fertiliser from Sagunto (Spain) and sailed on the 17th for Falmouth.

Anmiro docked on the 15th with a cargo of French Wheat from La Pallice and sailed on the 17th for Belfast.

Wilson Dublin docked on the 22nd with a part cargo of Fertiliser from Klaipeda and sailed on the 23rd for Newport.

Zapadny docked on the 23rd with a cargo of

Molasses from Amsterdam and sailed on the 24th for Klaipeda.

Furness Abbey docked on the 28th from Whitehaven after completing surveys of the Silloth approaches and docks. Sailing 2nd June for Barrow.

Ashley docked on the 29th with a cargo of Fertiliser from Hamburg and sailed on the 31st for Rotterdam.

Jumbo docked on the 30th with a cargo of Fertiliser from Gdynia and sailed on the 1st June to SFO.

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Big Allerdale Switch

For four years now, Allerdale Borough Council has been offering residents the chance to save money on their energy bills through the Big Allerdale Switch, and new research shows that these savings are being put back into the local economy.

The collection switching scheme gives residents the opportunity to group together and use the combined buying power to access energy supply contracts which they may not be able to get access to on their own.

Allerdale Borough Council householders who signed up for the latest round of the Big Allerdale Switch could save an average of £195.42 each following an auction between energy companies, which is higher than the national average. The council partnered with iChoosr, the UK's leading expert in collective energy switching, and together were able to deliver bespoke and highly competitive tariffs.

Household switchers have been surveyed by iChoosr to reveal the extent to which the money householders save will be injected in to the local economy with local spending. New research reveals almost two thirds (63%) of energy switchers said they will spend the money saved on energy bills in their local economy.

The winner of the Dual Fuel auction category, SSE, will supply both online and paper billing options to residents, as will Green Star Energy for electricity only

contracts. Residents with prepayment meters will be offered either Dual Fuel or Electricity Only contracts from Ovo Energy. The tariffs are exclusive to scheme members and are not available direct from the suppliers or via price comparison services.

In Allerdale, a total of 284 households have registered. The Big Allerdale Switch was combined with a number of other similar initiatives around the UK, to create a collective of more than 55,000 households and was driven by over 72 local authorities.

Graeme Wilson, Head of Housing and Health at Allerdale Borough Council, said: "It's fantastic to see that the residents of Allerdale can enjoy such great savings on their energy. We will continue to offer schemes like the Big Allerdale Switch as part of our ongoing priority to tackle inequality in the borough and reduce fuel poverty. And if the savings are put back into the local economy, then that's a bonus!"

Households in Allerdale who haven't yet signed up are still able to access the exclusive deals secured through the collective by simply signing up via the website today. They can do this right up until the offer expires on 11 July.



George Frost, from iChoosr, comments: "Nationally, households gathered together by their local councils have

so far saved over £27 million. This suggests that collective energy switching schemes run by councils are responsible for diverting more than £17 million of households' budgets from their energy bill to their local economies.

"Five of the 'Big 6' suppliers – those which supply most households – have increased their standard variable tariffs now, and the 6th is expected to follow suit in August. After more than three years of falling energy prices, the price hikes are now hitting households in the pocket. Households that have never switched, or at least not recently, will see the biggest savings. For those in fixed term contracts, sadly you may pay more but you can protect yourself from further rises by fixing your tariff now until the summer of 2018."

Residents will soon get their personal offer letters or emails letting them know if they'll be saving against their current deal – and if so how much money will be going back into their pocket, and perhaps spent with local businesses. There is no obligation for people to accept their personal offer, but if they do it's easy and straightforward and the new provider will take care of the whole process.

Silloth Golf Club News

Reports by: Backspin

SILLOTH ON SOLWAY MEN'S 36 HOLE SCRATCH EVENT

Silloth on Solway Golf Club hosted its annual open 36 hole scratch event on Saturday 29th April.

This event attracts some of the best players in the North of England and Southern Scotland and 70 players competed over the links in good weather conditions.

The event is keenly contested and is well supported by our own County players. It is no surprise that in events such as these the cream rises to the top.

This year was no exception and the winner was Stephen Jopson from Carlisle with a terrific score of six under par after consecutive rounds of 69.

Silloth's John Longcake and Furness Golf Club's Rob Spence were joint second some six shots back with an excellent level par score.

The top eight was rounded out by Richard Mewse, Andy Bell, Luke Walker, Darren Whitfield and another player Neil Hillier who's fine showing placed him 8th with a two over par total for the two rounds.

Congratulations to Stephen, John and Neil and well done to all that played.

FAMOUS FACES AT SILLOTH GOLF CLUB

Silloth Golf Club is well known as being a top course in the UK and Ireland.

Unsurprisingly it attracts golfers from all over the UK and indeed the world, of varying levels.

It has over the years attracted many famous people from the world of sport and show business who just drop in for a game unannounced.

Recently this year John Parrot (a previous visitor) arrived with friends for a game.

The latest famous sportsman seen at the club recently was World Record

Triple Jump Holder Jonathan Edwards who came for a game. Jonathan lapped up the course.

Captain David Beeby just happened to be in the club at the time and duly welcomed Jonathan to the club and had a conversation with him about the course and the rapidly changing weather conditions on the day.

It came as a surprise when Jonathan said to the Captain "This is my favourite course in the whole of the UK. I live not too far away, so have been over several times over the years."

This is another great recommendation for the club and it just goes to show you never know who is in Silloth because of this great little club of ours.



Golf Trick Shot legend to visit Silloth on Solway Golf Club

We are delighted to announce that on Saturday 5th August we have the former world golf trick shot champion Paul Barrington performing a trick shot show at the golf club.

Paul Barrington is a former world trick shot champion and two time British long drive champion. He is one of the best golf trick shot entertainers in the world so this is a brilliant event for the club to be hosting.

The show will start at 6:30pm and this will be followed by a Hog Roast and disco.

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Abbeytown Girls are Just Champion



Report & Photo by: Haley Mossop

Abbeytown Under 14 Girls winning team in this years County Cup, a brilliant

achievement considering half the girls are only 12 years old and can compete in the same age group next year.

The same team went

onto claim runners up in the League final played at Brunton Park in May also. Great season all round and well deserved results.



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Robert Shaw Wins



Report by: Clean Grooves

Robert Shaw recently won his maiden SPG tour title.

This was played over the early May Bank Holiday weekend in the Lancaster area. The three day event was played over three courses - Morecambe Golf Club, Lancaster Golf Club and finally Kirkby Lonsdale where Robert prevailed on a nail-biting final day with a two shot victory from the fast closing Peter Ritchie and a host of others.

Undoubtedly Rob's recent fitness campaign must have been key but his real strength was his consistency off the tee.

Arguably, the most popular winner ever on tour, Robert aka Shorty, Big

Rob, Dave, Boiler Bob and many other names, was as expected, gracious in victory.

Rather than focus on his own achievement big Rob said this when presented with the trophy by Philip Allison "Life's good. It's just a pleasure to come away with seventeen other lads and enjoy each other's company. My win is not important. Life's good fellas."

Well done Shorty.



Phil Allison presenting the winners cup to Robert Shaw

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