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BEER FESTIVAL BOOKS TOP GROUP

The new committee for the Beer Festival have done the town proud and booked "The Hamsters", who are arguably Britain's top live Blues/Rock Band as the headliners for the Beer Festival.

This years dates are 4th to 7th September and as usual will be in the marquee on Silloth Green. This is fast becoming one of the biggest events held in the town and is a wonderful trouble-free success.

THE HAMSTERS

Performing 3,250 concerts in 16 years, the guitar, bass and drums trio of The Hamsters have long been established as Britains premier blues-rock attraction.

Although primarily playing their own material, they are also widely regarded as the UK's leading interpreters of the music of Jimi Hendrix and ZZ Top.



Slim – Live in Concert

"They're fabulous: one of Britain's very best live bands" - Bob Harris, Radio 2

"Nobody does the music of Jimi Hendrix and ZZ Top better (apart from the real ZZ Top)" - The Times

Students Visit London



Solway Community School pupils outside Buckingham Palace

Monday 3rd February saw the visit to London by fourteen of our year 11 students. Undeterred by the snowy weather here in Cumbria, students and staff made their way by train to London Euston. Monday afternoon activities included tube travel and an open top bus sightseeing tour, taking in Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament and Trafalgar square to name but a few. The highlight of the evening was a visit to the Victoria Palace Theatre to see "Grease" followed by a snack in "Burger King".

Slightly more tired, Tuesday saw us visiting the British Science Museum to

attend the prestigious debate "Climate Change: Your Burning Questions". Here, the students first watched the film "Blue Planet" and were then encouraged to put forward their questions concerning climate change to a panel of experts. The debate was broadcast later in the day on Radio Four. Following the debate there was time for a short shopping spree prior to the train journey home. Through out the trip the manner and behaviour of the students was exemplary, a credit to parents, school and our community, it was a pleasure for the staff concerned to take them.