

Silloth Tourism Action Group

The February meeting of S.T.A.G held at the Golf Hotel, Silloth on Tuesday 25th, with eight people attending dealt with the following activities for the coming summer.

The Blue Peter Bikeathon, which was so successful on a very fine day last year, is to be repeated on the 4th of May. Essential aspects of permissions, publicity, risk assessments and help were discussed.

The Vintage Rally is to be held on 21st-22nd June, with its Craft Fair, a Steel Band, Birds of Prey, sculptures in wood and local companies plus many of the other successful attractions in recent years.

A meeting to arrange for a Wagon Pull is being arranged. The Trawler Race to be held on 2nd August.

The Carnival arrangements were progressing nicely and the Beer Festival to be held on 4th-7th September with 'hopefully' pensioners Tea Party plus the Dearham Brass band on the Saturday afternoon. It's a Knockout and the Truck Show will not be held this year.

As in the past regular bird watching and marine shore walks would be undertaken in conjunction with Silloth T.I.C. and for the first time a series of local walks and events are being arranged by S.R.I.

Reports upon meetings with the Cumbria Tourist Board and Western Lake District Tourism Partnership were considered as also the very successful Silloth Regeneration Partnership Get-together at the Golf Hotel on 23rd February. This was an excellent opportunity for all local voluntary organisations and groups to show what they were doing and attracted the general public from a very wide area.

A discussion on 'Branding' concluded that whilst we all must 'flag up the Solway area', this should be within the existing tourist framework, we did not consider yet another organisation to be desirable.

The next meeting of S.T.A.G will be on Tuesday April 8th at 7pm in the Golf Hotel, anyone from the Silloth area will be very welcome to come along and join in.

Details from Mrs Florence Hammond: 016973 20440.

Easter in Silloth

Easter is almost here and the Churches in Silloth have organised several events during this period of Lent and you are cordially invited to join in.

Lent Lunches are being served on Wednesday March 26th and April 2nd & 9th from 12 o'clock in St Andrews Hall, Solway Street. The idea is to do without your usual midday meal and enjoy some simple soup and bread instead. There's no set charge but people are asked to make a contribution to Christian Aid.

The Lent Study Course takes place on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Methodist Schoolroom, Solway Street, based on a course booklet suggesting passages to read and questions to discuss. Like regular Bible study meetings, discussion will be very informal, you can contribute as much or as little as you feel comfortable with.

Good Friday Witness April 18th starting at 10am. All churches will take part in an act of witness to hear the Easter story, ending with the erection of a cross on the hill by the pines and the creation of an Easter Garden at Christ Church. Everyone is invited, especially young people. The event will begin in Christ Church before moving in procession through the streets and across the green. If the weather is awful we will just stay in Christ Church until those brave enough go to erect the cross.

Clubs & Organisations



Above: browsing the displays while enjoying the hospitality
Below: Beatrice Henderson receiving her £50 cheque from Peter McRobert
Bottom: Silloth & District Motorcycle Club display

Around 300 people attended the Clubs & Organisations Event held in The Golf Hotel showing just how many activities there are in this area for people to get involved in. Winner of the £50 raffle prize was Beatrice Henderson who had entered the raffle thinking it was for a box of biscuits – she was delighted to find she was wrong.



Trinity Methodist Church

On Saturday 8th March 2003 a concert was held to start the chapels 127 year anniversary celebrations.

"Mark One" Whitehaven Youth Gospel Choir gave an outstanding, vibrant performance, where the audience participated and thoroughly enjoyed it.

The group consisted of 14 children aged between 12 years to 18 years playing keyboard, drums and bass guitar rendering three part harmony with lots of enthusiasm.

Two teachers from Whitehaven trained and lead the choir, the performance was great testimony for their efforts.

A great night was had by all.