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by Evie Myers from Holme St Cuthbert School

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## £800 for Brownies & Rainbows



Pictured above are Silloth Golf Club Captain Malcolm Wise and Banty Trot Organiser Lenny Hodgins, handing over two cheques for £400 each to Silloth 1st Brownies & Silloth Rainbows.

The money will be used to help the two groups to continue

to flourish. The money was raised during the Banty Trot Christmas Golf Day at Silloth Golf Club.

Special mention must go to both Steven Fraser and Johnny Martin for their tireless work on the day managing their fund raising activities so successfully.

## Flag Raised for Commonwealth Day



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### 2019 Events

**26th May  
Silloth Green Day**

**8th + 9th June  
Silloth Vintage Rally**

**23rd to 25th August  
Solfest**

**26th August  
Silloth Carnival**

**5th to 8th September  
Music & Beer Festival**

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# £1,080 Raised for Charity in Memory of Shaun Bell



On the 3rd February this year a well known face in the town, Shaun Bell, sadly passed away peacefully in the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, after a battle with cancer. Shaun was a 'local lad' born and raised in Silloth by his Mam with eight siblings. Everyone in Silloth will most likely remember Shaun for being a great 'character' and one of the friendliest blokes around who was always saying hello to everyone (regardless if he knew them or not) always putting others first.

As well as a great Dad, Granda and friend to many, Shaun was known as the 'Peoples Mechanic' and could always be seen 'working' from his garage, fag in mouth and cuppa in one hand, stopping everyone that passed to ask how they were doing and tell them his 'terrible' jokes, which he was well known for.

Shaun lost his beloved wife

Barbara almost ten years to the day of his passing, and has left his children Jennifer, Shaun and Martin and the rest of the family brokenhearted but at peace, knowing their mam and dad are now reunited together.

Shaun will be a great miss to many and Silloth has lost a true 'legend'. The family would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for all the cards, kind words, messages and donations at the service which raised a fantastic £1,080, which has been split between Cancer Research UK and the Pentecostal Church, West Silloth (or as Shaun referred to it 'The mission'). Also a special thanks to the incredible Margaret Gate, David Mounsey Funeral Director, Stanwix Holiday Park and Alison Henderson for catering of the wake.

As Shaun would have said "Thanks' x.

## Pensioners Coffee Mornings

Report by: Jean Day

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces at the first Coffee Morning of this New Year, especially on such a cold morning. Coffee was free this morning as a thank you for the continued support of all our friends, but the cake, bric a brac, and raffle did brisk business.

Thanks to all the generous donations there were nine raffle winners today - Dorothy Maxwell, Elizabeth Reeves, Eddie Maybury, Margaret Mattinson, Joan Bowe, Pat Froggatt, Maureen Carr, Mary Hoskins and Maureen Gray.

Despite a damp, misty start to

the day, the Coffee Morning on 2nd March was very well attended, and everyone got to go home in the sunshine, even though it did not last. The cake stall did good business as usual and because of the very generous donations from so many visitors to the Hall a good raffle was held. Winners were - Edna Allison, Pauline Mole, Pam Blaylock, Joyce Musgrave, Mary Eccles, Dorothy Maxwell, Di Wallace, Margaret Mattinson, Sheila Beaty and Margo Pattinson.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at the next Coffee Morning on Saturday, 6th April, all are welcome.

## Mist or Fog?

by Ralph Pickering  
(with assistance from BBC2!)

"Oh, wasn't it foggy the other morning?" said I.

"No, that was just a bit of mist" was the answer I was given.

"Well what is the difference between mist and fog?" said I.

The answer to this never-ending question could be given by the Met Office. It is really quite simple; fog is when visibility is less than a kilometre; mist is when you can see further than that!

"Well, is that all clear now?"

## RNLI Quiz Night Raises £353



Report by: Margaret English

Once again, the RNLI Quiz Night was held at Mrs Wilson's Café in Silloth on Friday 1st February.

Thirteen quiz teams gathered to compete in the quiz. As usual Geoff and Sarah Betsworth were setting the wide variety of questions and running the evening. Our grateful thanks to them both for their hard work, which is very much appreciated as it isn't an easy task.

The event was very oversubscribed, and once again we give our apologies to those teams

that could not get a place. A huge thank you to David and Carol at Mrs Wilson's who welcomed everybody warmly and kept everyone well-watered throughout the evening. At half time they put on a lovely supper of sandwiches and chips, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The Silloth and District RNLI Fundraising group thank everyone at Mrs Wilson's for making the evening a great success.

The winning team was James' Gang with 72 points, well ahead of the Wheelers with 63 points. The final place was taken by the Golden

Girls. £353 was raised which is about £5 more than last year.

Finally, a very special thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun testing their memories.

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# Changes to Recycling & Bin Collections



Interest in recycling has never been higher, and we are all keen to do our bit. Therefore, Allerdale Borough Council is making changes to the way recycling collections to homes are made – and residents are being encouraged to look out for the new bin or box which will be delivered to their homes over the next few weeks.

The new service, which will be delivered in partnership with the council's waste and recycling collections partner FCC Environment, means the single-use purple bag will no longer be used for collecting glass, cans and plastic.

The council is keen to keep the changes as simple as possible. Therefore, once the changes begin residents who currently use a small green bin for paper and card, will therefore use this small green bin for glass, cans and plastic instead. There will be no need to bag the waste up, just pop it straight in the bin.

From next week the council is delivering around 40,000 large blue-lidded bins which will be used for paper and card. Deliveries will continue for several weeks, so don't worry if you don't get one immediately. With twice the current

capacity, these new bins will be collected every four weeks, whilst glass, cans and plastic will continue to be collected every two weeks, once the new service starts.

There are a number of households who currently use a green hessian sack for paper and card as well as a purple bag for other recycling. Therefore, the council is delivering a box to these customers, which is for them to use for glass, cans and plastics instead of the purple bag. The hessian sack will continue to be used for paper and card. As it is to be collected every four weeks, residents can have more sacks if required.

Other waste collections will remain the same, with weekly collections for non-recyclable and other waste, and fortnightly collections for garden waste. However, it is likely that the

collection day will be different under the new service and so residents are encouraged to look carefully at their new bin calendar when it arrives in a few weeks' time. The time bin-crews visit may also be different than residents have been used to.

The changes are due to start on 1 April 2019, with residents asked to use the new bins and boxes once their last recycling collection has been made at the end of March ready for the new collections starting.

Michael Heaslip, Executive member with responsibility for Environmental Quality, said: "These changes are all about improving the service to the customer and having less impact on the environment with the phasing out of the purple bags. However, we know how popular the purple bags are, so that's why we've tried to make the new service as easy as possible for our residents. These changes are also designed to deliver financial savings in the long-term."

The council will be writing to



all residents nearer the changeover, with details of their new bin calendar. In the meantime, the advice is to put their new bin somewhere safe, ready for the new collections to start.

Residents can find out more information at [www.allerdale.gov.uk/newbins](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/newbins) or by calling 0303 123 1702.

Stickers are also being delivered to households to go on their small green bin, with details of what it can be used for once the new service begins.

The council's Executive committee agreed to the changes back in October 2018. As well as changes to bin collections, the council is also investing in a fleet of new environmentally friendly vehicles, which use in-cab technology to provide information on the rounds.

# What a Grand Burns Night



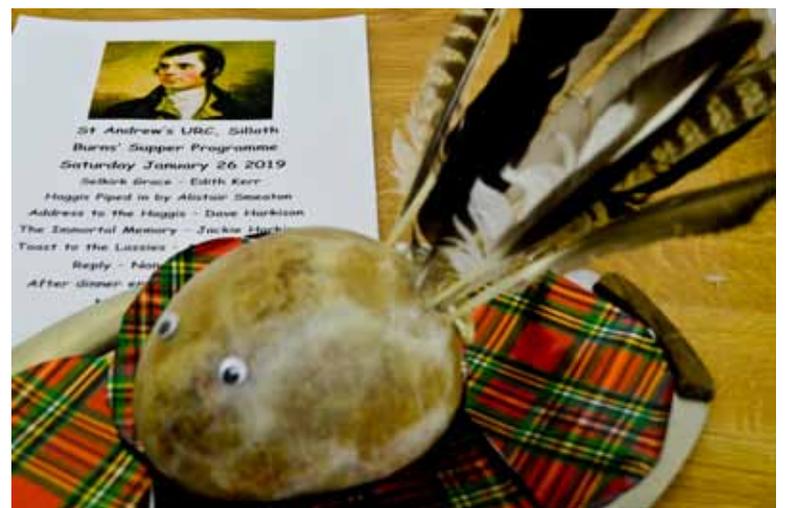
Report by: Penny Stimson

On the 26th January 2019 St Andrew's Hall was transformed, we had the Scottish flags flying and tartan on the tables as the hall hosted a Burns Night.

The haggis was piped in to the sounds of one of the ministers, Alistair Smeaton, playing the bagpipes. Toasts were given with the much enjoyed dram of whisky.

After the meal we enjoyed much loved Scottish tunes played by Alistair and his lovely wife. Everybody had a good time and we managed to raise £400 towards the improvements of our hall.

A big thank you to all who attended and we look forward to seeing more of you next year when we celebrate Burns Night again.



## Anyone for Whist?

We at St Andrews Hall have been asked if we could start a weekly whist afternoon.

Anyone interested in joining please contact the Church Secretary-Penny Stimson on 016973 32255.



Very Hungry Fat Bee by Isabella Henderson from Silloth Primary School

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# Sophie Raises £400 for the Little Princess Trust



Before Sophie Stalker After

Report by: Julie Emary  
Silloth RNLI Lifeboat Press Officer

An exciting morning was had at Silloth RNLI on Sunday 17th February, when Sophie Stalker, aged 8, granddaughter of Tom Stalker who has been a volunteer at Silloth RNLI for over 35 years, had a sponsored hair cut, in aid of the Little Princess Trust, who treat children with cancer.

This altruistic act was entirely Sophie's idea and was not part of a

collective effort.

Sophie's hair had to be shortened by at least 17cm, to enable the cut hair to be sent to the charity and made into a wig for the children who have had treatment for cancer, in the end a massive 30cm was chopped off.

Sophie had never had her hair cut before, so this was quite an experience for her. Her hair was cut by Alison Wise and witnessed

# Summer Time?

by Ralph Pickering with help from The Halford Cycle Co Ltd

Oh, what a lovely morning, the sun's shining bright and the days getting longer. When on earth does summertime start? It's no problem for us now because we look on the calendar or in the diary and there it is printed. But how did we know about summertime in earlier days?

Summertime starts in Great Britain each year at 2am on the Sunday following the third Saturday in April, or if that day is Easter Sunday, then on the Sunday following the second Saturday in April. All clear?

It expires at 2am on the Sunday following the first Saturday in October.

by most of the RNLI Lifeboat Crew who were down for their normal Sunday morning exercise.

Sophie decided that she would prefer to return home to have her hair cut, properly finished off by Alison.

Sophie has raised over £400 for the Little Princess Trust, a magnificent amount.

# Get a Will Written & Support Jigsaw

During the month of April 2019, Beaty & Co. Solicitors in Wigton will be taking part in a Will writing scheme to raise funds for a local charity. You can receive a professionally written Will in return for a donation to Eden Valley Hospice and Jigsaw. The suggested donation for a single Will is £130 and for a couple £200. There is no obligation to include a charitable legacy in your Will, although the Hospice would be delighted if you chose to. Gifts to the Hospice in Wills accounted for approximately 20% of their income last year.

It is vital to make a Will if you care about what happens to your assets after your death. Without one, your estate would be distributed according to the statutory rules of intestacy, which means that your relatives, friends or favourite charities may not benefit as you had intended.

Eden Valley Hospice and Jigsaw Children's Hospice in Carlisle provide care for local people with life-limiting illnesses and also provide respite care and

Day Hospice services. Jigsaw is the only children's hospice in Cumbria and provides support to children and young adults with life-limiting conditions throughout the county, as well as offering support to their families.



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# 19 out of 20 Get the School They Want

Over 94% of pupils have been offered their first choice secondary school for this September, figures released today confirm.

Out of 4,980 applicants resident in Cumbria, who applied by the closing date, 4,696 (94.3%) were offered a place at their first preference school, and 99.8% of parents/carers securing an offer at their first, second or third preference school (providing second/third preferences were given).

Parents and carers who have not been offered places for their children at their first preference school are being provided with information about how to lodge an appeal.

Councillor Sue Sanderson, Cumbria County Council's Cabinet Member for schools and learning, said: "It's fantastic news that the vast majority of pupils have secured a place at their first choice secondary school. Young people in Cumbria are more likely to get a place at the secondary they want than most other places in the country. That

# SOSCS Donations

Report by: Pat Froggatt

Due to a good summer season in 2018 we have been able to donate more funds to local good causes. Many thanks to all who have made purchases or who have supplied us with their unwanted items - they are very much appreciated.

The following have benefitted from your generosity.

Silloth Rugby Club	£500
Silloth AFC.	£500
Silloth Lifeboat	£1,000
First Responders	£1,000
Silloth Food Festival	£500
Silloth on Solway Sports	£500
Friends of Silloth Primary.	£1,000
Silloth Photography	£250
Silloth Vintage Rally	£500
Silloth Carnival	£500
Silloth Motor Cycling Museum	£500

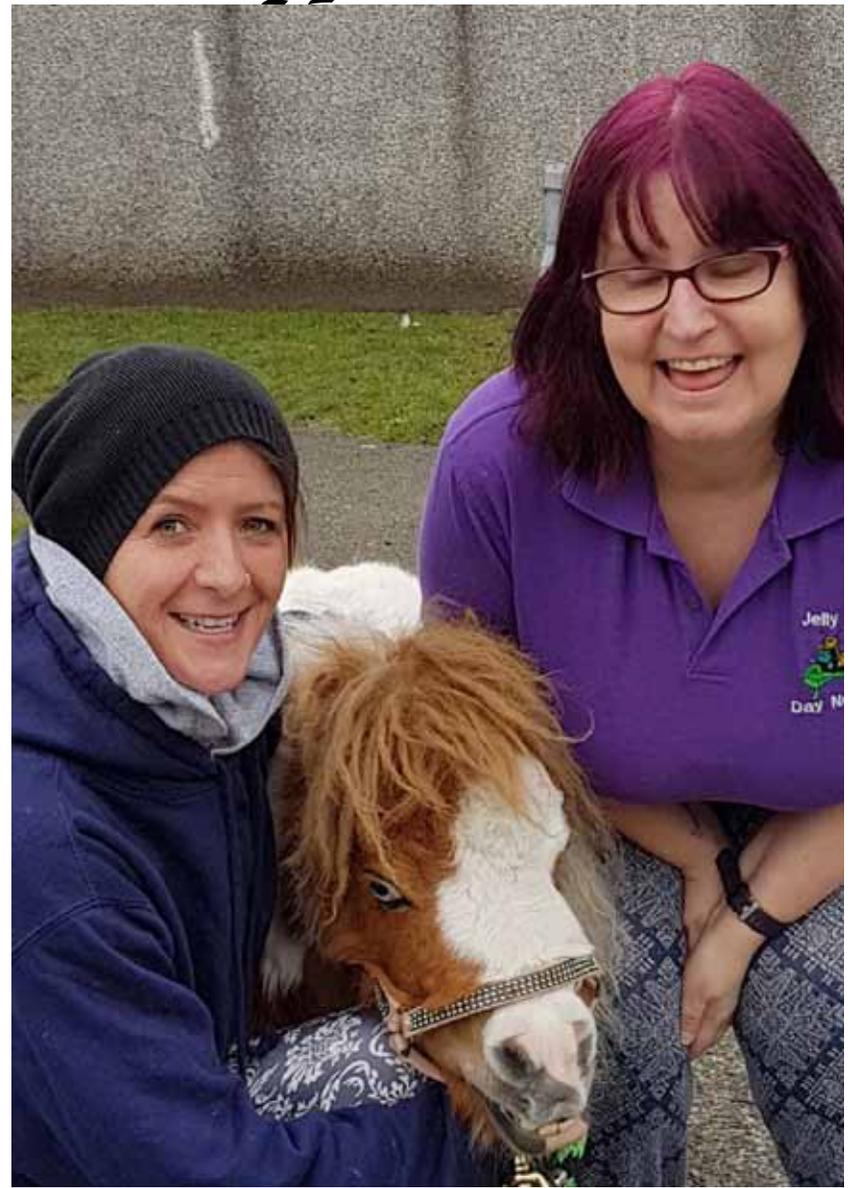
TOTAL £6,750  
Once again many thanks.

# Xmas Lunch Supports Ani-Mel

Jackie McCormick would like to say a great big thank you to everyone in Silloth for supporting her again to provide a Christmas lunch for those in need.

A great big thank you to Alison Henderson for helping and supplying Silloth Cafe without which it would not be possible. Also thank you very much to all the helpers on the day that helped us to serve 25 meals to those in need. To Jaybee Blake's, the Balmoral and Berrys the bakers for supporting us every year we have done this.

This year's money of £368 has gone to Ani-Mel to help with her new ventures for her lovely animals. Again thank you so much and looking forward to this year's Christmas lunch.



will be a great comfort to the majority of parents and carers in the county and I wish pupils and their families all the very best for their new school."

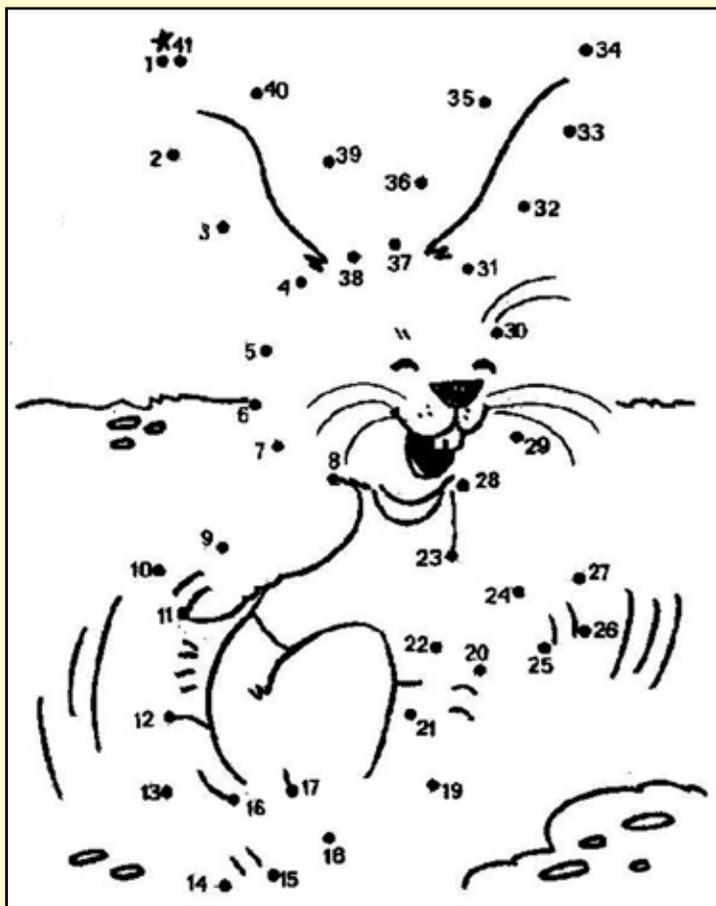
Following the allocation of school places, there may be a small number of pupils who have been offered a place at

their preferred school but due to a change in circumstances might have changed their mind since submitting a request for a school place.

If anybody is in this position, they should contact the school admissions team on 01228 221582 or email school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk.

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# Connie Anderson at 90!



Connie Anderson celebrating her 90th Birthday with Committee Members at Silloth Nursing Home. Connie has been part of Silloth Nursing Home for half of her life, starting as wages clerk, then Secretary before retiring and becoming a member of the Committee - what an achievement. Everyone at the Home wishes Connie all the very best on her 90th Birthday, you truly are one special lady.

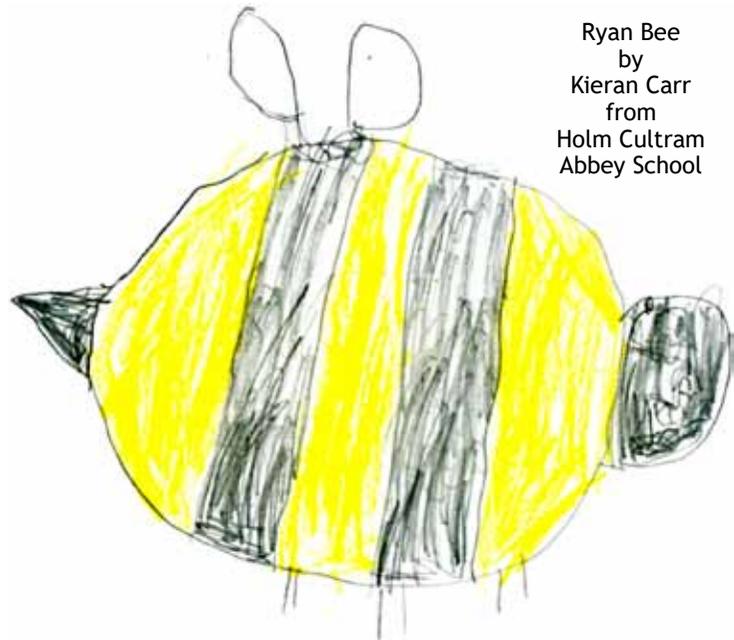
# Trash or Treasure Jumble Sale

On Saturday 25th May from 10am to 2pm, St Andrews Hall will be open for a old fashioned jumble sale and our delicious teas.

The items will be piled high with everything 50p or £1. You can bring an item if you wish and swap it for something we have or you can pay for the items that you

wish to have, only one item can be used to swap. There will also be our wonderful teas which you can sit and enjoy for £5, they are delicious as anyone who has had them will tell you! This will be a great event and everyone is welcome to come along and have a scrummy tea and rummage.

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## Chance to get a Waste Digester For Free

Do you regularly have leftover food? Don't throw it away! Cumbria County Council is offering a huge 80% discount on two types of food digester, available via the Recycle for Cumbria website. All orders received before 5pm on Sunday 7th April will be entered into a competition to receive a full refund on their digester – we're giving away sixty units (ten in each district)!

The council has been working hard to reduce food waste by making food waste digesters available in the county at heavily discounted rates since 2014. Since then, nearly 6,000 units have been distributed. All households that have a food waste digester have the means to dispose organic waste produced at home and reduce the amount of waste being sent to waste treatment plants.

Two different digesters are available. 'Green Johanna' is a combined digester and composter, and will accept all cooked and un-cooked food waste, mixed with organic garden waste to produce rich compost. This unit usually retails at £119.99 but is available for just £20 when ordered via Recycle for Cumbria.

'Green Cone' is purely a food waste digester. This unit sits in a sunny position and accepts all cooked and uncooked food waste. Compost is not produced but the waste is broken down in a below-ground chamber and naturally dissipates away into the soil. This unit usually retails at £99.99 but is available for just £15 when ordered from Recycle for Cumbria.

This year as an added incentive, we are giving away ten units in each district. All you have to do is purchase your digester before 5pm on Sunday 7th April. We'll pick out ten people at random from each of the six districts (sixty in total), and they will be refunded the cost of their digester.

There's also a free kitchen caddy up for grabs - anyone that purchases a black compost bin (available in 220 or 330 litre sizes)

from the website during March will receive a free kitchen caddy. This is a bin you place underneath the sink to collect peelings and food waste before putting them in the composter.

Find out more and make your order at [www.recycleforcumbria.org](http://www.recycleforcumbria.org)

Councillor Celia Tibble, Cabinet Member for the Environment, said: "We're really keen to help residents get food waste out of their kitchen bins and put waste to good use, so we're excited to be able to offer these bins at a heavily discounted rate. Food waste digesters not only accept food like vegetable peelings and bread, but also meat, fish and bones - which



can't go in a conventional compost bin, so they're a really great asset, and a fantastic alternative to food waste ending up at a treatment centre."

## A Pancakes Treat



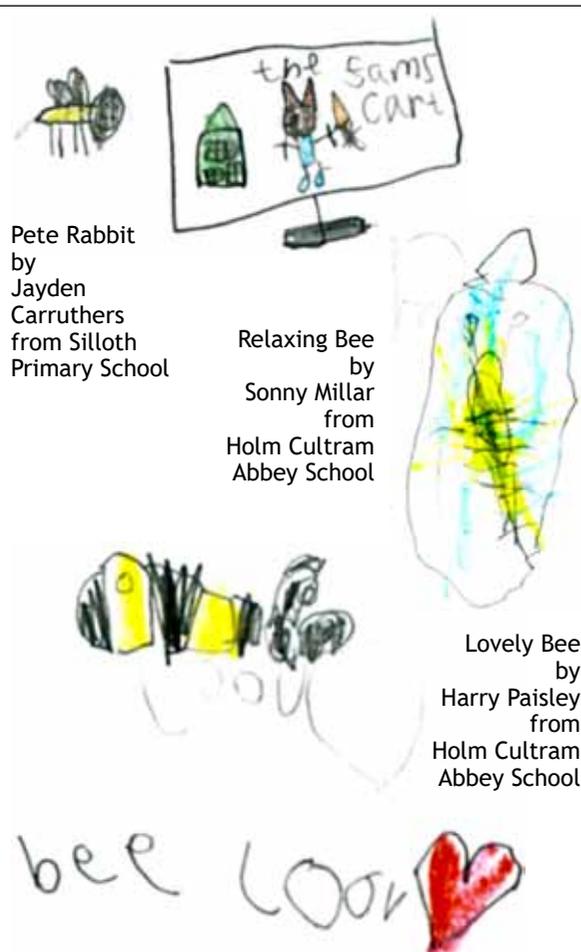
Report by: Penny Stimson

On Saturday 16th February St Andrews Hall opened its doors for a treat - Pancakes.

These were served with a variety of wonderful fillings of ice-cream, chocolate and cream, maple syrup, treacle or fruit, Tea

and coffee.

Every one who came enjoyed them and we are please to say we made £154 towards our new windows which we are having fitted the end of this month. Thank you to all who came and supported us.



Pete Rabbit by Jayden Carruthers from Silloth Primary School

Relaxing Bee by Sonny Millar from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Lovely Bee by Harry Paisley from Holm Cultram Abbey School

## Exiles MCC £250 to RNLI



Report by: Julie Emary Silloth RNLI Press Officer

Once again Silloth RNLI lifeboat is very grateful to Exiles Cumbria Motorcycle Club for their continued support.

Some of the Exiles Cumbria MCC members came to Silloth boathouse on Sunday 20th January to present the RNLI Silloth with a cheque for £250.

This money which had been raised from the raffle held at their Fimbulvetr Rally held at the Solway Holiday Village in Silloth,

over the weekend of 23 - 25 November 2018.

This follows Exiles Cumbria presentation of a cheque earlier in the year, after the Ragnarock Festival in Silloth.

Silloth RNLI lifeboat crew would like to thank Exiles Cumbria MCC very much for their donations and continued support for this charity, which relies solely on money donated to them and has a crew that made up purely of volunteers.

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# Come to the Carer Forums

## Carers Forums

The reasons that someone may need help or care are wide and varied therefore the role of an Adult Carer can differ greatly.

There are many common issues that all carers have to deal with such as time management, dealing with carer stress/anxiety and increased financial pressures.

Similarly there are other situations which can be unique. For example, lifting and carrying can be needed when looking after someone with a physical disability. For some this can lead to significant back pains and problems.



Often carers will just get on with things without giving any thought to their own health and safety.

West Cumbria Carers hold regular Carers Forums across Allerdale and Copeland, each one focusing on a different impact of caring.

At the forums carers will hear from guest speakers, learn more about local support organisations and meet others dealing with similar issues and problems.

### Coming Up

At our next forums we will be discussing Continence Issues and Tissue Viability.

Continence care helps people to achieve and maintain control of their bladder or bowel functions. This can include tips on keeping the bladder healthy, continence assessment, identifying a course of treatment if necessary and emotional support and advice.

Pressure ulcers are an injury that breaks down the skin and underlying tissue. They are caused when an area of skin is placed under pressure. They are sometimes known as 'bedsores' or 'pressure sores'.

### When and Where:

- The Oval Centre, Workington on Thursday 4th April from 10am to 12noon
- Bransty Legion, Whitehaven on Thursday 6th June from 10am to 12noon

If you enjoy a nice natter over a spot of lunch call 01900 821 976 now to book your place!

# Make Sure You Are Registered To Vote

On Thursday 2 May 2019 residents in Allerdale will go to the polls to have their say on who represents them at a local level.

Local government elections select councillors, who are responsible for making decisions on running services in your local area. These include housing, planning, parks, leisure, regeneration, economic development, recycling and waste management.

In order to vote in this important election, residents must be on the electoral register. The deadline to register to vote in local elections is fast approaching and Allerdale Borough Council is urging residents who have not registered at their current address to make sure they are registered in time.

The deadline to register to vote is midnight on Friday 12 April. Anyone can apply online at gov.uk/register-to-vote. It takes just five minutes.

Andrew Seekings, Electoral

Registration Officer for Allerdale Borough Council said: "Time is running out to make sure you can take part in the local elections.

These elections are an opportunity to make your voice heard and

have a say on who represents you on issues that directly affect day-to-day life here in Allerdale. If you're not registered by 12 April, you won't be able to vote."

Melanie

Davidson, Head of Support and Improvement at the Electoral Commission, said: "If you have recently turned 18 or moved home, it is particularly important that you act to ensure that you are registered to vote. It takes just five minutes online and means that you can take part in this important election."

If you were registered to vote in the last election and your details have not changed, you will still be registered to vote. If in doubt, check your details by giving the council a call on 0303 123 1702.



China Bee  
by Nathan Maybury-Potter  
from Silloth Primary School

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## Waver Wine Circle

Report by: Stuart Jones

At our meeting on 13th March, for the first time, a revised version of "Call My Bluff" was tried. The idea, hatched by Graham and Janet, consisted of five teams, each with three members, presenting a bottle of wine suitably covered with a sock. Perhaps the next competition should be for the most colourful sock! After everyone tasting the wine each team member read a description, with the other teams guessing which one was correct. The trial, causing some confusion and much laughter, seemed to be a success with a tie for the

winning position between Graham, Margaret and Janet's team with a red wine and Stephen, Judith and Ann with a white wine. Chair, Bill confirmed the success of the new version, suggesting it should be given a further trial next year, maybe with a few revisions!

Many thanks to Stella for providing the 'home comforts' and organising the raffle, this time given by Janet and won by Judith.

The next meeting is our AGM on 10th April, in the Village Hall. Members are requested to come with plenty of suggestions for next year.

## West Cumbrian Kids Project



Report by: Zoe Forster

"My work has always been about storytelling, in which I look to my own community. I've been working with the land, creating objects from raw materials found here, that have their own history. So naturally I was drawn to the Tish Murtha photographic works exhibition at The Photographers Gallery a while back – a British social documentary photographer, she photographed marginalised communities and working class life in Newcastle during the 80's. This is how the idea came into fruition, I had always made work about my community and exhibited it in London, that didn't sit right with me and I felt a bit cheeky doing so, so I applied to Arts Council England for a grant, got local schools on board and we began the project about the community, for the community - giving forty West Cumbrian Kids disposable B&W film cameras, allowing them to photograph the world from their point of view, a celebration of everyday life.

After the kids had photographed, we developed the film (which was chaotic), scanned and chose which photos were to be in the show. There was a multitude of really great photographs and it was difficult whittling this down so I further applied for funding from

the S.O.S. Charity shop to create a book to put more photos in, something the kids could take away and keep.

The exhibition was a success, held in Caldew Hall – staying within the theme of community and it was lovely seeing how impressed the parents and family of those involved were with the kids work.

I'd like to say how impressed I was with the work produced. Hopefully this is a project that can evolve into something more, it would be a shame not to as obviously we have a lot of young talented artists here and they should be given the opportunities to flourish.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the show, thanks to

Silloth Rotary Club, the S.O.S. Charity Shop, Solway School, Holme St Cuthberts School and Silloth Youth Group.



Organiser  
Zoe Forster



## Women's Institute

Report by: Jenny Stride

This month we had a very interesting talk with slides by Ken Graham on life in the Shetland Isles.

Shetland is a subarctic archipelago of approx 100 islands only 15 of which are inhabited. There are buildings from the Mesolithic age (20,000 years old). They were built from stone and are very well preserved. The earliest written history dates to Roman times. The Romans, Vikings, Norwegians and Danes have all had a large influence on the islands. The islands came into the UK when King Christian of Denmark and Norway's daughter Margaret married James Fourth of Scotland in 1468. King Christian ceded Shetland and the Orkneys to Scotland in lieu of a dowry.

The medieval tower at Broch is one of the few places where you can guarantee seeing Storm Petrels. There are several birds that can only be found on the Islands, the Red Necked Phalarope, Shetland Starling and Shetland Wren.

The Islands are also home to 60-70% of the world's population of the Great Skua.

There are a lot of otters who are actually river otters and when they hunt in the sea have to swim in fresh water afterwards to get rid of the salt.

There are believed to be three

pods of whales around the islands. The traditional fishing boat "yoal" is small and you can only admire the bravery of the fishermen who used these. The boats are now used for racing and regattas are held in the summer with 1 mile races at sea. All major areas have leisure centres courtesy of oil money and unlike the rest of the UK all the roads are pot hole free again thanks to oil money.

Secondary School children board weekly in Lerwick but very few people leave the islands.

There is a big annual celebration in January each year known as Up Helly Aa. This dates from Victorian times although the costumes resemble Viking clothing. A boat is built each year and placed in the centre of Lerwick, after a torchlight procession round the town the torches are thrown into the boat so that it burns. It is unpopular with some people as it is a male only organisation. To take part men have to have resided in Lerwick for six years and have been at least sixteen years on the committee before they can be the guiser ya.

Raffle

Marjorie Dockray, Shirley Sharp

Competition

1. Pat Froggatt 2. Pat Froggatt

Flower Competition

1. Christine Worrall

2. Olga Hetherington.



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# Carnival Queen or King Wanted

Report by: Mandy Kerr

YOU could be our King or Queen for the day!

Silloth Carnival committee are looking for a Queen or King to take part in the 2019 Carnival.

If this is something you are interested in and would like some further information please contact Mandy Kerr on 07841 762801.



2018 Carnival Queen Freya Hagan

# Commonwealth Flag Day



On Monday 11 March 2019, Silloth-on-Solway took part in the Commonwealth Day celebration, with the raising of the Commonwealth Flag in the Community Garden on Silloth Green. The ceremony was well attended, with pupils and staff from Silloth Primary School and Solway Community School, and representatives from other groups and organisations in the town, on what was a pleasant Spring morning.

At 9:45am, Cllr. Tony Markley, Mayor of Silloth welcomed everyone to the Flag Raising Ceremony. Craig McKay and Kyle MacKenzie, pupils from Solway Community School read out the Commonwealth Affirmation. This common act of witness renews the commitment of people in Commonwealth countries to work together inclusively and in a spirit of goodwill towards democracy and development in which all can share.

Cllr. Markley read out the Commonwealth Day message from Her Majesty The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth. "Today, many millions of people around the world are drawn together because of the

collective values shared by the Commonwealth."

At 10am, Cllr. Wilkinson, Deputy Mayor of Silloth raised the Commonwealth Flag, this being the fifth year that Silloth has taken part. Cllr. Markley thanked everyone for attending the ceremony, something that the younger children might remember in years to come.

The Commonwealth theme this year is 'A Connected Commonwealth' and it has particular significance as we mark the 70th anniversary of the 1949 London Declaration which brought into being the Commonwealth we know today – a family of nations 'freely co-operating in the pursuit of peace, liberty and progress'. In a message from The Right Honourable Patricia Scotland QC, the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, 'Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth is an occasion to acknowledge publicly and collectively, the continuing aspiration of the Commonwealth to build on common traditions and uphold our shared values of democracy, inclusive development and respect for diversity.'

# Silloth Beach Clean



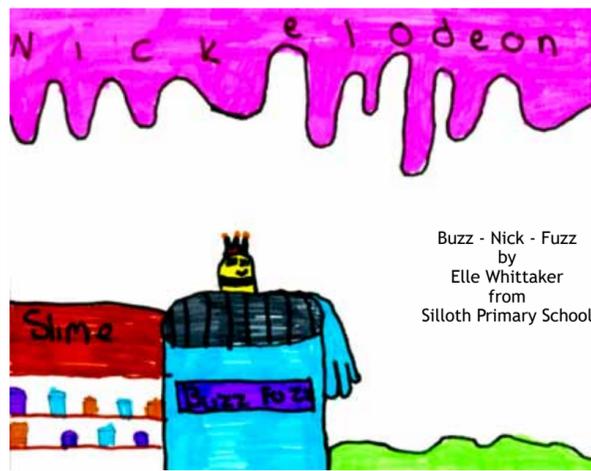
Report by: Tim Riley

Silloth Beach clean was on 17th January and eighteen people attended from local villages. What a great clean up.

We collected: 1 large plastic roadway divider, 2 wire mesh cages off Gabion sea defences, 12 sheep lick containers, a sofa cushion,

unfortunately no sofa, 2 tyres, 1 dog bed and 31 bags of litter!

The wind was very brisk on the beach, and the ABP Landrover worked really well supporting the community, there were a lot of questions as to why it says Immingham on the side, but we will work on that!



Buzz - Nick - Fuzz by Elle Whittaker from Silloth Primary School

# Coast Road Closure at Dubmill Point

Report by: John Molyneux

I spoke with two Cumbria County Council engineers at Dubmill on the 15th February, all of us alarmed by the amount of erosion with 4.5 metres from road to grass edge. Measured again on the 20th it was only 3.2 metres and the Council chose to close the road.

Cumbria County Council received a Marine Management Organisation licence for planned work in early March and has since had a Natural England permit to work in a Site of Special Scientific Interest. But a Natural England licence to work near protected toads is still needed.

I contacted Sue Hayman who was to have an emergency meeting with DEFRA to allow work to be started immediately. This licence has now been granted but two more licences were required from Natural England. Mid March the rock armour to be used has been delivered along with plant and machinery. The rock armour on site is from Hexham & Middleton in Teasdale quarries.

I have campaigned for some



years to have the B5300 coast road protected from the sea with correspondence with relevant authorities.

Mrs Hayman said: "It seems incredibly over complex and when we have got an issue of coastal erosion and roads that are clearly not protected as they should be, it really does seem ridiculous that we can't just crack on and it takes this length of time."

It doesn't seem very co-ordinated and I think this is right across the board. We need a much more efficient and effective way of managing these things.

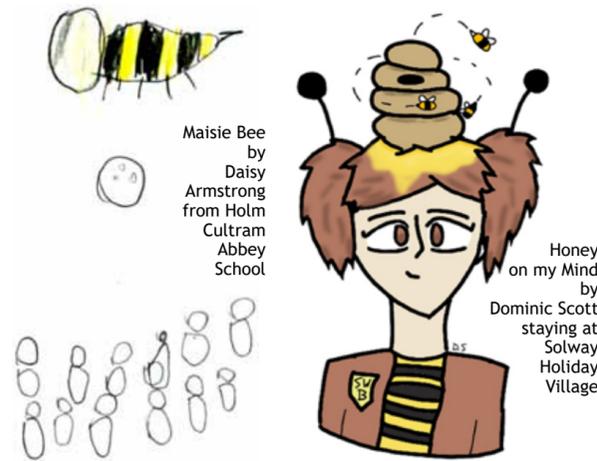
It's incredibly important. Constituents who live in that area have been telling us about their very deep concerns for more than three

years. We really need to make sure that their homes are protected, their businesses are protected and that there's a road that's usable because when that road closes for a period of time it has a serious impact on local businesses as well as children going to school and people going to doctors appointments."

# Dock Silos Removed



After sitting unused for over thirty years the three massive silos at Silloth Dock have finally been removed by DA Harrison.



Maisie Bee by Daisy Armstrong from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Honey on my Mind by Dominic Scott staying at Solway Holiday Village

**Holme Cultram Abbey**

## Lent Lunches

Last Lunch  
Thursday 4th April  
12.00 pm - 1.00 pm  
In the Abbey Tea Room

Soup, Bread, Tea/Coffee, Cheese & Biscuits

All Welcome

**Silloth Bowling Club presents**

An evening of entertainment in memory of Shaun Bell, Bill Allison, Roland Donald, Gordon Baker and many others battling or who have lost their fight with cancer.

Featuring local performers

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## Blencogo & District Garden Club Programme

Our garden club is held in Blencogo Village Hall, start time 7pm. Dates listed below. Why not come along and join.

Yearly membership £10 or come along on the night as a guest £5 (however joining means you get to come to all the meetings, garden visits and our great Annual Christmas meal).

### Speakers and Garden Visits

Tuesday 23rd April - Growing for cutting. -Anne Willis demonstration of a seasonal flower arrangement..

Tuesday 28th May - club meeting - Kevin Preston Sweet Peas. viv.preston.vp@gmail.com plants for sale on night.

Thursday 13th June - Visit Dale Foot Farm - 2pm - tour. dalefootcomposts.co.uk

Early July - Garden visit- Holker Hall/ Alnwick Gardens - Members to choose.

Tuesday 23rd July - Steven Valentine- Acer's, sgjv@msn.com

No meeting in August - Option to visit Lilac Cottage garden.

Tuesday 24th September Helen Knowles - The Winter Garden, Owner of Tinnisburn Plants.

Tuesday 22nd October - Alpines for everyone. Neil and Sue Huntley run Hardy Plant Nursery. Plants for sale on the night.

Tuesday 12th November - (change of date)

Matthew Smith Tulips past and present. Brighter Blooms.

No meeting in December.

January 2020- Annual dinner. Date and venue to be decided.

Tuesday 25th February 2020 - Speaker to be arranged

Tuesday 24th March 2020 - AGM



## Buzzing Letters

Dear Buzz,

On Sunday 3rd March my husband Brian and I were enjoying a walk from Silloth to Skinburness when Brian suffered a cardiac arrest. Without the help of a number of exceptional people, Brian would not be alive today. On behalf of Brian and our children Angela and Ian, I would like to thank the following people and organisations from the bottom of my heart for their incredible determination, skills and support; I have listed them in chronological order:

- the young couple who witnessed Brian's first collapse, called the ambulance and helped him to recover
- Joanne Dixon who supported me throughout, initially waiting on the roadside to guide paramedics to our location
- Suzanne Stanley for her amazing skill in providing CPR when Brian suffered the cardiac arrest. Without her skill, Brian would not have survived and would without doubt not be looking forward to returning to his usual lifestyle
- Lorna Gilmour, Community First Responder for her professional skills in providing life saving first aid (including defibrillation), before an ambulance arrived
- Kirstie Oliver (Suzanne's friend from Todmorden in West Yorks) who brought Lorna from the roadside and then took over the CPR from Suzanne
- all the Community First Responders from the area
- North West Ambulance paramedics
- Great North Air Ambulance doctors and staff
- Theresa and Andrew Heath who supported me by following my car as I drove it back to Carlisle.

This short note can only begin to describe our immense gratitude to everyone involved. Without all of these wonderful people, our lives would have changed forever. Thank you all.

Lyn Murphy

Dear Buzz,

Remembering Terrence Satterthwaite on the anniversary of his birthday.

On 29th March 2015 Terrence died in a fire in his house on Solway Street when a blanket fell over a heater. The service was in Christ Church and his family were very grateful to his footballer friends who formed a guard of honour outside the church and raised money for the Air Ambulance in his name.

Grateful thanks are also due to Debbie Fearon and Shirley for the painting work. Also David & Anita Scott, Stuart & Laura James, Jersey James, Christine & Reg, John & Mary Lloyd, Amanda & Christopher Joyce, Alison Henderson, Christine & Mick Satterthwaite, Owen Broadbank, Tina & Terry and all friends.

His family James & Sandra Satterthwaite, Wayne his brother, Mar & Marilyn Hodgson his sister, wife Louise and daughter Ruby are all missing him so much.

James & Sandra Satterthwaite

Dear Buzz,

Is it me, or an age thing?  
Or does everyone become grumpy at this time of year?

Silloth's Criffel Street resembles a patchwork quilt and a sight for sore eyes. When will the council learn that temporary repairs cost you twice as much not only in monetary terms but in disruption time as well. Solway Street resembles a back road track to a scrap merchants yard, then there is the coast road fiasco which will just about wreck small traders.

The repairs will probably get done at the height of the holiday season just to cause further chaos. Don't hold your breath regarding the coast road. You would not think we were one of the highest rated towns in Allerdale, the roads round Silloth, Wigton and Aspatria are close to third world standards, Wigton bypass is crumbling yet Cockermouth, Keswick and West Cumbria roads are in a lot better state of repair.

We have a Chief Constable shouting for more officers for what?? We have next to no cover now in the aforementioned towns. It would appear to me that Allerdale, Silloth Parish Council and the County Council need to get their act together and start sharing the costs more evenly, and just a polite word if we are going to spend a fortune on cycle tracks could you please use them?

Mr C Briggs

## Bee-utiful Poems

The Crow

by  
Penny Stimson

I looked out of my window  
to see the little birds.  
But what I saw looking at me  
I found it quite absurd.

Two large black crows  
sat on my fence post  
with mischief in their eyes  
and trouble was their host.

They looked around with beady eyes  
not caring I was there.

One had the look of malice  
as he gave me the evil stare.

I'd just filled up the bird feeders  
for all my little feathered twitters,  
how would the crows get at them  
it gave me a case of the jitters.

I did not have so long to wait  
as clever as crows can be,  
one picked up the feeders boldly  
and threw it down the tree.

It landed on the ground  
where his friends stood patiently  
awaiting all the seed to burst out  
so they both could feed contentedly.

A squawk went out across the air  
then from nowhere a flock of crows came down,  
the seed was gone, they all stared at me  
noisily demanding more food be found!

The Seagull

by Penny Stimson

I sat on the shore  
looking out on the sea.  
When I did spy  
a dirty great seagull looking at me.

One beady eye was fixed on my face  
the other looked longingly at my bag of chips,  
he stood quite tall, a big bird was he,  
as I sat with my drink having thirsty sips.

He seemed to be sizing up my response  
he bent his head and gave a squawk  
hopped nearer to me with one bound  
daring me to get up and walk.

I stood my ground and stayed there,  
my bag of chips in my hand,  
taking one I ate it noisily  
then dropped one in the sand.

He looked at it longingly  
his head twitching this way and that.  
"You come near that chip" I said,  
"And I will get a cat".

I was sure he understood me,  
his beady eye did blink.  
He cocked his head and squawked,  
"Got you." I said and gave a wink.

But while I was so busy  
dealing with this crafty bird,  
his mate attacked me from behind  
My chips he pinched, they both took off  
it really was observed.

Dear Buzz,

Thank you for the lovely letters, cards, flowers and 'hugs' that I have received since the very sudden passing of my lovely Mum Jean Adam. Thank you also for all your help Scott's funeral directors and also Margaret Gate for the beautiful service. £97 was raised for Cats Protection.

Jennifer Adam

Do you have a poem or letter for the buzz?

We welcome all submissions, there is no charge.

Please remember to include your contact information.

### Non-Commercial Tourism Websites

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sillothonsolway.co.uk  
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sillothbeerfestival.co.uk  
silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk  
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solwayplain.co.uk/silloth1.htm  
facebook.com/sillothgreen  
facebook.com/silloth-carnival  
facebook.com/groups/121042258051545  
(Silloth Today)

Any other suggestions of sites useful for our visitors, please send them to the Buzz at: office@solwaybuzz.co.uk

## Masthead Bee Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered Kids Rucksack 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. Return to your school, or the Discovery Centre, or post to the address on page 14 (large stamp) and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered Rucksack from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.

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

If you are here on holiday we would love to have your bee drawing. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to us, our address is on page 14.

This month the winner is Evie Myers from Holme St Cuthbert School with a bee drawing called "She gets everything she wants Bee". Well done!



Remember – you can join the library, search the library catalogue, renew and request books online at [cumbria.gov.uk/libraries](http://cumbria.gov.uk/libraries) Visit Silloth Library in the Discovery Centre

### Silloth Local Link & Tourist Information Opening Times

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# Blencogo & District Village Hall Produce Show



**SATURDAY 7th September 2019  
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10am -11:30am: Staging  
11:30-1:45pm Hall closed for Judging  
2pm Hall opens to public  
3:30pm Presentation of Trophies.

*New for this year Alfred Greive trophy for children 7 years and under, donated by Janet Ferguson and Gillian Johnston in memory of their Dad.*

Entry is open to all. Entry fee 30p per item, children classes 20p  
Prizes 1st £1.50 2nd £1 3rd 50p

### Flowers

1. Fuchsia Pot Plant.
2. Foliage Pot Plant.
3. A single stem of any flower.
4. A Rose
5. Vase of sweet Peas.
6. 3 Dahlias.
7. 2 Cut Gladioli's.
8. Bowl of Marigolds.
9. "Walk in the woods" (display using foliage, berries, cones driftwood, no flowers.
10. Vase of mixed Garden Flowers.

### Kitchen Garden

11. Four fresh herbs in a tumbler
12. 3 free range eggs (one egg cracked into a saucer) (laid from own chickens).
13. 3 onions.
14. 4 Potatoes.
15. Any other single vegetable not in the schedule.
16. 3 Carrots.
17. 4 Tomatoes - any variety.
18. 4 Cherry Tomatoes
19. 5 Green Beans.
20. 3 Beetroot.
21. Selection of Home grown fruit in a bowl (not exceeding 7 pieces).
22. 3 Courgettes.

### Wine / Liqueur

23. Bottle of Red Wine
24. Bottle of White Wine.

### Bakery

25. Men only Cake of own choice.
26. Malted Milk cake (using recipe included)
27. 3 Millionaire Shortbread
28. Ginger loaf.
29. Traditional Swiss jam roll.
30. Saucer fruit pie (short crust pastry).
31. 3 bread rolls.
32. 3 unusual flavoured Scones. (Label)
33. Homemade Chutney (label)
34. Jar of Jam (label)
35. Jar of Marmalade.
36. Jar of Honey

### Handicrafts

37. Photo with own caption no larger than 8"x 6".
  38. Photo of a garden visitor.
  39. Lavender bag not exceeding 20cm.
  - 40 Crochet work (any yarn).
  41. Handmade wooden item.
  42. Painting in watercolours any subject.
  43. Homemade decorated box.
  44. Any article made by Lady or Gent.
  45. Pick up and bring a doorstep **Children (must display age 7 years and under)**
  46. 2 Decorated digestive biscuits.
  47. Model of a sheep made with cotton balls.
  48. Handwrite a short extract from Peter Rabbit.
  49. Hand printed painting (decorated)
  50. Make model (not a kit) any material could include Plasticine, play-doh. **8 years and over (must display age)**
  51. 3 Butterfly Buns.
  52. Make a papier mache bowl and decorate.
  53. Handwrite your favourite poem.
  54. A collage picture using dried pasta, seeds & pulses.
  55. Pick up and bring a snow globe.
- Any schedule queries:**  
Telephone  
Linda 07538 027936  
Judith 016973 61051



# Parking Enforcement Changes

Following a change in legislation to the Traffic Management Act 2004, Cumbria County Council's Civil Enforcement Officers (previously known as 'traffic wardens') will now be able to issue Penalty Charge Notices to any vehicle that is parked partly or completely over a dropped kerb or pedestrian crossing point. The 2004 Act and The Highway Code state that vehicles must not be parked where kerbs have been lowered.



Some crossing points are denoted by tactile paving slabs on the pavement, some have white 'keep clear' bars, whilst others have no markings at all other than the footways have been lowered to allow easier crossing of the road. The legislation also applies where a cycle track or verge has been lowered to the level of the carriageway or where the level of the footway, cycle track or verge.

There are a number of exemptions to this legislation, namely where the vehicle is:

- parked wholly within a designated parking place or any other part of the carriageway where parking is specifically

authorised, and therefore permitted.

- parked outside residential premises by or with the consent of the occupier.
- being used by the emergency services.
- being used for delivery of goods or loading or unloading to/from premises, where the delivery, or loading/unloading cannot be carried out without the vehicle being parked either partly or completely over

a dropped kerb/pedestrian point and is parked for no longer than is necessary and for no more than 20 minutes.

- being used for any building operation, demolition or excavation; waste collection; removing of obstruction to traffic; road works, signage or lighting; or for undertaking utility works (gas, electricity, water or communication services).

The obstruction of dropped kerbs and pedestrian crossing points can present significant difficulties for visually impaired pedestrians and to those using mobility scooters and wheelchairs. In addition, pedestrians using prams or pushchairs can be greatly inconvenienced.

Prior to commencing full

enforcement, the council will be undertaking a period of advice and education to ensure that motorists are aware of the new powers and we will be issuing warning notices to any vehicle which parks partly or wholly across a dropped kerb. From Friday 1 March 2019, the council's Civil Enforcement Officers will begin issuing Penalty Charge Notices to all vehicles found to be parking in these locations (including blue badge holders). The charge will be £70 which is reduced to £35 if paid within 14 days from the date of issue of the Penalty Charge Notice.

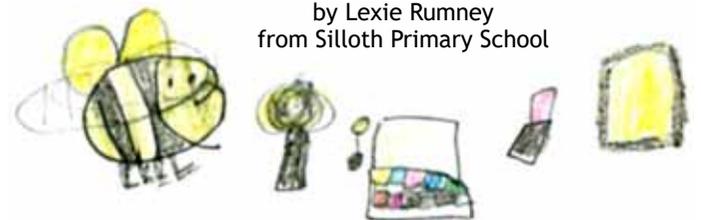
Keith Little, Cumbria County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: "These additional powers will assist in improving the safety of all road users and pedestrians. The council receives many complaints regarding illegally and dangerously parked vehicles and is working with a variety of community groups to improve parking availability and compliance. I would encourage all motorists to familiarise themselves with parking restrictions and seek advice if necessary."

Cumbria County Council's Parking Services team can be contacted by telephone 0300 3032992 or e-mail parking@cumbria.gov.uk.

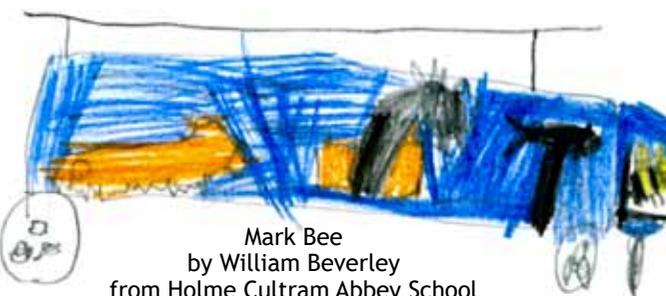
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**Copy Date** →

Copy date for the May issue is:  
**1st April 2019**  
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 Bank mobile van will be outside Silloth Community Centre on Fridays only from 9:50am to 11am

### 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

### Silloth Tennis Club

For coaching information call David Wise on 07742 547767

### Abbey Monthly Munch

Holme Cultram Abbey Monthly Munch on first Thursday each month at 12 noon, only £4

### Abbeystown Library

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

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### Football Training

**Silloth Football Club**  
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**Mens Team**  
Tuesday 7pm

Men's Saturday team. Contacts  
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Brian Hayhurst 07717 532828

**U12's**

Wednesday 4.45pm at Silloth  
AFC Contacts:  
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Paul Mulgrew 07526 665759

**U9's**

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Kerrie Irving 07880 360147

**U5's to U7's**

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and Paul Donald 07762 711999  
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Colin Baty 07754 890297

**Abbeystown Girls**  
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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.  
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Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 6pm

### Friendship Hour

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

### March

29th Silloth Master Quiz in Caldeu Hall @ 7pm, see advert

### April

1st Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall 7pm

3rd The Solway Plains Artists Meeting Golf Hotel 10am to 1pm

3rd Wigton Theatre Club Open Mic Night, 016973 42521

6th **Crunch collection at Skinburness Road car park 8am to 9:45am**

6th Community Litter Pick meet 10am at Silloth Community Hall, lunch provided

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

6th Silloth Tigers at home to Creighton

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

10th Causewayhead WI meeting at 2pm in St Andrews Church Hall, talk on Mosaic Planter Wellies

10th Waver Wine Circle AGM in Blencogo Village Hall

13th Silloth Tigers away to Workington

20th Cream Tea in St Andrews Hall noon to 2pm

### Dementia Cafe

To be held in WIGTON METHODIST CHURCH  
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### Badminton

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Tel: Lorraine 07805 136279

### Arthritis Support

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

### 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

### May

1st The Solway Plains Artists Meeting Golf Hotel 10am to 1pm

2nd Elections Today

3rd Wigton Theatre Club Open Mic Night, 016973 42521

4th **Crunch collection at Skinburness Road car park 8am to 9:45am**

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

8th Causewayhead WI meeting at 2pm in Silloth Community Hall, members afternoon

13th Silloth Town Council meeting in Community Hall 7pm

22nd Wigton Theatre Club Evolution & Other Planning Disasters, 016973 42521

23rd Wigton Theatre Club Evolution & Other Planning Disasters, 016973 42521

24th Wigton Theatre Club Evolution & Other Planning Disasters, 016973 42521

25th Old Fashioned Jumble Sale & Yummy Tea in St Andrews Hall 2-4pm

26th **Silloth Green Day on the Green at 4pm**

### Coast Bus Timetable

60E Maryport to Skinburness the current timetable is available from Silloth Tourist Office or Winters Newsagents or [www.ellenvalecoaches.co.uk/service-60e.html](http://www.ellenvalecoaches.co.uk/service-60e.html)

### 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

### Walking Football

Every Monday 1pm - 2pm at Silloth football pitch by the tennis courts. Followed by tea/coffee at Methodist church hall.

### Crafting Groups

Interested in crafting? come along to Silloth Crafting Groups on Mondays at 10am in Silloth Community Hall and another on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3pm at St Andrews Church Hall.

These are 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 Coffee Morning and Eve's Fashions at Silloth & District Pensioners in the Recreation Hall

5th The Solway Plains Artists Meeting Golf Hotel 10am to 1pm

8th **Vintage Rally on Silloth Green all day**

9th **Vintage Rally on Silloth Green all day**

12th Causewayhead WI meeting at 2pm in Silloth Community Hall, talk on South American Wildlife

15th **Crunch collection at Skinburness Road car park 8am to 9:45am**

22nd Ragnarock Bikers Rally 11am at Silloth Rugby Club

### July

3rd The Solway Plains Artists Meeting Golf Hotel 10am to 1pm

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

6th American Night with Ukulele Band in St Andrews Hall 7pm - 9:30pm, £7

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

10th Causewayhead WI meeting at 2pm in Silloth Community Hall, talk on Gemstones & Jewellery

12th Christ Church & St Pauls Men's Choir Summer Concert

13th **Crunch collection at Skinburness Road car park 8am to 9:45am**

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### Christ Church

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

### August

7th The Solway Plains Artists Meeting Golf Hotel 10am to 1pm

10th **Crunch collection at Skinburness Road car park 8am to 9:45am**

17th Cream Tea in St Andrews Hall 2-4pm

23rd **Solfest**

24th **Solfest**

25th **Solfest**

26th **Silloth Carnival**

### September

4th The Solway Plains Artists Meeting Golf Hotel 10am to 1pm

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

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

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**Are these entries all up to date, if not - please let us know**

### 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. Contact Penny on 016973 32255.

### 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

# Amazing Info about RAF in Cumbria

This is Ian's fourteenth book, indeed the twentieth including reprints. Stacked on top of one another the Tyler tomes make a larger body of work than 'War & Peace'. This book contains 500,000 words on 635 pages of high quality paper and is case bound at A4 size in heavy boards of RAF Blue including over 500 images and detailed airfield plans.

The Raf in Cumbria & Galloway 1939-1945 creates a book of two halves, England & Scotland, however this is inexplicably drawn together due to the activity between the various units. There is a feast of facts, revealing the training of our young wartime pilots, navigators, wireless operators, air gunner, bomb aimers and radar technicians.

Training here commenced with a revolutionary state of the art Air Gunnery Range at Loch Doon in 1918. Leading to the horror of 'high ground' crashes in Galloway, Cumbria and North Lancashire which made a treacherous training

ground for the inexperienced aircrew, resulting in subsequent horrific loss of life and injuries.

In the final pages Ian has endeavoured to record these incidents sympathetically for posterity, for those deaths on land and the Irish Sea.

Our war embraced Commonwealth and American airmen, not forgetting the gallant Poles, Czech, French and Dutch who were supported by 181,130 WAAF, many of whom were trained here.

Details of RNLi services and Air Sea Rescue activities have not been neglected, reflecting efforts to save ditched air crew casualties.

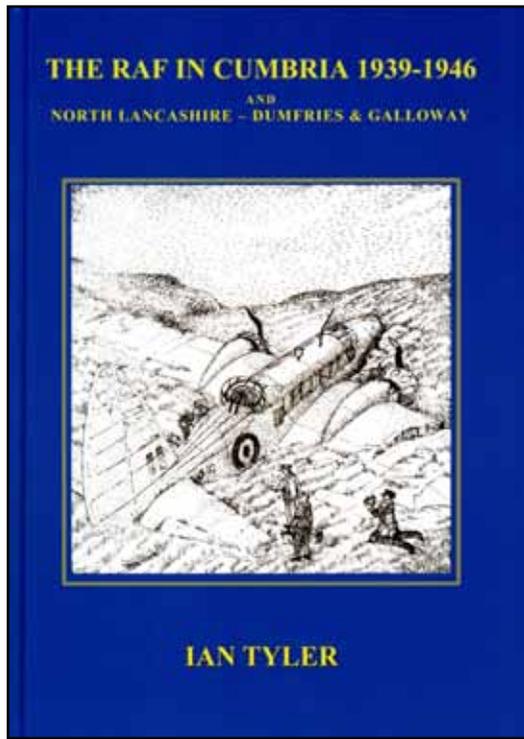
Information on our decoy airfields is scant, as are details of the sites themselves. The ATA of course played a huge roll, linked to our vital Maintenance Units at Stranraer, Dumfries, Silloth, Kirkbride, RNAS Anthorn and BAD-2 Wharton. Not forgetting

our nights of Blitz, the passion and loyalty of the populace in raising millions of pounds for 'War Weapons Weeks'.

Neither forgetting the courage of Fleetwood fishermen lost in home waters; the miners and locals who assisted in the recovery and rescue of crashed aircrew.

The birth of RAF Mountain Rescue, its founder George Dwyer at RAF Millom or Flt/Lt Graham in Wales? Essential requisition of thousands of acres of farmland and foreshore by MAP to create ranges and airfields created its own problems.

Finally, to the legacy of war, the mammoth task of disposing of thousands of tons of surplus ammunition, transported from Wales and Yorkshire to the Military Ports of Cairn Ryan and Silloth for dumping in our sea. None of this history could be omitted, hence the book has taken six years to complete. In many instances this is the untold story of the RAF 1939 to 1945 in our now quiet backwater and coastline where "nothing really happened". It is priced at £40 from Winters Newsagents and major newsagents.



IAN TYLER

CHAPTER 16 RAF SILLOTH No22 MU  
Messrs John Laings's Contractors Carlisle 1937  
The three thousand or so inhabitants of this quite V  
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supplied in the Great War. Unfortunately the  
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The Wath Farm, Hartlaw Farm, Will  
any work began a serie

# Murder & Drama Comes to Silloth

Review of NO SHELTER FOR THE WICKED written by Peter Chegwidden.

Three unexplained, seemingly motiveless murders in different parts of the country. No clues, no murder weapons, no meaningful DNA, no useful forensic evidence. Nothing to connect them.

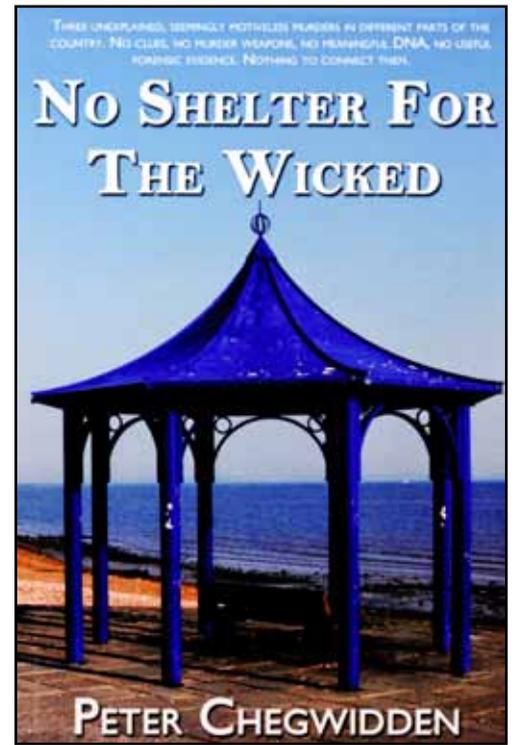
Then the police discover a bizarre and tenuous, wafer-thin link. But how to progress it with nothing to go on? Or is it all coincidence? The police don't think so.

A private eye, an ex-cop, doesn't believe in such coincidences either. He's a suspect in one of the murders, and by chance he becomes more deeply involved in the investigations. In a remarkable set of circumstances he forms an unlikely alliance with a supposedly disreputable woman, an ex-con, who is desperately seeking her sister, and they set out on a quest that eventually leads to peril.

And a terrible shock for this woman he has befriended.

The trail heads from Kent to Hertfordshire, Suffolk, the Derbyshire Dales, north Devon and the Lake District, and eventually to a life or death situation and heartbreak.

A tale of murder, mystery, of love and passion in many guises, of deceit, betrayal and vengeance, played out across the country as the tension mounts inexorably

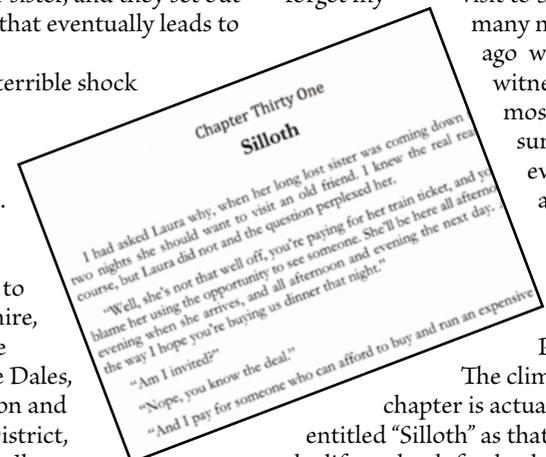


towards its horrifying climax.

Peter Chegwidden, as a true story teller, has written a crime novel of many separate threads entwining as the thrilling ending approaches, and has done so with his own style of humour and pathos.

The author said: "I will never forget my visit to Silloth many moons ago when I witnessed the most glorious sunset I've ever seen, and I've built that episode into the Prelude. The climax chapter is actually entitled "Silloth" as that's where the life or death finale plays out. Sorry, but it is a murder mystery rather than a tourist guide!"

"No Shelter for the Wicked" (search online Amazon books) is £2.99 Kindle version or £7.99 paperback.



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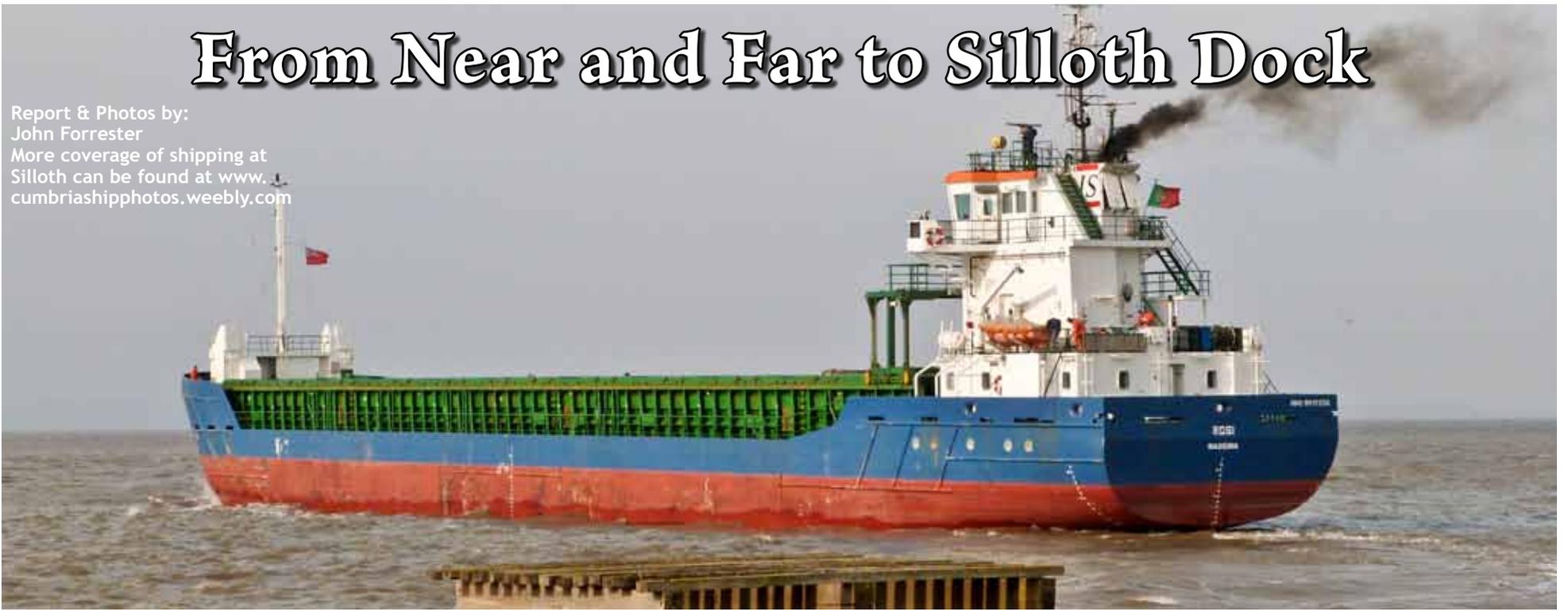
# From Near and Far to Silloth Dock

Report & Photos by:

John Forrester

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The opening months of the year have seen the continuing trend of ships bringing larger than average sized cargos to the port.

The most noteworthy vessel was the ROSI which arrived from the Black Sea port of Poti with a

cargo of fertiliser. The Georgian port is situated at the crossroads of Europe and Asia. The voyage took the ship past Istanbul into the Mediterranean and on to Gibraltar where it headed north to Silloth. Taking 17 days in all, the sailing

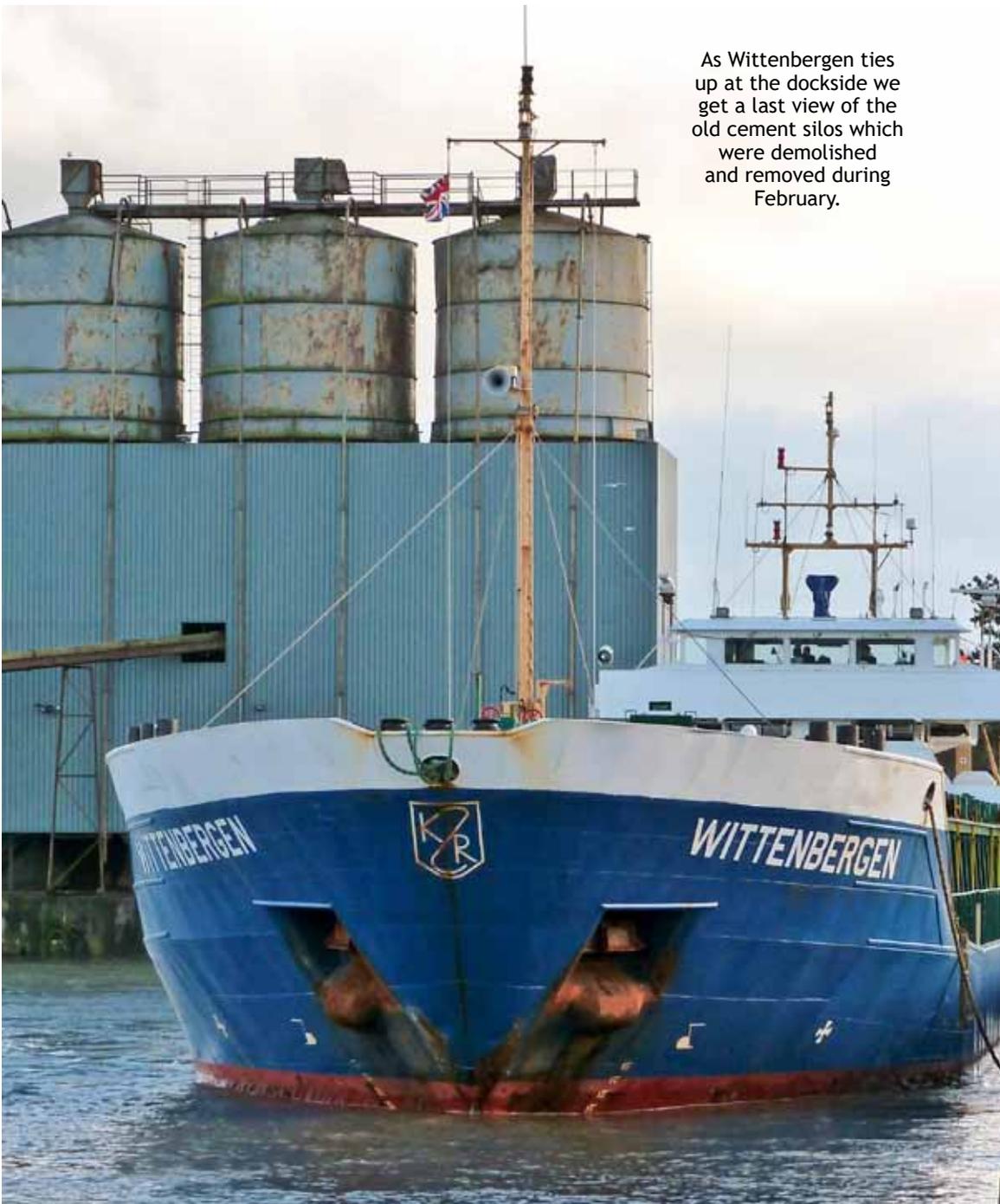
was the one of the longest seen in recent times. Poti is benefitting from the developing chemical industry of nearby Azerbaijan. It's in an ideal location to offer a gateway to world markets for its neighbour's exports. ROSI

arrived on a night tide but was photographed the following afternoon during departure to Belfast. The sun shone as she gracefully exited the dock before powering away into the Solway. Hopefully this will be the first of many new visitors from this part of the world.

Another new visitor was the WITTENBERGEN from the Belgian port of Ghent, a shorter 3 day sailing. The fully laden vessel had arrived on schedule off the Cumbrian coast, however it was forced to seek shelter off the Isle of Man until conditions

eased sufficiently to allow her to make her way up to Silloth the following morning. The midday arrival was greeted by crisp and sunny conditions, ideal for waiting photographers. The pilot made easy work of the approach and entry to the dock where she was turned and brought alongside her berth. Named after a northern German town, WITTENBERGEN is the oldest ship in a fleet operated by 'Wessels', a company with over 100 years experience. Two days after arrival she was unloaded and ready for departure to Kilroot, Northern Ireland.

As Wittenbergen ties up at the dockside we get a last view of the old cement silos which were demolished and removed during February.



## January & February Shipping at the Port of Silloth

Report by: Capt Tim Riley,  
Harbour Master, Short Sea Pilot

### January

1st Torpo with a cargo of Wheat from La Pallice then on to Milford Haven.

3rd Fri Ocean with a cargo of Wheat from Vierow then on to Southampton.

14th Zapadnyy with a cargo of Molasses from Avonmouth then on to Amsterdam.

22nd Wittenbergen with a cargo of Fertiliser from Ghent then on to Kilroot.

### February

7th Hendrik S with a cargo of Wheat from La Pallice then on to Swansea.

19th Zapadnyy with a cargo of Molasses from Zeebrugge then on to Gdansk.

21st Niklas with a cargo of Fertiliser from Klaipeda then on to Souda.

22nd Rosi with a cargo of Fertiliser from Poti then on to Belfast.

January was a good start to the year with four cargo vessels, including the everlasting Zapadnyy! We cleared just over 11,000 tonnes of cargo and were happy with this start to the season.

February again saw the return of the Zapadnyy, this time fully loaded and at maximum draft. Grain and fertiliser still remain the principal cargoes for the port, however we will be entertaining a new customer to the port from March 1st bringing in a cargo we used to handle a while ago and will work with as a trial for the coming year.

With the good weather this week, we are all looking forward to growth in the fields, an increase in fertiliser usage, healthy animals and increased sales in feed. If we are all sitting out eating sandwiches and French bread, then the mill will get a boost too!

Silloth Dock is looking forward to a great spring and summer for our local and distant customers.

## Lady Captain Donates £1,157

During 2018 I was Lady Captain of Silloth Golf Club and as part of my duties I had to choose a charity to raise money for throughout the year. It was an easy decision as I knew a charity very close to my heart that I wanted to support and that was Silloth Nursing Home.

The fundraising started in December 2017 when my year as Lady Captain began with the annual charity Christmas dinner where £100 was raised. As the festive season passed, the golf season soon kicked off with the Captain's Drive in during March which was a fantastic day for my charity of the year. A homemade Easter cake was raffled off and golfers paid a £1 to guess where my first golf shot of the day would go, which certainly didn't help my nerves!

Throughout the golfing season I had a charity bunker on the left-hand side of the 18th hole which I hoped would catch those slightly offline golf shots at a price of 50p. It appeared many of the members of Silloth and those visiting the course during the year ended up in there as my pot in the clubhouse was always full with 50p's!

As the golf season drew to a close I thought I would have one last push to get those funds up so I decided to organise a ladies skin care party in October. I had reps from Tropics, Scentsy and Forever Living at the party all showcasing their products. Money was raised selling squares before and on the



evening. Half of the money went to three lucky winners to spend on products of their choice and the other half went to Silloth Nursing Home. It was a great evening and definitely worth all of the organising as over £250 was raised.

As my time as Captain came to an end, Christmas was just around the corner again and I was donated a stunning iced Christmas cake.

After the success of the Easter cake raffle I decided to raffle the cake off which proved popular again.

Although I received many other donations throughout the year these were the main fundraisers and in total a magnificent £1,157.54 was raised for Silloth Nursing Home. I must thank everyone that supported me throughout the year to make this happen.

On 14th December I was delighted to visit the home to present them with the cheque. Matron Ann was over the moon and will be using the money to purchase new chairs for the home.

## Soldiers Marching On



**Soldiers in Silloth toy soldier museum will open at Easter with a new additional exhibition space.**

There are now more figures from World War Two, a feature on plastic model kits and lots of vintage toy soldiers which we've not been able to display before.

We have also received two interesting donations recently. One is a group of figures and buildings made by a professional artist from Penrith. They are

based on Clint Eastwood's spaghetti westerns and on the absolute classic western film of all time 'The Magnificent Seven'. We can even tell you the names of all the seven actors who played the heroes.

And we have been given the entire collection of a model soldier enthusiast from Kendal who passed away recently. He had visited the museum and his sister felt we might be the place to preserve his collection intact.

There are many magnificent models covering different historical periods though mainly the Middle Ages and World War Two.

Please note we are always looking for more volunteers to help keep the museum open. Sessions last two hours out of season and three hours June to September. Please contact:

Tim Barker on 016973 31246.  
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## Silloth Seagulls Cont'd

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front to back. The Seagulls bent but would not break as they cleared two off the line. Silloth nearly doubled their advantage late on when another returnee to the club, Eddie Mullins, almost scored with an audacious 40 yard lob. This was a huge result for the Seagulls and another 3 points which keeps them in the title hunt with only two matches remaining. A much deserved man of the match was full back Carl Lightfoot who was a rock in both defence and attack.

On 3rd March the Seagulls travelled away to Bransty which was played at Lakes College 3G in what can only be described as true Cumbrian weather. The lads knew this was a 6 pointer but unfortunately on the day the spoils went to Bransty. The game started off with Silloth trying to get to grips of the fast unforgiving

surface of the artificial pitch but with Bransty being used to this surface they started to show dominance in the first 25. First they scored from a corner and then a quick counter attack made

it two. A mistake let them in for number three which was pretty much the game sealed for them. The second half got underway and the seagulls looked to get back into the game only for them to be undone at another corner. Then came chance after chance for the Seagulls with waves of attack but on this day it just wouldn't go in. It ended Bransty 4-1 Silloth.

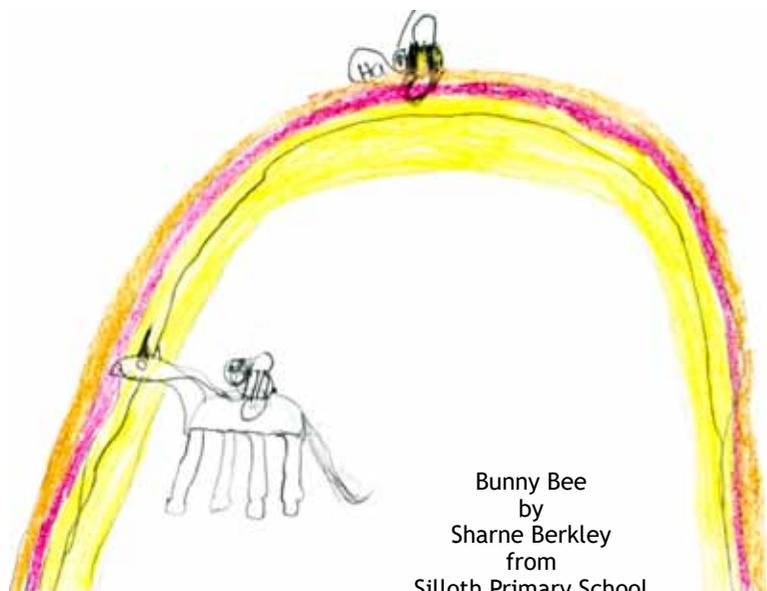
With only a game left to go the possibility of promotion looks unlikely however we have built a great squad over the last six months, which we need to carry us over the line and into next season.



On Saturday 11th March the Seagulls hosted Pirelli down at The Bastion in the Conway Cup Semi Final. With the wind hurling and the rain setting in, the Seagulls had

the opportunity to get to a final. Unfortunately that was not meant to be. The first half started with very little opportunity for the gulls and it was Pirelli who marched into a 3-0 lead. One came from the penalty spot. The other two came from rebounds after some great initial first saves in the testing conditions. The lads rallied hard in the second half to get back into the tie but were dealt a sucker punch when Pirelli scored there fourth. However the lads still showed their fighting spirit and got one back through Andy Hinde.

It ended Silloth 1-4 Pirelli.



Bunny Bee  
by  
Sharne Berkley  
from  
Silloth Primary School

# Nathan is a Winner



Nathan Gray won the XBorder 10k race that took place on 26th January. The race started at Carlisle and finished in Gretna. Nathan currently runs for Netherhall AC in Maryport and he has just qualified to run for

Cumbria at Loughborough in March. 686 people of all ages took part in the XBorder 10k race and Nathan, who is just 19, came in first in 34 minutes 5 seconds! Fantastic and well done Nathan.

# Abbeytown Football Club

Report by: Carol Harrison

Abbeytown u10s are growing in strength and ability as the season goes on. With the newly formed team they are improving every week with stand out performances from Lacey Johnston, Abbie Roper and Lexie Dowell each week helping the younger girls in the team.

Abbeytown Athletic u12s are a younger team in this age group who are performing with credit every week against older teams. This will

set them well for next years league but they have got themselves to the semi final of the County Cup Trophy which they will be looking to perform with the same energy that has got them this far.

Abbeytown u12s, these are the older girls in the league, they are



Abbeytown u16 Girls

on top of the league, unbeaten in that they are in the semi final of the League Cup and are in the semi final of the County Cup. This has been a great team effort the whole season, they are coached by Eddie Harrison and Sue Turnbull.

Abbeytown u14s are also

doing very well this year, they are a mixed age team and are second in the league. They are in the semi final of the League Cup, beating the team who sits above them in the league and are also in a County Cup semi final. The u14s will be looking for some players for next season to strengthen the squad as five girls go to the under 16s. If your child is interested and in Year 9 contact Paul Harrison on 07582 823613.

Abbeytown u16s; The aim for the year was to fulfil our fixtures in this age group as we had nine players to start the season off in a 9v9 format. Picking up a couple more players helped the cause, the girls have battled for each other and are second in the table with one game to go and a win will give them a well deserved runners up medal which we would never have thought at the start of the year.

# Silloth Seagulls

Report by: Mr C Gull

The Seagulls got 2019 off to a winning start with a 7-3 victory over Borough at the Eden Street Bastion.

Next up was a top of the table clash as Workington Reds Juniors visited the Bastion on 12th January with Silloth having the chance to put daylight between themselves and the chasing pack. Much like their first encounter on the opening day of the season this was a



story of which team could best take advantage of the gale force conditions and just as before it was the Seagulls that came up short.

It was a freak goal that gave Workington the lead when a speculative, long range free kick got blown by the wind past the despairing dive of the Seagulls' custodian and into the top corner of the net. Silloth pressed hard for the equalising goal and went close on numerous occasions but the Reds made the game safe late on

with a second goal. An opportunity squandered by the Seagulls.

After the disappointment of losing out in the top of the table class a week earlier manager Liam Wilson's message to his players was a simple 'show me a response' and boy did the players deliver emphatically with a 10 goal display that lit up the Eden Street Bastion.

In order to keep the pressure on their title rivals nothing less than three points would do against

Whitehaven Miners Social. The Seagulls' tenth and final goal was a delicious strike from Graeme Dixon. The midfield dynamo burst forward with yet another trademark run from the centre of the park to latch onto a pass, drove forward to the edge on the box and then clinically buried the ball low to the keeper's right. The end of the scoring but not quite the end of the action as Silloth's custodian Luke Stockdale was called into action late on to deny Miners

with a superb one-on-one save. A magnificent performance from the Seagulls and the perfect response to the defeat seven days earlier with a victory which took the side back to the top of the league. Jack Winter was named man of the match. The youngster (making his full Silloth debut) was a colossus in the heart of defence.

Next up at the Bastion on 23rd February was Crown Newlaithes in the league but three weeks without a match had done Silloth no favours and boy did it show. In complete contrast to the lacklustre nature of the game the only goal of the contest was a surefire goal of the season contender from Kieran 'Rocket' Little. Right back Carl Lightfoot was instrumental in creating the

goal first winning the ball with a strong challenge and driving at the heart of the Newlaithes defence. Into the second half and the complexion of the game changed when Rocket was on the receiving end of a dangerously late challenge. His 'animated' response to being scythed down yet again was too much for the referee and a red card meant an early bath for the Seagulls' goal scoring hero. Backs to the walls stuff now for a Silloth side reduced to 10 men but they had an ace up their sleeve as this was the first game back for defensive stalwart Dan Foster, who had just recently resigned for the club. The presence of the legendary skipper galvanised a side that defended like Trojans from

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