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Events Are Back!

2nd May
Spring into Silloth

2nd to 6th June
**Queen's Platinum
Jubilee Celebrations**

18th & 19th June
Silloth Pride

23rd July
Silloth Cycling Festival

30th July
Soul on the Green

27th to 29th August
Silloth Carnival

8th to 11th September
**Silloth Music
& Beer Festival**

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Waver Wine Circle Can You Remember?

A Few Memories Out Of Many in the 1940 And 1950s

Memories by: Pauline Stewart

Remembering our Mothers' and their influence on us.

The Methodist Church children's anniversaries. A Peach trifle. Dressmaking. Help during Birthday parties and making fairy cakes. Teen Birthday Party and Monopoly Parties. Concert's and amateur dramatics.

A community of people that was like one big family going through the things families go through, even today. Women helped and supported each other especially when there were difficulty, or a need of help with a family.

Children had the freedom to play outside, especially in school holidays. The old farm, the inviting wood, black shed and the green shed, beach and sea, hollow where we rolled our pasche eggs at Easter time, the duck pond where we skated during the winter months, Sandy lonning, Grune point, these

and more.

The time of year meant different play activities depending on the season. Brambling, mushrooming, rose hip collecting, potato picking. Collecting for the bonfire night and burnt potatoes and sparklers. Carol singing and Sunday School Christmas parties with a prize for attendance.

Spring and Easter bunnies when we got new clothes and rolled our eggs. Summer months swimming in the sea when the weather was warm enough during weekends and school holidays.

All the different types of wild flowers that grew on the wild grass that stretched along the coast line on the Skinburness road and the different variety of birds in our gardens.

Sunday School trip, a day out with a bus ride to the Lake District and tea in a church hall.

Remembering a childhood free and satisfying in our growing years.

Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning

Report by: Jean Day

Our first Coffee Morning for 2022 was well attended despite the atrocious weather, it was "blowing a hooley".

Coffee and tea was served with biscuits and scones with jam or rum butter. The cake stall soon sold out and the raffle was well supported. Winners in todays raffle were, Kirsten Proud, Mary Hodkiss, Maureen Grey, Edna Allison, Moira Fearon, Jean Graham and Pat Carruthers.

Everyone who attended the last years Xmas Party voted it a success, which makes all the work involved worth it.

One amendment to this year's calendar - there will be no Coffee Morning on Saturday June 4th as this is the Jubilee weekend and we expect there will be lots of other celebrations on or around that date.

Many thanks to all who support the Coffee Mornings.



Report by: Stuart Jones

Chairman, Bill Henderson, welcomed a 'full house' of members and wished everyone a belated Happy New Year which then allowed the entertainment to proceed.

What a show was provided by Graham and Janet at our February 9th Meeting! Many thanks for your wonderful amusing, full of laughter evening.

Linda Wood.

Chairman Bill Henderson welcomed all present at our meeting on 9th March, there were four apologies, and our good wishes were conveyed to Vice Chairman Graham for a speedy recovery.

Oh what a night it was, it really was such a night!

Our new trial of an Open Evening, where members were

requested to "entertain" us, in any manner they wished, was a great success. Thank you all very much indeed for your input.

We learned about Tsava National Park (through photos), lace making, poetry, Mother's mishaps, old

photos, and many more exciting items. Ending with a short quiz which, given the answers to slot in, was not that easy.

Mary will provide the next draw prize, on Wednesday 13th April at 7:30pm - our AGM.

After the AGM there will be an egg dump - come prepared!



After too long a break it was great to see everyone throwing the blues away. The runaway winners of the competition were Anne Park and Jan Jones.

The draw prize, provided by Steve and Judith Wood, was won by Terrance Wright. Next month's draw prize will be provided by

Grant Funding Available

The Green Homes Grants (LAD2) provides funding for residents who wish to improve the energy efficiency of their home. It is targeted at those living in the least efficient properties. These are likely to be properties with an energy efficiency rating of E to G. However, properties with an efficiency rating of a D may be considered too.

To be eligible the household must have an income of less than £30,000 or someone in the home must receive a means-tested benefit such as Universal Credit or Income Support.

The scheme is being provided by Allerdale Borough Council in partnership with Eden District Council who are the local lead authority and the energy company E.ON. Eden council has been working with the Local Energy Northwest Hub who sit within the department for Business, Energy Industrial Strategy (BEIS), who award the grant funding. In total

some £5.07m has been allocated to Cumbria.

Grants of up to £10,000 can be awarded under the scheme for owner occupiers. If people live in tenanted properties, then a minimum contribution by the landlord of one third of the total cost is required, with the average subsidy cost not to exceed £5000 per dwelling.

All the necessary information is available at: <https://www.allerdale.gov.uk/en/warmhomes/>.

The sort of measures that can be funded are:

External Wall Insulation (EWI). Solar PV. Loft insulation. Cavity Wall Insulation. Air Source Heat Pumps. Smart heating controls. Double glazing.

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Get a Compost Bin for Just £8.50

In partnership with GetComposting.com, Cumbria County Council is offering discounted compost bins for residents this Spring - helping your garden thrive towards its healthiest year yet.

It might be the end of Winter, but with a bit of optimism you can reach out and almost touch the warmer months, so what better way to prepare your garden than to start composting?

Composting has countless benefits, and Spring is the perfect time to get started! The process simply involves recycling your daily plant and food waste, along with any other organic materials you can find. This can include grass cuttings, unwanted plants, organic kitchen waste such as fruit and vegetable peelings, tea bags, coffee grounds and even the contents of your vacuum.

Together, these will naturally decompose over time in our specialised compost bins to produce a ready-made mixture, rich in nutrients to feed your soil and nourish your garden. It's a great way to minimise waste in your household, which would otherwise go to landfills and contribute to polluting the atmosphere with harmful methane emissions.

To encourage residents to start composting, Cumbria County Council has partnered with GetComposting.com to offer Home Compost Bins at

special discounted prices, starting from £8.50 with an additional Buy One Get One Half Price offer on all Blackwell Compost bins. This is the perfect opportunity to kickstart your composting journey and team up with a friend or neighbour to save some money too!

Councillor Celia Tibble, Cumbria County Council Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "We want even more people to get involved in composting at home! The compost bin offers are a great incentive to encourage more residents to get composting - home composting organic waste not only helps reduce carbon emissions but is a good way to reduce the amount of waste sent for treatment"

Home compost bins, together with a range of special offer water butts and additional accessories can be ordered via www.getcomposting.com, or through calling 0844 571 4444. For general information on recycling and waste in Cumbria including tips to help you minimise the amount of waste you produce, please visit www.recycleforcumbria.org.



RNLI Quiz Nights Are Back



Report by: Margaret English

How lovely to be able to hold our RNLI Quiz after such a long break.

We were warmly welcomed by Mandy and her staff at Mrs Wilson's Silloth on Friday 28th January 2022. Due to social distancing only eleven teams gathered to compete in the quiz.

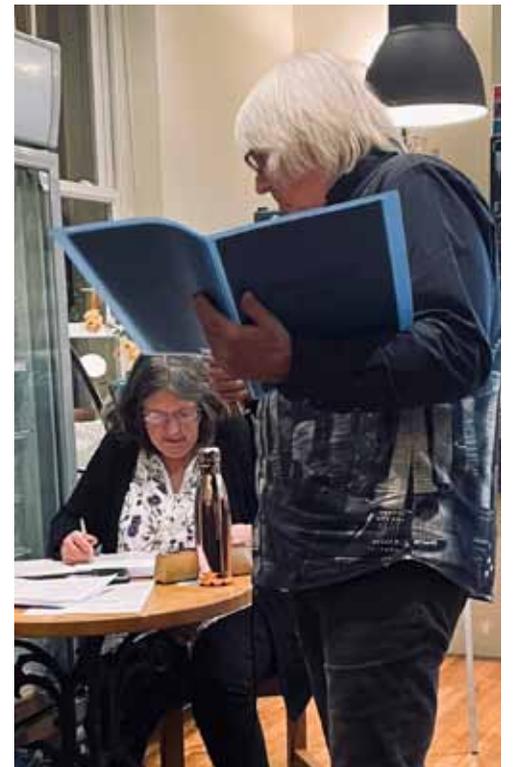
Geoff and Sarah Betsworth were in charge once again setting the wide variety of questions, some hard and some easy. Our grateful thanks to them both for their hard work, which is very much appreciated as it is difficult to get the balance right.

Thank you to the team that joined in at the last minute due to a cancellation and once again we give our apologies to those teams that could not get a place.

A huge thank you to Mandy and her team who kept everyone well-watered throughout the evening. At half time she put on a hot supper of Cheesy Chips or Chilli Chips, enjoyed by all.

The Silloth and District RNLI Fundraising group would like to thank everyone at Mrs Wilson's for making the evening a great success. The winning team came from Silloth called 'We are Not at a Party' with 63 points. The final place was taken by the Shocking Hockings with 25 points. £330 was raised which is a super amount.

Finally, a very special thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun testing their memories. See you all next year and book early!



King Bee
by
Freddy Pawson-Kyles
from
Silloth Primary
School

Abbeytown Village Hall & Platinum Jubilee Event

Report by: Laura Sim

The sale of the village hall is now complete and in line with our Trust Deed we have distributed the proceeds of the sale to seven different organisations within the parish.

We hope the groups in receipt of the funds use them to enhance their facilities and that it benefits their

members.

Also, as a one-off event the Village Hall committee are having a celebration tea for the over 60's age group in our parish and surrounding area. This will coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June.

The tea will be held in Abbeytown Church on Sunday 5th June at 2pm. To qualify for a free tea, you need to be a resident of Abbeytown Parish and be aged 60 or over.

If you would like to attend, please contact Carole 07786387409/ 01697361798, email carolekelsick@btinternet.com or Fiona 07468584373/01697361105 email fionaholliday@yahoo.co.uk

Can you please let us know by 22nd May.

If you would like a tea delivered that can also be arranged, just contact us.



New Chapel for Our Lady of the Assumption Church



Report by: Elaine Johnston

Last summer (2021) the decision was made to close the Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption because of the amount of essential remedial work that would be required to bring the church building back to a good state of repair. However, it was proposed to convert the adjoining Church Hall and vestry into a small chapel.

This work has now been completed and has resulted in a small, comfortable chapel with seating for about thirty people.

The parishioners are very pleased with the outcome which means that they can continue to attend services in their own town.

The new entrance is on Solway Street, opposite the Spar Supermarket. The weekly vigil Mass is held at 6pm each Saturday evening.

The Priest in charge is Father Paul Dadson. He is based at Maryport and can be contacted on telephone number 01900 814826.



RIP Lawrence



It was with great sadness we learned of the passing of Lawrence Marshall. Lawrence was a true pillar of the community having been involved in every aspect of life around Silloth. He was a Mayor of the town as well as respected MC at most events over the years. He was also a renowned World Champion at ploughing. Hopefully we will have more to say in the next edition.



Buzzy
by Poppy Heddon from Silloth Primary School



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New Highway Code

The Cumbria Road Safety Partnership are urging locals to read the up-and-coming changes to the Highway code.

The partnership includes members from Cumbria Police, Cumbria County Council and Highways.

On 29th January 2022 eight new rules are being introduced, along with 49 updates to existing rules, to better protect more vulnerable road users.

The main new rules are as follows.

Rule H1 – The hierarchy of road users. This is the most significant change and says that road users who can do the greatest harm (those driving large vehicles) have the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger they pose to other road users.

The new hierarchy of road users are:

- Pedestrians
- Cyclists
- Horse riders
- Motorcyclists
- Cars/taxis
- Vans/minibuses
- Large passenger vehicles/heavy goods vehicles

Rule H2 – for drivers, motorcyclists, horse drawn vehicles, horse riders and cyclists

This gives a new priority for pedestrians at junctions, and states: At a junction you should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning. You **MUST** give way to pedestrians on or waiting to cross a zebra crossing, and to pedestrians and cyclists on or waiting to cross a parallel crossing. Horse riders should also give way to pedestrians on a zebra crossing, and to pedestrians and cyclists on a parallel crossing. Wait to turn near cyclists or horse riders.

Rule H3: New priority for cyclists when cars are turning.

This rules states that other road users should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or

lane.

It says that you should not turn at a junction if to do so would cause the cyclist, horse rider or horse drawn vehicle going straight ahead to stop or swerve. You should stop and wait for a safe gap in the flow of cyclists if necessary.

Cllr Keith Little, Cumbria County Council Cabinet member for Highways, said: "The new update of the highway code will take effect nationally, on Saturday 29th January. In general, the goal is to reduce accidents and collisions, by making those who can cause the greatest harm to have the most responsibility on our roads. We encourage all residents, visitors, and business owners to read the new highway code and to drive carefully, while enjoying the scenery of our beautiful county.

Sergeant Claire Sampson from Cumbria Constabulary's Mobile Support Group said "I'd urge all road users, but especially drivers, to take note of the changes to the rules of our roads. The new hierarchy highlights those most at risk of becoming a casualty on our roads, it's the responsibility of us all to ensure we keep others safe."

Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall said "We need to raise awareness of the new rules in the Highway Code and encourage all road users to put them into practice, as from Saturday 29 January. It is the responsibility of all road users to keep themselves up to date and make sure they are aware of for example, the new hierarchy of responsibility for road users, the new priority for pedestrians at junctions and the new priority for cyclists when cars are turning. All new changes in the Highway Code serve to improve our road safety and help reduce the number of collisions and accidents in the county, which can only ever be a good thing."



Bunny Bee
by
Lexie Grisedale
from
Holm Cultram
Abbey
School

Welcome Vivacious Atlantic



Lifting the Elaine & Don Wilkinson onto the low loader, Vivacious Atlantic waits to go on the Dodo trailer

Report by: Julie Emary
Silloth RNLi Press Officer

In the early evening of 27th January, Silloth RNLi lifeboat station received their relief boat, Vivacious Atlantic B921, in order that their permanent lifeboat the Elaine and Don Wilkinson B828,

could receive some specialist maintenance from the Inshore Lifeboat Centre on the Isle of Wight. It is expected to be away for approximately six weeks.

The Vivacious Atlantic arrived on a low loader from the RNLi transport fleet and exchanged with

the Elaine and Don Wilkinson. Members of Silloth RNLi lifeboat crew took the relief boat out for sea trials before accepting it, in order to make sure that the rescue cover for the upper reaches of the Solway Firth continues to be unaffected.

Covid Text Scam

Watch out for fake text messages pretending to be from the NHS.

Since Jan 1st, 412 victims have reported losses totalling more than £531,000.

What you need to look out for:

Be aware of requests for personal information in messages claiming to be from the NHS.

Be alert to links or attachments in unexpected messages claiming to be from the NHS.

Do not respond to requests for money, bank details or passwords.

The NHS will NEVER ask for payment or any financial details.

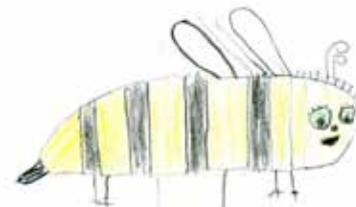
How to report scam messages: If you are suspicious about an email, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk.

If you are suspicious about a text message, forward it to the number 7726 (it's free of charge).

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Relaxing Bee
by
Nova Rodger
from
Silloth
Primary
School



Stuart
by
Kieran Carr
from
Holm Cultram Abbey
School

Silloth Vintage Rally Cancelled for 2022

Your Help Needed!



Report by: Wendy Jameson

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Vintage Rally committee has made the difficult decision not to hold a Vintage Rally in 2022.

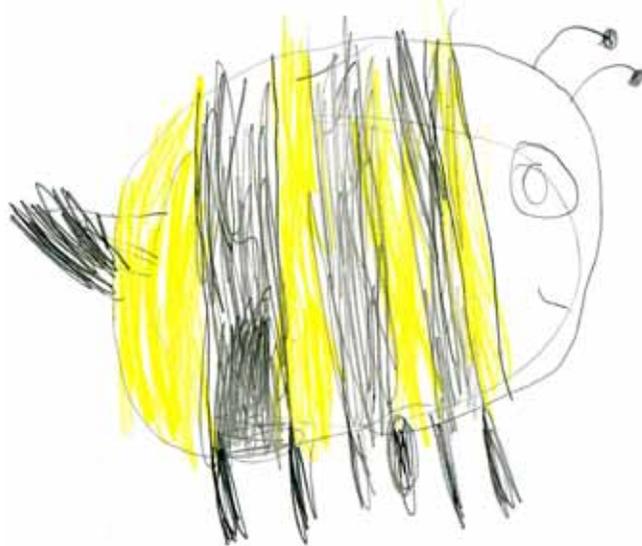
Going forward we would like to encourage new volunteers to come forward, to assist with the organisation and running of an event in 2023.

An event such as this cannot

happen without the drive, commitment and effort of a valuable team of volunteers.

If you'd like to get involved, then drop us a line by email: info@vintagerally.co.uk and we will organise a meeting in the coming months.

We would also like to thank everyone for their continued support for the event and we look forward to seeing you all again.



Fat Bee
by
Luke Ross
from
Silloth
Primary
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Croak
by
Loki
McNamara Brown
from
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Northern Fells Group



COME and have a cuppa and a chat with Northern Fells Group workers to find out how we can help you – and how you could help others.

Our special open day is at Caldbeck Parish Hall, March 22, from 11am-2pm when you can learn more about what we do – and see how you can join in.

It is also a chance to find out about care in the community for loved ones.

If you are involved in caring for someone or have worked in the care sector, you can talk to representatives from AgeUK, Alzheimer's UK, West Cumbria Carers, Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAFS), and others

Organised by Community Catalysts, the NFG and the Dementia Action Alliance, there will also be advice on how to start your own business in care provision. Free refreshments.



Solway Buzz Bee
by Harvey Askew
from Holm Cultram Abbey School



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Cryptic Phrases #1 for LEXOPHILES (Lovers of Words)

Sent in by: Mike Faulkner

1. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
2. A will is a dead giveaway.
3. Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
4. A backward poet writes inverse.
5. In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
6. A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
7. If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
8. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
9. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.
10. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
11. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
12. A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France resulted in Linoleum Blownapart.
13. You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
14. Local Area Network in Australia : The LAN down under.
15. He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
16. A calendar's days are numbered.
17. A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.
18. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
19. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
20. A plateau is a high form of flattery.
21. The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison: a small medium at large.
22. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
23. When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall

Causewayhead WI

Report by: Jenny Stride

This was our first meeting in our new venue Christ Church, Silloth on 9th February.

Tony Rutherford came to give us a talk about Blood Bikes Cumbria. I always thought this was part of the National Blood Transfusion Service so was surprised to learn it is a charity dependent on fundraising.

It was started in Surrey in 1965 and now has 38 bases across the UK and Ireland.

It is staffed by volunteers who originally used their own vehicles and paid their own fuel. Now thanks to public support they have six motorbikes and five cars across their locations in Carlisle, Penrith, Whitehaven and Cockermouth.

The cars are needed as it is unsafe to ride motorbikes below 3 degrees centigrade as wind chill can make this drop to minus 10c.

The running costs for 2020/21 were £58 thousand pounds, with a fuel bill of £1,717 per month for which BP give a discount. This covered 1,113 call-outs, 656 regular runs and a total mileage of 165,222. All of this is funded by the public, the only Government help is an exemption from road tax for the vehicles.

The Charity runs a service from 6pm to 6am 365 days a year and also 6am to 6pm weekends and Bank Holidays. During the first Covid outbreak they provided a 24hr service from 24/3/20 to 17/7/20. They do not transport just blood but breast milk, surgical instruments, x-rays, medical records, scans, and samples.

Thirty Two drivers/riders are needed to cover a weeks shifts.

The controllers are also volunteers working from home on twelve hour shifts, they take the calls from the hospital, ring a rider and log it.

Fundraising is done at shows and talks.

Jean Graham thanked Tony for his very interesting talk and also for his part in this essential service.

We have now also resumed our monthly competitions and the winners are:

Item related to speaker 1. Christine Worrall

2. Mona Kent

Flower Single Stem 1. Linda Taylor

2. Christine Worrall

Raffle 1. Olga Hetherington 2. Shirley Sharp.



Dogs Must be Kept on a Lead Near Livestock

As the start of the lambing season gets underway, Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall is urging all dog owners to keep their dogs on leads when near fields with livestock.

Sheep worrying is when, on agricultural land, a dog either attacks sheep, chases them in such a way as to likely cause injury, suffering or abortion of pregnant ewes.

Peter McCall said: "I completely understand that lots of people enjoy long walks with their dogs, but as much of the county's rural landscape is maintained by grazing sheep,

there is always a strong chance that people will encounter livestock while out with their dog. **Dog owners need to remember that even if their pet is well trained and always returns when called, it is in every dog's instinct to chase, even if they are usually very well behaved.** If sheep are chased by dogs it can cause serious damage, even if the dog does not catch them. The stress it causes can result in the pregnant ewes miscarrying their lambs.

Sheep worrying is a serious crime and each year, sheep are attacked and killed by dogs in Cumbria. The message is simple –keep your dog on a lead when in

fields and areas where there are livestock."

Chief Inspector Lee Skelton, Cumbria Constabulary, said: "Sheep and livestock worrying is a serious issue that can be very distressing for farmers and livestock owners, who depend on these animals for their income. Dog owners must remember to keep their dogs under control and on a lead around farm animals and wildlife. We would advise all dog owners and walkers to adhere to the Countryside Code which offers advice on walking dogs responsibly near livestock and wildlife."



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John Daly at the 2020 D-Day Service

Hi there, my name is John Daly and I am the new Chairman of Wigton Royal British Legion Branch, I served 23 years in the RAF as an Air Traffic Controller. After that I retrained as a Paramedic and served several more years with the NHS before retiring in 2015.

Being relatively new to the area I was surprised to hear from my neighbours that they thought that Wigton British Legion had closed. Well news of our demise is a little premature. What many people get confused about is the difference between British Legion Clubs and British Legion Branches. True the Club in Wigton did close some time back and it has been the case across much of the country, many being absorbed or amalgamated with ex-service clubs. However, the branch network is still pretty

well up and running with about 2,500 nationwide and 16 in Cumbria. There are branches at Carlisle, Penrith, Keswick and Workington, so you can see that Wigton branch neatly serves that area in the middle.

To that end, because of the confusion and an aging membership the Wigton branch is struggling to survive and to be available for those in the service community who need us. The service community is anyone serving or who has served (even if only one day) in the armed forces full time or reserve and their spouse and their dependent children.

We are here to help those in need with anything from financial help to a chat because they're lonely. The good news is anyone can become a member of the Royal British Legion (RBL), it is NOT an ex-service persons organisation. At one time nearly every family had a connection with the forces, but the decline started with the end of national service. As that change in demographic progressed so did the RBL, so that several decades ago civilians were welcomed into the organisation as long as they wanted to support the aims of the organisation.

Today we have a very modern and diverse organisation which welcomes anyone over twelve, from any background with very few exceptions and for youth members from 12-18 the membership is free. For full adult membership the annual fee is £18. That fee goes some way to helping with the good work that the RBL does, although the main source of our income is the poppy appeal. Contrary to popular belief that goes on year-round but is just amplified for two weeks prior to Remembrance Sunday in November. The RBL quietly goes about its business of helping the service community and on average spends approximately £45million



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each year on welfare, helping veterans back into work, providing physical and psychiatric support as well as helping serving families get away for a much-needed holiday when parents have been deployed to combat zones.

Where do you come in? Wigton branch needs volunteers, members who are willing when necessary to provide some of that more basic community local friendship and help. It may be a visit to a lonely veteran and not all lonely veterans are elderly. It may be a phone call to just check up on somebody home from hospital. The membership are the branch ears in the community to find out who needs that help and spread the word that there is somebody out there that cares and can help with just about any problem you can imagine. We don't have a definitive list of things we can do, tell us what your problem is and the RBL will try to find somebody that can help, and most times we do! There is another upside to this in that you will get to meet up with like minded members of the branch at regular meetings, lunches or whatever get together we can dream up. Many of us are ex service members and don't need much of an excuse for a knees up. If you live in the Wigton area and you think you would like to join us, particularly if you were born after 1960, please feel free to contact me: Tel 016973 43980 or by email on wigton.chairman@rbl.community. Alternatively you can visit our website www.Wigton-Legion.org which will soon have details of our regular meeting place once decided. Thank you and I hope to expand our membership with your help.

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£5,000 Grants for Community Groups

Grants of up to £5,000 are on offer to community groups in Allerdale.

The funding is part of the Council's drive to create more resilient communities and the aim is to promote healthy lifestyles, improve safety or address inequalities or hardship.

Applicants will need to demonstrate how their activities will meet that criteria and show how their initiatives will make a significant difference to the residents of Allerdale. The money can be used to pay for a single project or as a contribution to a larger scheme.

Those applying must be a community, charity or not-for-profit organisation, which has appropriate governance in place, such as a constitution. They must not have received other grant funding from the Council for the same or a similar project.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 22nd March 2022.

Councillor Marion Fitzgerald, Allerdale Borough Council's Deputy Leader and Executive member for Policy, Governance



and Resources, said: "We know how strong our communities are in Allerdale when it matters. They have proved this time and time again, through flooding, the pandemic and other

emergencies. But we want to think a bit more strategically about creating even more community resilience. What can we put in place to address the issues which will cause problems in the future, particularly around health and inequality? We obviously have ideas for where help is needed to help improve physical and mental health, community safety and wellbeing, and poverty, especially around food and fuel, but we want to hear from the people who live and work here. Every town and village in Allerdale is different so who better to ask for their ideas than the people on the ground – those who know these areas best?"

For more information about the grant criteria and to apply, visit <https://www.allerdale.gov.uk/en/grants/community-projects-fund/>.

Send your completed form to policy@allerdale.gov.uk.

Anne Robson Helpline



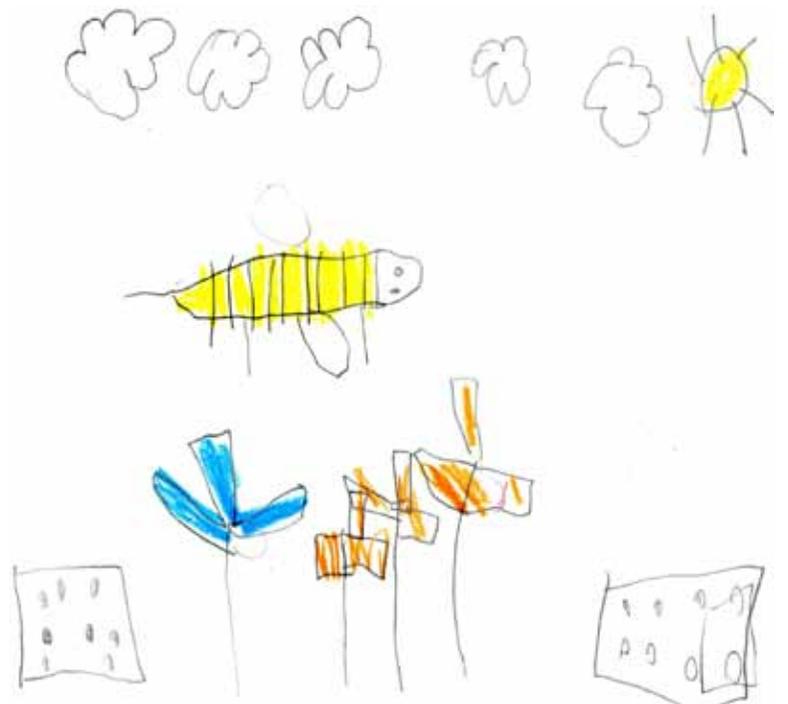
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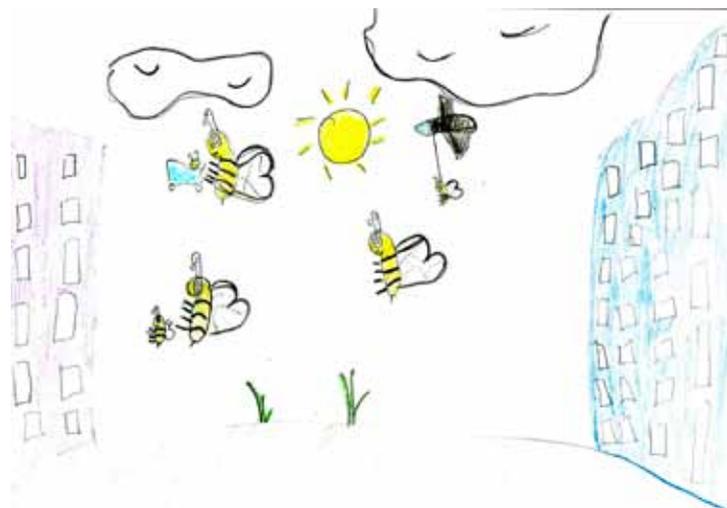
Please visit www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service to find out more.



Bob
by Alfie Heddon
from Silloth Primary School



Queen Bee
by Ebony
from Silloth Primary School



Town Bee
by Charlotte Rose Wilson
from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Silloth Nursing Home League of Friends

Report by: Jean Day

Whilst still unable to go back into the Nursing Home to hold our coffee mornings, we will continue to hold monthly coffee mornings in St Andrews Hall, Solway Street for the foreseeable future.

We are booked in to hold these on Wednesdays, 16th March, 13th April and 18th May. Any future dates will be notified as soon as able.

The Committee wish to thank the generous people of Silloth who continue to support us.



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Not Too Many People Know That!

The last Silloth Master Quiz was back in March 2019 because the Covid Lockdown came in just a week before the one scheduled for March 2020.

Lots of things have changed since then, including the modifications to Christ Church which is now a fine venue for community activities; so this year we're happy to invite everyone to a new quiz in the church

See the poster for details. Regular competitors will remember the formula. If you haven't been before please come and try it out. Spectators are welcome and, if you'd like to compete but don't have a team of friends to join, we'll try to bring people together and form teams from scratch.

Wigton Theatre



Report by: Connie Jensen

We are all recovering here- a run of eight performances really takes it out of cast and crew, and everyone concerned, but we are also really happy that The Pie-Eyed Piper of Wigton was so successful. Thank you to everyone who came and helped to make it such a success. We had 99% capacity sales, including many donated to local charities. Our audiences were brilliant- cheering, booing and shouting their way through all performances, and the cast enjoyed it as much as the kids! The general consensus was that a pantomime in February was a great lift to the spirits at the darkest and bleakest time of year.

Actors and crew always

experience a big low when a major production ends; it's such an intense and emotional experience- this time doubly so in view of our losses! The only cure for the "after show blues" is to do it all over again, so I'm really happy to announce we have another two shows coming up: another fun Murder Mystery, and an all-singing and dancing production of The Merry Wives of W... (Like a summer pant)

Dates for your diary:
Murder Mystery (Harvey's Wallbanger) 12th-14th/15th May-part of Wigton's Spring Fling
Merry Wives: 25th- 27th/28th August

And now we would like some feedback from you-
1) our dates for the new shows allow for popular evenings- Thursday, Friday and Saturday, plus the possibility of one or even two matinees. Please tell us if you prefer matinees to evenings

2) our audiences loved the 'Half Term Panto'. Should we do it again? Please send us your feedback to hello@wigtontheatre.org

Silloth & District Pensioners Association

Report by: Jean Day

It was a lovely bright, sunny day, though a bit cool, however the monthly Pensioner's coffee morning was well attended. The cake stall was quickly practically sold out and the raffle was generously supported.

Winners of raffle were: Linda McCormick, Eileen Reeves, Elaine Hodgson, Annabelle Strong, Mary Eccles, Moira Fearon and Edna Allison. Many thanks to all those who keep giving generous raffle prizes.

Whilst enjoying our freedom and safety in meeting up with our friends as we do, our thoughts go out to the Ukrainian people who have had to leave their homes and who need our help to survive as refugees in Poland and other European countries.

The Committee unanimously decided (and were backed up by all attending this morning), that £100 be donated to those helping in sending supplies out to the refugees.

Many thanks to the people who gave cash to be included in the Association's donation to the Refugee appeal. We are all grateful to be able to lead the life we do.



An Update on Friends of the Green

Report by: Vicky Hope

As we move into spring in our beautiful town of Silloth, work is underway on Silloth Green to bring additional features for our locals and visitors.

Silloth Green is one of the most admired public spaces in the country. In addition to a team of hardworking council employees the volunteer gardeners of Friends of the Green work tirelessly to make the green a stunning place to spend time in all weathers.

The team of volunteers welcome anyone to join them as they work gardening and fundraising to make the green the fantastic space that it

is today.

Whatever your abilities, if you fancy getting involved, Friends of the Green would love to welcome you. Not only is it a chance to meet a lovely bunch of people and get active within the local community, it's a chance to have some fun while doing something amazing.

The Annual General Meeting is taking place soon and everyone is welcome to come along - Details of the meeting once arranged and how to get involved can be found on the Friends of the Green Facebook page.

If you would like to come along you would be made very welcome.



Lilly Mae by Ruby Smith from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Volunteer Minibus Drivers Needed in Caldbeck and Wigton



New faces are needed to join Cumbria County Council's voluntary 'Community Wheels' minibus service - providing group transport where there is no public transport service.

We are specifically looking for Volunteer Minibus Drivers in and around Wigton and Caldbeck. All expenses are reimbursed.

Anyone interested in finding out more should contact Katy Wood, the council's Voluntary Transport Officer, 07788 396194, or visit www.cumbria.gov.uk/communitywheels. As well as learning new skills

and providing a lifeline for people without access to transport, signing up as a volunteer is a good way to meet new people and give something back to the community.

Councillor Keith Little, Cumbria County Council Cabinet member for transport, said: "Our volunteers do a fantastic job and play a vital role getting people out and about, we couldn't provide a service without their valued efforts. We're always looking for more volunteers to support our community transport schemes, so if you have some time to spare we'd love to hear from you."

Christ Church with St Paul's presents the 2022

SILLOTH MASTER QUIZ

Q 1: When is it? Friday March 25th @ 7pm

Q 2: Where is it? Christ Church, Criffell St

Q 3: Who's invited? Teams of up to four (£20 per team)

Q 4: Is there a prize? Pride, a trophy and wine

Q 5: Are supporters/spectators welcome? Definitely (entrance £2.00)

Q 6: Any extras? Refreshments and a raffle

Q 7: Should we book in advance? It helps if you can. (Call Tim Barker 31246) But entry on the night is OK.

The Mawbray Film Club presents

NO TIME TO DIE

SATURDAY 19 March 2022
The film starts at 7:00pm

Bring your own cushions, if you wish. Bring your own refreshments, cups/glasses. All rubbish to be taken with you when you leave at the end of the evening. Masks must be worn when moving around the hall or in conversations. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There are limited spaces available due to social distancing, so pre-booking is essential.

You must be a member to participate

Lifetime Membership £5.00 per adult
£15.00 per family (under 10)

One Night Charge £3.50 per adult
£10.00 per family (under 10)

To join and/or to book contact Brian or Lynda: 01900 881757 07542 781234 07928 010074

Platinum Jubilee Tea

Abbeytown Village Hall Committee are holding a celebration tea for the over 60's in our community on

Sunday 5th June 2pm

In Abbeytown Church.

This is free to everyone over 60 and living in Abbeytown Parish.

To book call Carol 01697361798 mobile 07786387409
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Choice of puddings
1. Fruit Crumble 2. Custard Slice 3. Banoffee Pie 4. Rice Pudding

To book/order or for more information please contact:
Brenda - 016973 61224 or Anita - 016973 61113 by Wednesday 6th April 2022
Please state which soup and pudding you would like when ordering. Thank you

Your Buzzing Letters & Poems

Dear Buzz,

As some of your readers will be aware there used to be a club in Silloth called Silloth and District Motor Club.

Unfortunately, the club ceased to run almost twenty years ago due to lack of members. At that time the club committee members were Peter Holliday (Chairperson) and Willy Graham (Treasurer), we have decided that the club will not get going again now so the account should be closed.

Peter and Willy have agreed that the money in the account should be donated to local charities.

They have decided to split the money equally between Silloth First Responders and Silloth Convalescent Home, which means they will both receive £140 each.

W. Graham

Dear Buzz,

In a short while we will all be going to the elections after the Allerdale Workington councils are reorganised.

I only hope as a district we can get some jobs completed as Allerdale and Cumbria Highways seem to have taken a premature holiday.

Who ever is in charge, I willingly would walk or drive round with them.

Jobs are left lying for months if not years, without a proper conclusion.

How long before the tree on Lawn Terrace is taken away and the pavement repaired?? It makes a mockery of putting dropped kerbs in.

That is not to mention the pot holes outside the airfield entrance and the tree in Eden Street that is set to become a monument and our new arrival the rubbish in the beck at Causewayhead.

I would like to be able to say something positive but I am sick to death of COVID-19 being blamed for everything.

Before anyone asks for an increase in rates let us see some action and results.

On a more positive note I believe grant money has been allocated for the renovation of the cemetery building at Causewayhead.

Sorry, my New Year Resolution did not last long

C.B. (The Whinger)



Footballer Bee
by
Blake Tinkler
from
Holm Cultram
Abbey School

Spring Crescendo
by Edna Lodhi

Through Winter's seeming, sleepy dormancy
Nature has lain - secretly... silently;
Yet alive - full of hidden, deep activity
And crept upon us with relentless rapidity

To burst once more from Winter's muted hush
And 'stound us all with Spring's mad, fevered rush.
Trees - in spite of Winter's dreary slush -
Now burst with bud and leaf to shelter thrush

And starling, chaffinch, robin, wren
Who - frenzied - build their homely nests again
In shady, leafy glades, or awesome glen:
Free from the burdens of mere mortal men.



Fido
by Amelia Summer Hardman
from Silloth Primary School

In the Eye of the Storm
by Sophia Lodhi

In the eye of the storm -
Zinc-white froth crests arcing waves...
While lightening sears and screams:
Deep violet skies are torn...
In the eye of the storm.

Through the eye of the storm,
Arctic tern and black-backed gull
Ride and plunge on thermals:
Thrilled to be airborne
Through the eye of the storm.

From the eye of the storm...
Long-eared hare
Darts underground...
Takes comfort,
And keeps warm.....

While mouse and vole
Find refuge in
Their woven nests:
Glad to be home...
From the eye of the storm.

In the eye of the storm,
Wild winds roll
Unfettered: swelling seas
And ushering squalls.....
Raindrops sear like

Crystal darts:
Immortalised
And ice-adorned
In the eye of the storm...
In the eye of the storm.

Skinburness Road

We need a volunteer to deliver the Solway Buzz for this part of this area,
35 properties from numbers 130 to 156 plus Eastcote

Can you help your community?

We look forward to hearing from anyone who can help.

Contact Peter on 016973 32180



Do You Get the Buzz?

If the Buzz paper does not fly through your letter box in the areas we cover, it is because we have not found a volunteer.
If you would like to join our hive of volunteers we would be pleased to hear from you, call Peter on 016973 32180 for more info.

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.

Bee Fact #2



To make one pound (450g) of honey, bees must gather nectar from around 2,000,000 flowers!

Non-Commercial Tourism Websites

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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 a £5 Gift Voucher from the Solway Buzz.

So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Local children return your drawing to your school 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.

This month the winner is Charlie Watson from Holme St Cuthbert School with a bee drawing called "Tractor Bee".

Well done!



A History of Silloth Published in the Cumberland News on 1st July 1885 part 1

Discovered by David Edwards in an old family scrap book and reproduced on the Silloth History Group facebook page

A SHORT HISTORY OF SILLOTH.

The now flourishing though small town of Silloth is of recent origin, and many inhabitants of the place, doubtless, can recollect when it was entirely made up of a few scattered cottages inhabited by the fisherfolk. It must be said that the Sillothians are all proud of the success which has attended the town, and they would in all probability be inclined to laugh at the idea of being in any way subordinate to the neighbouring hamlet of Skinburness. Yet in looking through an old Gazetteer the other day we came across the following definition:—"Silloth, or Sea-lath, a hamlet near Skinburness, in Cumberland." Turning to histories of the county the reason for this is explained, Skinburness at one time having been a considerable market town. It was also the chief place for King Edward's magazines in those parts, in the Scotch expeditions. A charter of Edward I. contained the following;—"The village of Skinburnesse, within the boundaries of the island of Holme, shall be a free borough, and the men inhabiting there freeburgers, with all the liberties and free customs for ever; so that the said borough be kept by some faithful man chosen by the Abbot and his brethren; that all merchants may resort thither with their merchandize by land and water; that there shall be a weekly market on Thursday, and a fair every year." Hutchinson's history states that the breaking in of the ocean, whereby the town of Skinburness was laid waste, had happened after the year 1301; for in that year Bishop Halton, in consideration that the inhabitants were at a great distance from all places of divine worship, granted a power to the Abbot and Convent of Holm Cultram to build a church there, with proper endowment and all parochial rights." It is supposed, however, that this power was never carried out, as, in 1303, the same bishop granted to the abbot and convent power to build a church at Arlosh, with all parochial rights, and authority to nominate a priest for institution, and a salary of £4 a year. Nicholson and Burn state the following to be among the parliamentary records:—"At the petition of the abbot (A.D. 1305) requesting that whereas he had paid a fine of 100 marks to the king for a fair and market to be held at Skinburnesse, and now that town, together with the way leading to it is carried away by the sea, the king would grant that he may have such fair and market at this town of Kirkeby Johan, instead of the other place aforesaid, and that his charter upon this may be renewed. It was answered, 'Let the first charter be annulled, and let him have a like charter in the place as he desireth.'" Another old authority avers that Silloth was but a warren inhabited by rabbits. Anyone driving or walking between Allonby and Silloth on a summer's evening can easily credit that this, a century ago, would be true of the present site of the town, there being probably hundreds of thousands of rabbits between Silloth and Allonby, and within a mile and a half of the shore. Even so late as 1847 the village was made up of a few farm houses and fishermen's cottages. Silloth Bay appears to have been long noted as a safe anchoring place for ships, which frequently ran up from Maryport and Workington in times of storms. To this fact, without doubt, may be attributed the cause of its present importance. Although the large sandbanks in the Solway are at times dangerous to mariners not thoroughly acquainted with them, the bay of

Silloth is deep, and is said to be approachable at almost all states of the tide. Silloth bank is a natural breakwater, and gives shelter in consequence to ships. When the dock and railway came to be made of course the town began to increase rapidly, some very pretty houses and hotels of considerable dimensions being built. From Green Row to the North Shore building sites were taken up, and the progress made was highly satisfactory to those gentlemen who have been the cause of the extension. Gas works were established by the North British Railway Company, though the price at present charged is very high—about 6s per thousand feet, we believe. The streets were laid out from the designs of Messrs J. W. and J. Hay, architects, Liverpool, and most of them have been paved. The unpleasant cobbles will doubtless in time give way to the more superior granite sets, and thus at least one cause of complaint will be done away with. A good supply of water is obtained, and the sanitary arrangements are of a very satisfactory character. The streets are also well lighted. Visitors to Silloth have numerous

FACILITIES FOR ENJOYMENT.

besides the pure sea air and the delightful scenery. There are the bowling and cricketing greens near the railway station, and a promenade, facing the sea, occupying nearly forty acres. This ground is also available for football, cricket, croquet, or other pastimes. The views from the Promenade are usually very charming, not the least being the picturesque outline of the Scotch coast, with the mountains towering behind one another. At Silloth the Church of England, Independents, Wesleyans, and Primitive Methodists have each erected handsome places of worship, Christ Church with its fine tower being a prominent feature. It may be incidentally remarked that the tower of this church can, on a clear day, be distinctly seen at Maryport, a distance of fully twelve miles. It will be remembered that some time ago a new clock was placed in the tower to the memory of the late Mr George Moore, of Whitehall, who was a liberal contributor to the church, as well as being one of the patrons of the living.

SILLOTH BATHS.

Not the least important or imposing structure in the town is the bathing establishment, which stands near the beach. It is a fine stone building, erected at a cost of about £2,000. Hot, cold, shower, swimming, and plunge baths are provided at reasonable rates. The baths are elegantly fitted up, and each is filled with one hundred gallons of pure salt water on every occasion of use. The water is drawn from the sea by steam power at the rate of 100,000 gallons every tide. For outdoor bathing there are ample facilities. Numerous bathing machines are available, and the beach is very suitable for the purposes of bathers, there being no holes or uncertain depths, and the water is usually very clear.

SILLOTH AS A HEALTH RESORT.

The neighbourhood of Silloth will bear comparison with any other part of the county for the longevity of its inhabitants. At Skinburness some time ago the number of residents was reported to be about 100, of whom 20 were 60 years old and upwards. Of the later 10 were above 76 years of age, namely, two married men, one widower, and the rest widows. Of these two were 80 years and over, and one 95. The last mentioned was supposed to be the oldest person living in the Holme. Some few years

back there were a couple, named George and Jeannie Bewley, who had lived 62 years together. They were born in the same year, and married at the age of 22 years. George died at

the age of 84, and Jeannie went to live with her daughter at Blencogo, where she died a few years afterwards. To persons in search of healthful places of resort Silloth offers peculiar advantages. There are few places in the kingdom with a higher mean temperature than Silloth. The air has the annual mean temperature of 49.1 degrees, while at places between 51 degrees and 52 degrees (Silloth being 54 deg., 51 min., 51 sec.) it is 49.2 degrees. It is supposed that these favourable atmospheric conditions are due to the prevalence of south-west winds, and a portion of the Gulf Stream finding its way into the Solway. In the matter of sunshine Silloth is equally favoured, the readings by Professor Stokes's instrument usually showing a high percentage of bright sunshine. Certain learned authorities have asserted on several occasions that the air of Silloth is charged with a greater amount of ozone than at any other place in England, the nearest approach to it being in the Isle of Wight. The extremely healthy position of Silloth made it the most likely one for the establishment of the Sanatorium for Cumberland and Westmorland. The Convalescent Home was therefore erected near the town in 1862, and who shall say the amount of good which has been done through its agency. It is carried on by the voluntary contributions of the public, and is eminently deserving of popular support. We may now go on to speak more particularly of the commercial interests of the town.

THE MAKING OF THE MARSHALL DOCK, AND THE RAILWAY TO SILLOTH.

In 1854 the Carlisle and Silloth Bay Railway and Dock Company was organised, its capital being £165,000. The scheme of the company met with considerable opposition, but ultimately the Parliamentary powers were obtained. The company purchased from Mr Charles Jolliffe (father of Mr Charles Hylton Jolliffe, the present lord of the manor) 105 acres 3 roods, and 29 perches of the Sea-lath estate for the sum of £3,701 6s 8d, and £555 1s 10d for damage and breaking entail, making altogether £4,256 8s 6d. The work of constructing the dock and railway was commenced without delay, Mr James Abernethy, M.I.C.E., of Parliament Street, London, being the engineer-in-chief. The dock was originally designed by Mr J. B. Hartley, of Liverpool. The Right Hon. Sir James R. G. Graham cut the first sod on the 31st of August, 1855, at Drumburgh, and the railway, which joined the Port Carlisle line, was pushed on with all possible speed. The route chosen for the railway presented no very great engineering difficulties, and the line was opened for traffic on the 28th of August, 1856. Meanwhile excavations for the dock had been going on, and on August 18th, 1857, Sir James Graham laid the foundation stone. In the course of the formalities the right hon. baronet received from Mr Abernethy a mallet and silver trowel with which to perform the ceremony. The proceedings were concluded by the Rev Francis Redford, who was then, as now, rector of the parish, offering an appropriate prayer. Wednesday, the 3rd of

To be continued next month

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Copy date for the May issue is:

1st week April

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Please let us know of any changes within this section

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'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.

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Please tell us when your group starts up again so we can let everyone know

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Dates for Your Diary

March

19th Jumble Sale in St Andrews Hall 10am to 2pm

19th Mawbray Film Club showing 'No Time to Die' see advert

April

2nd Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am

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

9th Craft Sale 10am-2pm in St Andrews Hall, 016973 32185

12th Holme Low Parish Council meeting in Silloth Community Hall at 7:30pm

13th Silloth Nursing Home League of Friends Coffee Morning

13th Waver Wine Circle AGM at 7:30pm

13th Causewayhead WI meeting in Christ Church, Silloth at 2pm

May

2nd Spring into Silloth on Silloth Green 11am to 6pm

7th Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am

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

May cont'd

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

11th Causewayhead WI meeting in Christ Church, Silloth at 2pm

12th Wigton Theatre presents Harvey's Wallbanger 07977 835094 or Ticketsource

13th Wigton Theatre presents Harvey's Wallbanger 07977 835094 or Ticketsource

14th Mamma Mia An ABBA themed musical evening in Christ Church in aid of Silloth RNLI

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18th Silloth Nursing Home League of Friends Coffee Morning

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21st Soul Weekend at Stanwix Park 016973 32666

22nd Soul Weekend at Stanwix Park 016973 32666

June

2nd Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on Silloth Green

3rd Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on Silloth Green

4th Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on Silloth Green

June cont'd

5th Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on Silloth Green

5th Platinum Jubilee Tea in Abbeystown Church at 2pm free to all Abbeystown Parish residents, see advert for booking details

8th Causewayhead WI meeting in Christ Church, Silloth at 2pm

18th Silloth Pride on Silloth Green

July

2nd Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am

13th Causewayhead WI meeting in Christ Church, Silloth at 2pm

23rd Silloth Cycling Festival on Silloth Green

30th Soul on the Green starts at 11am to 8pm

August

25th Wigton Theatre presents Merry Wives of W... 07977 835094 or Ticketsource

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27th Craft Sale 10am-2pm in St Andrews Hall, 016973 32185

27th Silloth Carnival Mega Weekend on Silloth Green from 11am to 6pm

August cont'd

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29th Silloth Carnival Mega Weekend on Silloth Green from 11am to 6pm

September

8th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

9th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

10th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

11th Silloth Music & Beer Festival on Silloth Green

24th Cream Tea 10am-2pm in St Andrews Hall, 016973 32185

October

1st Coffee Morning with Silloth & District Pensioners in St Andrews Hall, 10am to 11am

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

Have You Sent in Your Dates yet?

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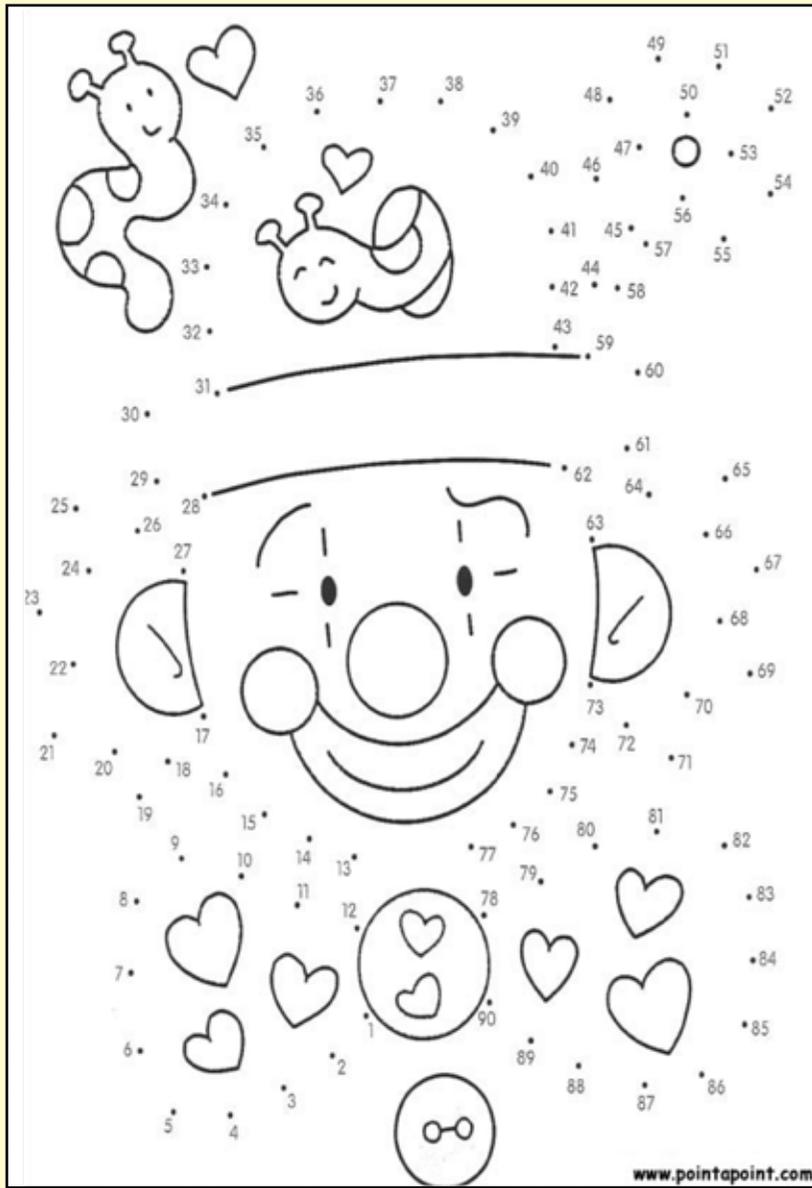
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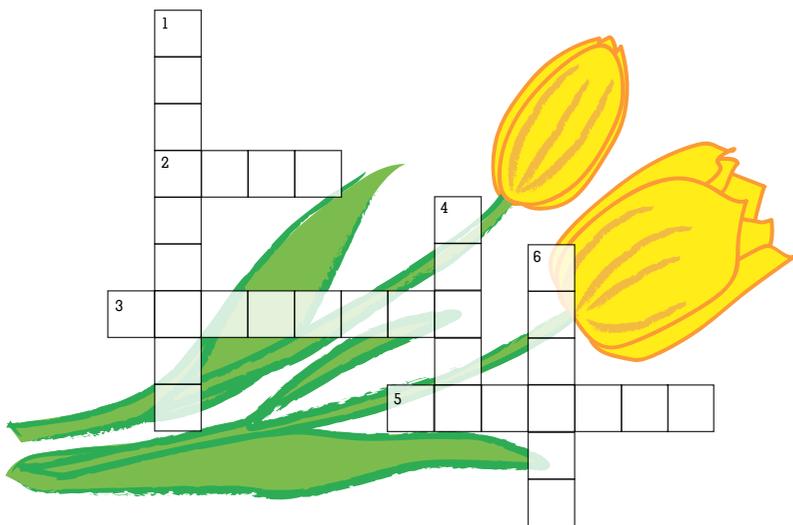
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spring crossword flowers



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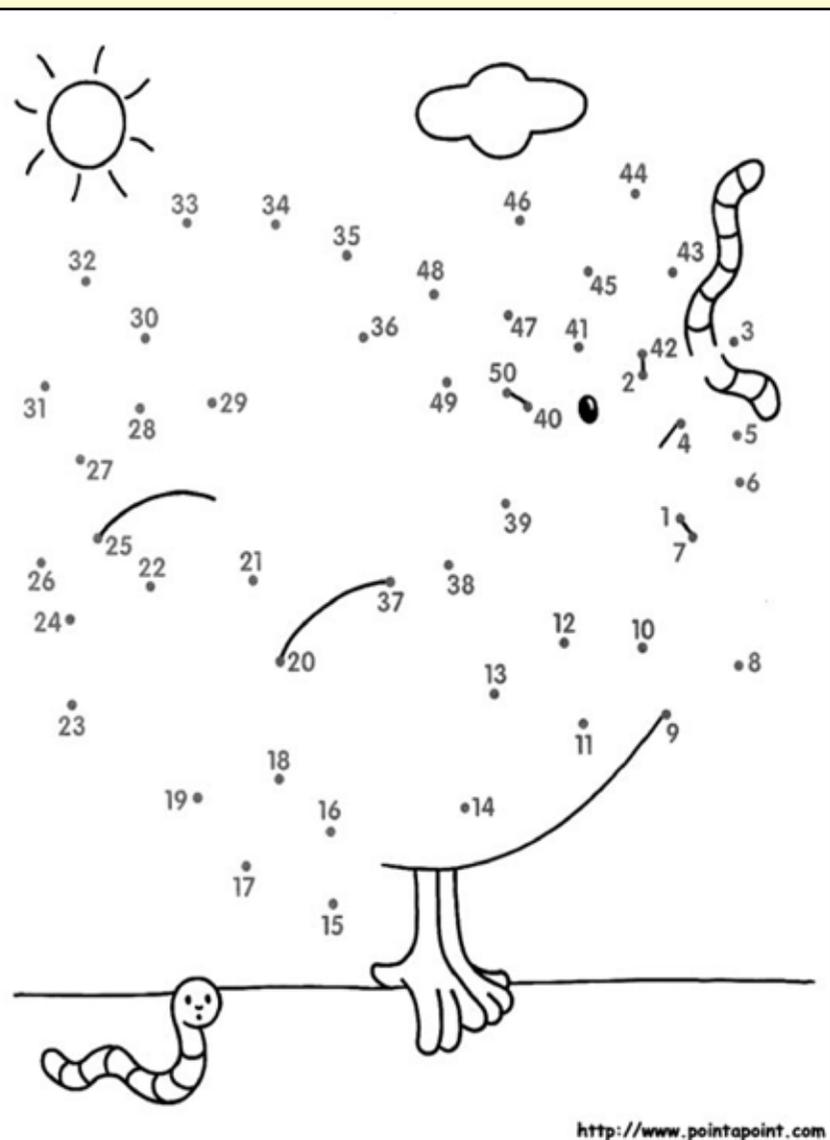
2. This flower is also the symbol of France.
3. A yellow, nodding flower with a cup shaped petal in the center.
5. Young, growing plants.

Down

1. To transfer pollen from one flower to another.
4. A species of plant that grows from a bulb, with brightly colored petals.
6. Plants that are flowering.

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Be Consent Aware Campaign

Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall, has launched a campaign to raise awareness on what constitutes as consent.

The campaign highlights the need for sexual consent, dispels the myths around what consent means and highlights the services available to those who have experienced sexual assault.

The campaign is supported by the Commissioner's successful bid to the Government's Safer Streets Fund. Some of the key messages highlighted in the campaign are that consent cannot be bought, someone who is intoxicated cannot give consent, a relationship does not provide automatic consent, and that saying 'yes' once doesn't mean 'yes' always.

Covering routes across the North West of England and South West of Scotland, these vital messages will be displayed on public buses to raise awareness. Train stations and bus stands across the county will also highlight these messages. Radio adverts have been playing across multiple radio stations in Cumbria, posters will be visible in multiple establishments and public banners will all highlight the key messages of the campaign.

Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall, said: "The 'Be

Consent Aware' campaign is really important as it promotes asking for consent and highlights that just because someone doesn't say 'no', that doesn't mean that it's a 'yes'. It's essential that we all understand the laws around consent as it is today. I would encourage everyone to take a few minutes to think about consent and what it means. You can find some helpful information on my website to read up on some of the myths and facts around consent.

I would urge anyone who has been a victim of sexual assault or rape, recent or historical, to report it to the Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency. However; I know that this is not an option for some, which is why I commission services to help support victims of rape and sexual assault that don't want to report directly to the Police. These services include: The Bridgeway; Victim Support; Safety Net; and The Birchall Trust -

information on all of these services can be found on the 'Be Consent Aware' page on my website.

We all want to see Cumbria become an even safer place to live, work and visit and by knowing our facts around consent, we can all make our streets a bit safer."

Temporary Detective Chief Inspector Vicki Coombes,



Cumbria Constabulary, said: "Rape and serious sexual offences are life changing. They can devastate individuals, their families, and the wider community. The law is very clear, sex without consent is rape. There are no grey areas and there are no excuses.

It is your responsibility to ensure you have true consent before engaging in any sexual activity, otherwise you are committing a serious sexual offence and therefore hold yourself up to be arrested, convicted in a court of law and potentially placed on the Sex Offenders Register. I would urge people to ensure that they have full consent of anyone they are intimate with. I would also encourage anyone who has been a victim of any sexual offence to report this so we can investigate and provide appropriate support, in conjunction with our trusted partner agencies."

More information can be found on Be Consent Aware - Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner (cumbria-pcc.gov.uk)



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Fertiliser Freighter Comes to Silloth Dock

Report & Photos by:
John Forrester
More coverage of shipping at
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As the New Year got underway the usually optimistic local ship photographers were frustrated by the long run of stormy days hampering their activities. Coastal shipping continued to provide its vital service around the country, however delays were inevitable as ships sheltered from the worst of the storms. Weather forecasters described the situation as an unusual 'conveyor belt' of Atlantic storms. This didn't bode well for ship enthusiasts at Silloth, however the mood lightened when a Russian ship, not seen before at the port, appeared on the schedule.

General cargo vessel BALTIIYSKIY BEREG had set out from Riga in Latvia at the end of January to begin the ten-day sailing. The route from the Baltic port took her through the Kiel Canal towards the English Channel. As the ship headed north into the Irish Sea her master must have had a close eye on the weather ahead as the ship's arrival at Silloth was timed precisely for the brief calm window between storms Malik and Corrie. Unfortunately, it was another overcast morning with poor light

for enthusiasts wanting photographs.

The ship had a wider beam than most seen at Silloth, requiring the pilot to take extra care when lining up at the port entrance. The ship approached at walking pace allowing minor adjustments to be made before passing effortlessly into Marshall Dock. It continued through the main dock entrance where it was turned and secured at the quayside ready to unload its cargo of fertiliser. Silloth receives regular deliveries from the Freeport of Riga, a modern

facility handling both freight and cruise liners.

When manoeuvring at close quarters, the ship's name could be seen painted in duplicate, one version being in Cyrillic script. The long name plus port of registry, St. Petersburg, occupied a large space at the stern. This, together with a unique

identification number meant there'd be no confusion identifying the ship. Many Russian ships include BALTIIYSKIY in their name, and combined with BEREG translates as Baltic Shore. The complexity of the shipping world was illustrated by this ship, which although listed as Russian, displayed the funnel emblem of a Turkish company. After departing Silloth, BEREG's next port of call would be Belfast and from there in an easterly direction towards her home port of St Petersburg.



Silloth Tide Table

APRIL 2022		SILLOTH							
		DEPTHS ON NEW DOCK GAUGE (1.8m ABOVE CD)							
		High Water				Low Water			
Date		Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
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3	SU	00 46	7.2	12 58	7.4	07 47	-1.1	20 06	-1.1
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6	W	02 19	6.4	14 40	6.2	09 16	-0.4	21 25	-0.2
7	TH	02 53	6.0	15 19	5.7	09 45	-0.0	21 55	0.2
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Times shown in UTC. Add 1 hour for British Summer Time.

February Shipping at the Port of Silloth

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

During February we had consultations with our engineering departments and finance teams and we were able to finance some works to repair our breakwater, it isn't complete, however, we will be setting aside some further monies for next year.

We have added 200 tonnes of stone to the breakwater as the outer end was sinking into the Solway Firth and allowing the longshore drift to pass over and around the end into the harbour entrance. We will be

watching closely moving forward to see if this reduces the build up of sand in our port entrance.

The winds will blow regardless and much debris, including birds suffering from flu, cattle and sheep being washed from rivers has all ended up on our foreshore in the past month.

We will try and keep the majority of it clean in conjunction with the council where we can as the upper parts of the beach actually belong to ABP, if we get a call to let us know there is something needs doing, we will do our best, subject to time of day, tides and shift rotations to get to it

and see what can be done.

The local Vodafone mast, immediately outside the dock office entrance is due to be overhauled shortly, so you may (if you are on Vodafone) lose some connectivity for a few days in March/April. We are still awaiting an actual date.

The days are getting lighter and longer, so hopefully soon we may see some of this global warming and actually be warm!

There was no commercial shipping registered through the port this month but we did have many fishing vessels, mainly delivering scallops.

Burglary Prevention Campaign Launched

Research shows two thirds (67%) of people are worried about their home being broken into, yet there are simple, proven measures we can all take to reduce our chances of becoming a victim of burglary by up to 50%.

To help you be and feel safer at home, we are running our Think WIDE(N) burglary

prevention campaign (1st-31st March), highlighting the simple, evidence-based WIDE measures which can be taken in any home on a variety of budgets.

At Neighbourhood Watch, we also believe neighbours keeping an eye out for each other is key to reducing burglary, so we've extended the WIDE acronym to WIDE(N):

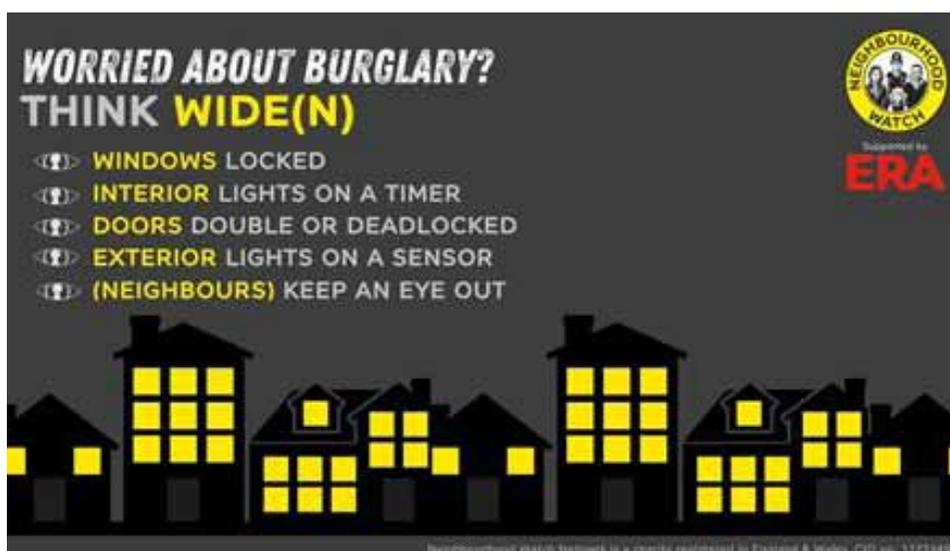
W: WINDOWS: Keep your windows locked

I: INTERIOR: Put inside lights on a timer/smart bulb

D: DOORS: Double or deadlock your doors

E: EXTERIOR: Put outside lights on a sensor

(N): NEIGHBOURS: Keep an eye out for your neighbours



To learn more about WIDE(N) and burglary prevention measures, visit: www.ourwatch.org.uk/thinkwiden

John Hayward-Cripps, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Network, said 'It is not okay for two-thirds of people to fear being burgled. More

needs to be done to help people be and feel safer, and when it comes to burglary, prevention is always better than cure.

Since 1982 we have been supporting communities to feel and be safer. We know that by securing your home's windows, interior, doors, exterior and keeping an eye out for neighbours, we can all give ourselves the best chance of not being burgled.

If you have been burgled recently, criminals are familiar with your home and may come back once you've had time to purchase new items. Act soon to avoid being re-targeted - use the WIDE(N) advice for a combination of simple yet effective prevention measures.'



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Carris Trophy Competition

Report by: Alan Oliver
Club Secretary

Silloth on Solway Golf Club has held numerous major amateur events over the years and in July this year the best under 18 boys in Europe will grace the links at Silloth to play in the Carris Trophy.

As one of the world's oldest and most prestigious boys championships, The Carris Trophy boasts an impressive list of winners, many of whom have gone onto play and win on major professional tours, including Justin Rose, Pablo Martin, Tom Lewis, Ken Brown and Peter Baker.

As a professional, Rose the 1995 winner, has gone onto win the US Open, an Olympic Gold medal and play in five Ryder Cup teams. Lewis (2009 champion) currently competes on the PGA Tour and European Tour, claiming four professional victories. Ryder Cup player and multiple European Tour winner, Peter Baker, lifted the trophy in 1983. Whilst 1974 champion, Ken Brown represented Europe five times in the Ryder Cup and claimed victories on both the European Tour and PGA Tour. After retiring from playing, Brown has become a global TV commentator and analyst.

The English Boys' Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship is open to male



The 5th Hole at Silloth on Solway Golf Club

golfers aged under 18 and played by 72 holes of stroke play over four days. 18 holes are played on each of the first two days. After 36 holes, the leading 60 competitors and all those tied will play a further 18 holes on the third day, followed by a final 18 holes on the fourth day.

It has been ten years since the club hosted a major event which was the English Amateur Championship won by Harry Ellis.

After two years of playing this event under Covid restrictions

England Golf are hoping to get back to attracting players from across Europe to play in the event.

The event will take place from Monday 18th July – Friday 22nd July with a practice day on Monday 18th and the tournament starts on Tuesday 19th July.

There will be some superb golf on display so feel free to come along and watch the next generation of golfing superstars tackle the links at Silloth.

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Word Scramble Answers from page 15

- 1. Basket
- 2. Bunny
- 3. Chick
- 4. Chocolate
- 5. Candy
- 6. Decorate
- 7. Easter
- 8. Eggs
- 9. Flowers
- 10. Jellybeans

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