

Silloth's Wonderful Lady



Edith Crabtree
celebrating 101 years

Mrs Edith Crabtree, celebrated her 101st Birthday on 9th September this year, with a Celebratory Dinner at The Golf Hotel. She was attended by her two daughters, one of them all the way from Vancouver - and many of her friends.

Unfortunately her husband Joe died over thirty years ago.

Born at Stockton-on-Tees, she lived for sometime in Carlisle and Yorkshire and latterly moved to Silloth.

CULTERHAM HALL

MAWBRAY VILLAGE

November promises to be a busy time at Culterham Hall

Saturday 8th November

"OUTSIDE EDGE"

A595 Theatre Group & CADS, 7:30pm,
Tickets £5 / £2.50 on the door (£4 in advance)
A comedy by Richard Harris, about a village cricket team and all the goings on
- recently on TV - hilarious, not to be missed

Sunday 23rd November

"THE SPIRIT OF CARNIVAL"

music by the **GRAND UNION BAND**. 7:30pm

Tickets £4 on the door

Seven world class musicians performing a sizzling mix of music from Creole, Calypso, Reggae, Salsa, Samba to Bossanova.. Sit and enjoy the music, boogie if the spirit moves you. Bring your own alcoholic beverages, why not dress for the occasion- (Hawaiian Shirts, Sarongs, Garlands etc, prizes for the most flamboyant)

This is definitely a night not to be missed!

Sunday 30th November

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

10am to 4pm

CHRISTMAS GIFTS MADE BY
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Coast to Coast Polio Plus Fundraiser

Some months ago Silloth Harbourmaster and President of Silloth-on-Solway Rotary Club Chris Puxley fancied a cycling challenge and the C2C route looked like a good one. Being a selfless chap, it then occurred to Chris that simply cycling off over the hills might just be a little self indulgent so the idea of getting sponsorship came about. This is an account of his five day bike ride from the Cumbrian coast at Silloth over the Pennines to Tynemouth. Chris was accompanied by his Fiancee Beverley and two of their friends, during the trip he raised over £700 for the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus Eradication Campaign and Beverley raised over £300 for the Alzheimers Society.

Although the official C2C starts at either Workington or Whitehaven, Chris chose to start from Silloth, cycling down to join the route at Cockermouth. This small modification equates in overall mileage to a start from Whitehaven.

On the first day our intrepid travellers covered 32 miles of undulating minor roads, rising from the Solway Plain, over Tallentire hill and down into Cockermouth. Then crossing the River Cocker and later over the A66, they moved into the northern fells at Wythop. The route then rewarded them with a magnificent panorama across Bassenthwaite Lake to Skiddaw. The visibility was crystal clear, with both lake and fell bathed in bright afternoon sunshine. Descending steeply through the plantation, the track rejoined minor roads through Braithwaite and Portinscale before arriving at Keswick, where they took their first overnight stop.

On the second day Captain Chris & the crew followed the old railway track out of Keswick, running alongside and crossing the river Greta several times. The route gradually climbed past Threlkeld, around Blencathra and Souther Fell to Mungrisdale, before turning back alongside the A66 towards Penrith. Soon they joined minor roads again, via Greystoke, Newton Reigny, after which a rough track took them under the M6 and main rail line and on into Penrith



Silloth Rotary President Chris Puxley and his bike

town centre. Leaving Penrith after a welcome refreshment stop at the George Hotel, the Silloth "Saddle Slickers" climbed towards and around Beacon Fell, a landmark clearly visible to those travelling along the M6 or the A66. Here there was a brief stop to enjoy beautiful wide open views back to the Lakeland fells, before descending into Langwathby for the second night, having covered a further 28 miles.

On a bright clear Wednesday morning after a hearty breakfast, they looked forward to a tough day climbing Hartside via minor roads passing Little Salkeld, the "Long Meg" stone circle and the village of Renwick. The café on top of Hartside provided a welcome break after a hard climb and before the long easy descent via Leadgate to the pretty little village of Garrigill. Paying for the easy ride into Garrigill, there was another hard climb over Flinty Fell, before finally dropping like a stone, down into Nenthead for a third night's stop having managed another 22 very tough miles.

The weather held fair again on Thursday morning as they set off up Black Hill, which was the highest point of the route, 609m. The views across the bleak open moorland were breathtaking. Said Chris "We saw plenty of grouse that had survived the glorious 12th August during this stretch!" There was a chance to ease tiring leg muscles on the long descent towards Allenheads, stopping for a pub lunch at Rookhope. Then came a hard climb around Stanhope Common, with a view over the redundant Blue Circle cement factory followed by the descent into Stanhope itself, and the feeling that the worst of the journey was over. It was at this point they encountered the biggest shock of the whole route,

not clearly mentioned on the map! A 2.3 mile long extremely steep climb out of Stanhope on the B6276. It seemed never-ending but the group eventually reached some quarry workings where they thankfully joined the Wakerley Way cinder track which is the course of an old railway that took them all the way on a gentle descent, to the fourth night's stop near Consett. Thursday's total was 25 miles.

Friday, the last day, was blessed yet again with good weather and a very pleasant downhill ride past Consett and a switch to another redundant rail track down the Derwent valley past Rowlands Gill to the Tyne at Blaydon. Keeping to a cycle path alongside the Tyne and passing the shipyards of the lower Tyne, our weary travellers finally arrived at Tynemouth at 5pm, having successfully completed the final 32 miles of the 139 mile C2C challenge.

Chris said "Throughout the whole eastward journey we were very fortunate to have had a gentle following wind and only 10 minutes of rain." Of the four in the group, only two sustained a puncture during the C2C trip.

From Newcastle a train took them back west to Aspatia, via Carlisle. In a final cruel twist of fate during the last mile of the ten mile cycle ride home from Aspatia, Bev got a front tyre puncture!

Overall, the total distance covered by the group was 159 miles.

On Monday 1st September Chris, Bev and friends set forth on the "Sustrans Coast to Coast Cycle Route". They arrived in Tynemouth at 5pm on Friday 5th September. "Helped by fair weather" said Chris, "It was a wonderful experience, which I would thoroughly recommend to anyone of reasonable fitness".

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