



Beer Festival IS BACK ON

Silloth nearly lost its biggest crowd puller ever, the Beer Festival. The tent last year was provided by a company the committee had not dealt with before. I am not involved in the legal case that is continuing but it is my understanding that the Beer Festival Committee are being sued by the tent supplier for something like £80,000 after their tent was destroyed in the winds last year!

Understandably, the committee are not prepared to become involved in anything else until this financial nightmare is resolved. As someone who simply attended last years event it was obvious to me that the cause of damage to the tent was not the high winds, but the fact that the tent poles were not securely positioned on their bases. This allowed them to sink into the sand, lowering the roof and allowing it to flap to destruction.

Faced with the loss of the Beer Festival the last issue of the Buzz carried notice of a Public Meeting to consider whether the Festival could be saved. This was well attended and it was unanimously agreed that we should continue with a Beer Festival in Silloth. In order to protect all the volunteers involved, we have set-up a Company, limited by Guarantee, and non profit making. This new company has three Directors and is called Silloth Festivals Limited.

Now the Festival is definitely ON and is scheduled for the 8th to the 11th of September.

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Tourist Information Centre Moves



The Solway Coast Discovery Centre in Silloth-on-Solway re-opened on April 9th with a wealth of new and interesting attractions.

Amongst the new features will be the town's Tourist Information Centre, which is moving from Criffel Street in a bid to improve the area's appeal to visitors.

Also new for the coming season:

A bespoke cinema showing two new films 'Solway Haaf Netters' and a film celebrating '40 years of Solway Coast

A New Look!

Have you noticed?

The Solway Buzz has a new look this issue, we have decided it was time for a freshen-up now that we have gone to 16 pages (mostly in colour). In the last issue a new type-face was trialled on the front page only. In general this was liked although many wanted it to be slightly 'blacker'. This is what we have done, so instead of the old, much more 'blocky' type-face we now have a more rounded and sexy type-face to please our eyes.

We do hope you like it!



Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty', both of which will be on sale as DVD's in the Centre.

A new art gallery, 'The Solway Gallery', showing the work of 30 high quality local artists. Each month a new featured artist will be show-cased within the central display area.

A new café, which

will have a range of local produce for sale as well as Fair Trade items.

The Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty will be managing school days through its new education pack for Key stages 1 and 2 and hopes to attract at least 40 full day school visits per year.

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