

Abbeytown Road Run

Sunday
5th June
1:30pm

10 mile course
5 mile fun run
2 mile fun run
for under 11's

Course is
around the
village of
Abbeytown

Entry fees:
Fun Run - £3.50
5 mile run - £4
10 mile course £6
Attached
Runners £5

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Entries accepted
on the day

Royal Navy visits Silloth



HMS Biter in Silloth Dock with visitors on-board



Invited by Silloth Harbour Master, Chris Puxley, as part of the national "SEABRITAIN 2005" celebrations, the Royal Navy sent HMS "BITER" to visit the port on 19th and 20th March. This was the first time that a Royal Naval vessel had ventured so far into the Solway Firth to call at the docks since 1976.

Arriving at dusk on Saturday 19th March, the "BITER" was welcomed by a small crowd of spectators at the harbour entrance. Following her uneventful passage from Liverpool, (in company with HMS "CHARGER" which called at Workington but not open to the public), the ship's company were glad to leave her rather cramped conditions for a



Harbourmaster Capt. Chris Puxley with Lt. Des Hirons RN

'run ashore' to the local hostellers.

HMS "BITER", commanded by Lt Des Hirons RN, is a P2000 Archer Class fast patrol vessel, seconded to Manchester & Salford University's Royal Naval Unit since 1992. Her primary role is the training of university undergraduates in the practical skills of navigation and seamanship. With a regular crew of five, she can accommodate up to 12 students. They are also given instruction in marine engineering, fire-fighting, damage control and boat handling. The overall aim is to inform tomorrow's potential industrial leaders and policy makers, of the need for and role of the Royal Navy.

Sunday was a warm, dry and sunny day, ideal for spectators to visit the docks and view HMS "BITER". Hundreds took the opportunity to wander around the display site, viewing the additional attraction of Silloth's RNLI inshore lifeboat, the Atlantic 75 Class "Spirit of Cumbria", mounted in her launching trailer. Also there, were the Silloth & District RNLI Fundraising Branch with their souvenir stall, a Royal Navy public information vehicle and Burgh by Sands Coastguard, with their rescue craft which undertook such sterling service during

the Carlisle floods in January. Many members of the public were able to go on board HMS "BITER" to have a look around the vessel and talk to the crew and the students.

After a busy and rewarding day, HMS "BITER" sailed at 7:15 pm, waving farewell to the crowds watching from the dock entrance. She rejoined HMS "CHARGER" off Workington, from where both vessels sailed overnight to the Clyde estuary for exercises.

As a result of the visit of HMS "BITER" and the contacts made during that visit, a link has been established between the Royal Navy and the Solway Community Technology College. The college will be receiving a RN presentation team which will introduce to pupils, the work of the Royal Navy, along with the variety of future career opportunities for boys and girls. It is also anticipated that pupils will be advised how to go about 'adopting' a warship. This is intended to foster a two-way communication between the ship and the college, exchanging the day-to-day experiences of the ship's company, (life at sea and places visited), with activities taking place at the college. This link may well encourage further and more frequent visits from HM ships to the port and town of Silloth.

Walk of Witness



Tim Barker did the honours carrying the wooden cross across Silloth Green on Good Friday.

Christ Church Competition



Drawings from Christ Church's Artists Competition

Golden Bee by Callum Beattie aged 11 from Silloth Primary School



Bluesy Susie at Mawbray



Mawbray Village Hall enjoyed a very talented and entertaining evening on Saturday 2nd April when Bluesy Susie and her partner Craig provided a wide variety of styles of music for our pleasure.

Craig started with an amazing feat of memory by asking everyone's names and then remembering them all for the whole evening. Anonymity was not available but interaction in the entertainment was a requirement which took a little warming up to. As you can see, it was a formula which certainly worked as Susie and Craig soon had everyone present involved in one way or another.

Everyone agreed they were consummate musicians and very professional, it was a treat to be there.

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