

Local Heroes Plane Flies Again



Photo of Hurricane R4118 with the Carruthers family at Duxford
L-R: David, Francis, Dorothy, Peter Vacher (owner) Dick and Richard

An old plane was found in India by Peter Vacher who is interested in Rolls Royce engines.

After years of negotiation he managed to have the remains brought back to

England. It turned out to be Hurricane R4118 which, after being built on 18/07/1940 in Gloucester, was flown to Silloth to have its Guns attached. During 1940 it was flown by

Abbeytown's own air hero Flt. Lt. Ian Muirhead on 14 sorties.

On May 8th 2005 Ian's sister Dorothy and her family were invited to be present at Duxford where a Commemorative Fly Past celebrating Victory in Europe Day was being held with the Hurricane being the star

attraction. Peter also reunited three auspicious veterans' friends of Ian's - Peter Thompson, Bunny Currant and Bob Foster - with other R4118, men who had flown her during the war.

A book about the plane has been published (Hurricane R4118).

Little Buzzers Challenge

Can you complete each sentence using one of the three letter words below and can you do it in five minutes?

Example: Have you got a _ _ _ to write with? (pen)

The words are:

bat - pot - dog - sun - car - bee - tap - key

1. The _ _ _ chased the cat.
2. The _ _ _ shines brightly.
3. A _ _ _ can sting you.
4. My _ _ _ unlocks the door of my house.
5. We drove to school in the _ _ _ .
6. We have a flower _ _ _ in the garden.
7. Water flows from a _ _ _ .
8. A _ _ _ is used to hit a ball.

Now, can you make a drawing of each word.

Answers: 1 dog, 2 sun, 3 bee, 4 key, 5 car, 6 pot, 7 tap, 8 bat.

Old Broken Legged Bee by Leonna Bondzie aged 11 from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Nemo Bee by Sophie Harrison aged 9 from Silloth Primary School

Solway Lightship Continued



Old photo provided by Mrs Glaister shows skeleton with two prominent masts.

Further to Mr Alex Smith's photograph in the last issue, Olive Wood said: "Mr Smith took the recent photograph of the correct position of the Solway Lightship's last resting place. Three years of its last years being spent as a tea ship, before being broken up by the owners during 1929. In the original newspaper cutting by Prof. Denis Perram (taken from the Carlisle Journal 14th Nov 1998). The Lightship was finally beached at Skinbarness in 1920. The brass bell was sold to Silloth Golf Club. Is it still used as a warning bell? The anchor rests outside the R.N.L.I. Station, Silloth."

Mrs Glaister remembers that when she was quite young, people were able to buy ice cream from the ship, when she had some pennies she went and purchased an ice cream cone, she had to climb a ladder to get on board. When she got home to East Cote Farm her father gave her a terrible telling off for going there so she never went again!

Mrs Simpson remembers that there was a tea room on the ship for about three years before it was broken up and that she used to play on the wreck around 1926/1927.

I have been told there is a book in the Library which cannot be removed giving more details about Silloth from the 1800's onwards.

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