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## TGibute to David Pigeon

The recent and very sad passing of our chairman David Pigeon has created a massive void in the lives of members and associates of Silloth Tennis Club.

On behalf of everyone involved we would like to take this chance to offer his family our deepest sympathies at this very sad time. We would also like to offer our thanks as well for being able to share in the life of a truly remarkable man, who has provided the inspiration, motivation, knowhow and warmth to countless Tennis players over the years. In today's harsh world it would be very hard to find a more selfless, caring and genuine person, who, alongside his wife Kathleen was prepared to devote hour after hour of their valuable time to nurture the talent and happiness of the children of this town. There cannot be many people whose lives have not been touched by them both in some way.

So, as only one of the many clubs and associations that David was involved with prepares for life without him we would like to think that the continued success and, above all, enjoyment of Tennis in Silloth will provide a lasting tribute to the life and work of the man we all called "Mr. P."

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## County MFini Tennis Fifnals

Super Sophie Adds Mini Tennis Orange County Crown As Oliver Goes Oh So Close

It was almost another perfect day for Silloth Tennis Club's mini Tennis players at the county mini Tennis finals held at Kendal Tennis club on Sunday the 26th June, as Sophie Harrison became County of his game right now Champion and Oliver Neilly was pipped at the post.

With five boys and five girls having qualified from the regional events held in early June there was a strong feeling that success was on the horizon. It came

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 as he went about the tournament with gusto beating Ross Johnstone in the quarter finals and squeezing through his semi final 10-9 to set up a meeting with Ulverston's James Kirkpatrick, who, held out to leave Oliver an unfortunate 10-7 in the form of some very solid performances from Sophie as she played six high quality matches, outlasting Aimee Gray in the semi final en route to a final clash against South Lakes' Charlotte Wheardon who really had to pull out all the stops in her semi final against Hannah Story.

The final was a different thing altogether though, as Sophie kept her best to last, reeling off winner after winner as she coasted to a 10-3 victory.

The boys' event showed that Oliver Neilly is really at the top

loser.
With Ross taking the consolation draw title and Nadyne Cole doing likewise by defeating Emily Wise in her respective final it was another successful day out for Silloth's young cuns as they showed that they are now becoming a force to be reckoned with on the county stage.

"Nice to see you to see you nice"
Silloth golfer Stephen Frazer jnr was amazed when he turned up for a game of golf whilst in the Algarve, to be met on the first tee by the one and only Sir Bruce Forsyth.

Bruce was guest of honour for a charity match at the golf course where Stephen and his pals were playing. Stephen said "what a great thrill and surprise, I couldn't believe my eyes, I was a bit nervous there was no need to be. Bruce come straight over to me and introduced himself, all that was going through my head was - should I say it? I did, 'nice to see you to see you nice', Bruce just laughed. We shook hands and he wished me good luck with my golf 'good game, good game'.

A true gentleman, it's not every day you meet a world famous star who can repair washing machines".

## New Rugby Coach

## Silloth

Rugby Club have started training in preparation for the coming season under new coach Colin (killer) Rhodes.

Training nights are Monday and Wednesday starting at 6:30pm. This season
 promises to be a belter, if we continue where we left off we should do ok. Retention of our current players and the inclusion of fresh faces and ideas are our main aims for this season. A lot of effort will be put into making training and playing fun. Silloth is a great place to play rugby 'local rugby for local lads'.

New players are always welcome other helpers are welcome too, there is always loads to do at our Rugby Club and the more members we have the better.


