



Snowboarder Bee  
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## This Year the Sun is going to Shine all Year Long

In the hearts of everyone who is prepared to participate in the wonderful series of events we will be hosting. This year is shaping up to be the most fantastic year ever for high quality activities, so make sure you get involved in as much as possible.

**Silloth Vintage Rally**  
Craft Music & Funfair  
16th to 18th June

**Silloth Festival of Art**  
20th June to 5th July

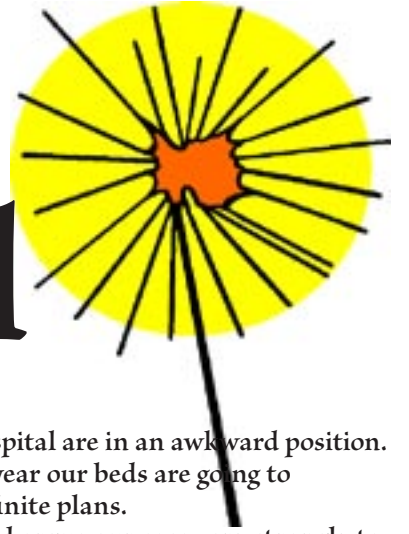
**Abbeytown Carnival**  
29th July

**Silloth Carnival**  
28th August

**Silloth Music & Beer Festival**  
7th to 10th September

7th evening	Little Stevie and the Business
8th evening	The Animals
9th afternoon	Nightriders
9th evening	The Drifters
10th afternoon	£300 prize Karaoke

## Wigton Hospital



Report by:  
Eveline Dugdale

The League of Friends of Wigton Cottage Hospital are in an awkward position. Unofficially we have been told that in about one year our beds are going to Carlisle. The Official Line is that there are no definite plans.

Consequently we must marshal our forces and argue our case very strongly to keep our hospital open. If we don't act now we could be faced with a fait-accompli and that would be dreadful for Wigton and the whole Solway Plain.

We are planning demonstrations on March 4th and April 1st, if anyone wants information please contact Eveline Dugdale on 016973 43105. Come and park in the main car park and a bus will take you and your decorated umbrellas to the Hospital so you only have to walk one-way. Let's have a big turnout and this will be an effective as well as a fun event for all.

All money donated in the past to the league of friends is for patients amenities and we are not allowed to spend it on this campaign, consequently we have had to start a fighting fund, As we march we will be rattling our tins and all donations will be gratefully received.

We must keep public awareness up and insist that Nurse vacancies in all Community Hospitals are filled with permanent staff and that empty beds are filled, otherwise Wigton Cottage Hospital will be run down further and closed by stealth. Many thanks to all who helped and signed the forms against closure of Beds and Services at Wigton.

**WE NEED YOU**



**TO JOIN THE NEW ORLEANS STYLE FUNERAL MARCH AND RALLY IN SUPPORT OF WIGTON HOSPITAL**

**MARCH 4th 2006 10.00am**

**WIGTON HOSPITAL TO THE MARKET HALL**

**FOLLOW THE BANDS (ALLERGAITORS & JAZZ BAND) DECORATE AN UMBRELLA FOR THE MARCH!**

Transport available  
from Main Car Park to Hospital from 9.15am onwards.

We're still fighting to keep all MEDICAL services  
at **WIGTON**