

School Children Visit Beckfoot Dig



Above: Pupils inspecting progress at the Burial Ground

Excavations are being carried out near the coast at Beckfoot by Lancaster University under the watchful eye of Archaeologist in charge Chris Healey, supported by Steve Clark and Betty Presley along with volunteer helpers. The site has proved to be a Roman Cremation Burial Ground with a number of Urns in various conditions.

A visit on Friday 3rd March by Holme St. Cuthbert School was arranged on a glorious spring day when Chris Healey explained to

the new Headmistress Mrs Shelagh Daniel and children how the site was discovered and the way cremations were held in those days.

Shelagh said "It was wonderful that the archaeologists found the time on a busy dig to show the children the pottery they have discovered and explain the site to them. A cremation burial was actually discovered whilst we were there and the visit was an exciting way to make our studies of the Romans come to life for the children".

Below: Chris Healey with a Burial Urn



Solfest Festival 2006

Tickets for the 2006 Solfest festival at Tarns will go on sale this month.

According to Solfest Chairman, Simon Kay of Abbeytown, "we have received interest from people all across the country who are anxious not to miss out. A number of people have actually taken the day off work on Monday 3rd April so that they can phone up at 9am to get their tickets."

In 2005, around a thousand people were disappointed when they arrived at the festival expecting to be able to buy tickets. Tickets for Solfest 2006 are expected to be even more in demand, especially since this year the huge Glastonbury Festival in Somerset is having a year off.

This will be the third year that Solfest has run in the area and the festival has grown from 1,800 tickets sold in 2004 to 5,000 sold

in 2005. The organisers are keeping the numbers the same for 2006. "We are a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers" said Mr Kay, "as such, our objective is to cover our costs and run a great festival."

Solfest is now the biggest live music event in Cumbria and has been listed in the prestigious Guardian Guide as one of the top five things to do in Britain on the Bank Holiday weekend. Tickets for Solfest, which this year will feature The Wonder Stuff, The Proclaimers, Bellowhead and The Selecter, will go on sale at the Carnegie Theatre Box Office, Workington (01900 602122) at 9am on Monday 3rd April.

Adult weekend ticket prices are: first 2000 sold £42 remainder £49. Childrens weekend tickets: under 5s - free Children 5-12 £10.

Solfest website is at: www.solwayfestival.co.uk

Beer Festival

Tickets for Silloth Music & Beer Festival 2006 go on sale on 14th April. With a four day pass costing only £22 they are certain to sell out quickly.

Thursday evening has **LITTLE STEVIE & THE BUSINESS**, £6.

Friday evening has **THE ANIMALS** supported by **DANNY BRYANT'S RED EYE BAND**, £11.

Saturday afternoon features **THE NIGHTRIDERS** for £4.

Saturday evening has the legendary **DRIFTERS** supported by the **NIGHTRIDERS** for £13.

Sunday afternoon **PRIZE KARAOKE** is £4, children entry FREE.

With individual prices adding up to £41, the four day pass is certain to sell out quickly.

Silloth Vintage Rally

Craft, Music & Funfair
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on Silloth Green

Friday 16th June in the **Huntsman**
Mad Dog

Friday 16th June in the **Cumberland Inn**
Lee Best Connection

Friday 16th June in the **Balmoral**
Red Spider

Friday 16th June in the **Golf Hotel**
Segreta Stompers

Saturday 17th June in the **Bower**
Casper

Saturday 17th June in the **Balmoral**
The Answer

Saturday 17th June in the **RAFA**
Fergie

Saturday 17th June in the **Rugby Club**
Mad Dog

Saturday 17th June in the **Social Club**
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