RNLI New Year Dip in the Solway



L-R: Dean Robson, Sue Kent, Pat Higgins, Kurt Money, Jacky Kilpatrick, Kevin Irwin and Stuart Sprott

Report by: Eddie Studholme

Members of Silloth Lifeboat Crew took their annual dip in the Solway on Sunday 14th January at 10:30am off the slipway at the boat house.

Some of them were sponsored to do the dip; proceeds of which are going to the Silloth Save One Train Many Lifeboat Appeal.

This event usually takes place on the first Sunday in January. That wasn't possible this year as the crew had to attend to the incident with the car on the beach under the lifeboat slipway, so they were persuaded to

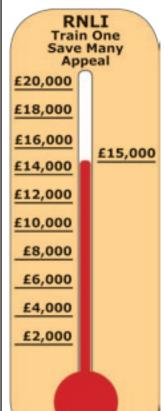
put their invigorating dip off for a week.

As you can see from the photographs, it was quite cold that day, although at least it was dry for the photographer, if not the swimmers.

The photographs do show that the girls did swim away from the slipway, the lads were so fast that it was difficult for the photographer to catch them in the water.

Editors comment: Perhaps in 2008 they should each be timed swimming and a prize given for the one who lasts longest. Although I think they all deserve a reward.







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While the girls went in slowly, they will tell you they did at least go for a swim, although it didn't last long

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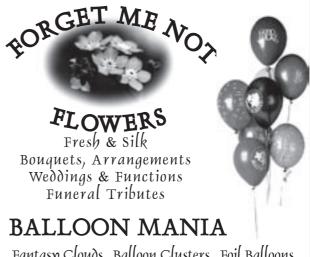
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