

## Silloth Rotary Club - Annual Pensioners Sing-Along

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The Annual Pensioners Sing Along, hosted for the 23rd year by Silloth Rotary Club was arranged by James Watson with the help of his fellow Rotarians.

The evening started with a glass of Fausto's famous Punch (which is guaranteed to get things going), while Danny and Joan (assisted by Dennis Darling) played everyone's favourite tunes.

As stated, it was a sing along, while dancing was very popular to the many local artists, who had volunteered their services. The compere was as usual John Eilbeck who introduced, (in alphabetical order) Frank Cooper, Avis Davenport, Frank Fields, May Pryke, Country Rose (Mrs. Blaylock), Tom Stalker, Isobel Tomlinson and Clive Whittle who all gave a good rendition of the different types of songs they sang and received great applause.

A supper of various sandwiches with two pastries was given out at the interval, having been made by the ladies of the Inner Wheel.

A draw was held with the winners having



Clive Whittle certainly knows how to get them all moving, the sea air is obviously good for us!

a choice of around 30 prizes.

Silloth Rotary Club President, Mr Geoff Betsworth, thanked all the artists, and those who had donated Raffle prizes and staff of the Social Club and anyone who helped with the occasion.

It was announced the summer bus trip this year would be to Morecambe on 2nd August at a charge of £10, this includes a meal at the White Heather before returning.



Charlie & Angus handing out the punch



John Eilbeck the Compere kept things moving along

Avis singing to her husband



### Keswick Mountain Festival

As well as the numerous outdoor activities packed into the Keswick Mountain Festival timetable, visitors will be able to enjoy an exciting line-up of talks from leading mountaineers and famous outdoor personalities.

Sir Chris Bonington, Alan Hinkes OBE, Andy Cave and Cameron McNeish will each present a talk at the Theatre By The Lake, Keswick during the festival, 16th - 20th May 2007. Tickets are £15 and available from the Theatre by the Lake.

Sir Chris Bonington is one of Britain's most celebrated mountaineers. He has led numerous expeditions all over the world and has made numerous first ascents. Sir Chris will be giving his lecture, "I Chose to Climb" and will take the audience on a journey from his discovery of rock climbing to the first major expedition he led

to climb the huge South Face of Annapurna in 1970. Sir Chris, who is the patron of the festival, will also recall his adventures as a photo journalist.

Alan Hinkes OBE is one of Britain's foremost mountaineers and as well as numerous other achievements; Alan was the first Briton to climb the world's 14 highest peaks. His talk, 'From Keswick to K2 & Kangchenjunga via Everest' promises to be an entertaining show with video clips and striking photography. It will also include some of the footage and humorous out-takes from the 11 documentaries he has made with ITV.

Andy Cave's talk, supported by Lowe Alpine, is based on his award winning book 'Learning to Breathe', which tells of his life from a Yorkshire coalminer to a world-renowned mountaineer. Andy has been exploring



May entertaining the dancers

remote mountain ranges for 20 years and Learning to Breathe won The Boardman Tasker Prize and the Banff Adventure Travel Writing Award 2005. With spectacular images Andy's talk is dramatic and stunning.

On Saturday visitors can experience the Wilderness World of Cameron McNeish. Apart from Editing TGO magazine, Cameron is recognised as one of Britain's best-known outdoor commentators. In words, images and

music Cameron describes some of the wilderness areas of the world that he has visited, concentrating on the Sierra Nevada mountains of California, finishing with a clarion call for all hill walkers and mountaineers to care for these special areas. As he said: "If hill walkers and mountaineers are not friends of the earth then God help us all."

Tickets for all these exciting talks can be booked directly through the Theatre on the Lake on 017687 74411.