### **County Champions**



Silloth Primary School are on top of the Tennis world again.

They recorded their 10th County title since 2004 and the 19th County title to involve

players from Silloth Tennis Club in that period as their "A" team came through a very tough year 6 & below mini green tournament with a 4-2 final victory over Hayton "A".

Having seen off challenges from Hayton "B", Dane Ghyll, and Black Coombe, the team

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of Gareth Davenport, Patrick Brough, Adam Story, Sophie Harrison and Dionne Blake had to fight all the way against the much fancied Hayton team, who had already seen off Silloth's "B" team of Robbie Harrison, Ross Jefferson, Georgia Wilson and Carmen Neilly, who, through lack of experience at this level were knocked out in the group stages, but the sheer fighting qualities and high experience of the A team players was enough to see them through to more success.

### **Fishing Trip**

Report by: T.T.

Saturday 30th of June saw the Cumberland Inn's Weight Wangers 2nd annual fishing trip to the North East.

After a bright early start and a couple of fag stops later, as no one could smoke in Neil Garners hired 4 wheel drive, we arrived in Amble. It was time for breakfast and the quayside burger van was serving up sausage, bacon or egg rolls, which everyone enjoyed, even Matt Parslow -Silloths own burger man. He said they were the best he had ever tasted and his girlfriend Sandra Robson thoroughly agreed with him. Fed and watered it was along the jetty to board the Solitaire.

With light winds and calm seas within 30 minutes we were at our first fishing mark. With baited hooks in the water it was Tom Stalker who caught the first of many cod landed that day. Enthused by the sight of fish all had their eyes on there rods except young lovers Chris Hale & Sarah Collier, they only had eyes for each other. But with a little boat fishing tuition from Neil Fearon he soon had them in the right frame of mind for catching fish. In no time at all everyone was filling their buckets with North Sea cod and mackerel.

By now the boat was getting quite full. It was Dave Eland (elu) who would off-load some excess weight by getting rid of the bacon

sandwich he'd eaten earlier that morning, he soon felt better when he saw Chris (Karaoke) Wilson turn several shades of green and he also decided to feed the seagulls. With time getting on and big Andy Carr lacking weight to hit the seabed, he attached enough lead to his line to cover a church roof but with good effect to bag him three nice cod. It was time to head back to port and with it now raining everyone was soaking wet, except that is joiner David Read. He was the only one that could be bothered to put on his ex Carlisle County Council oilskins and stay dry for the weigh-in.

Ash Stalker had the biggest bag of the day by a long way (lucky boy), he won that last year as well. But a dispute erupted between Dougie Fearon and Tom Stalker for the biggest fish. Neil Fearon intervened saying it was visible to see that Tom's was the biggest and that Dougies next trip should be to Specsavers.

Back on the jetty it was a mad rush for the toilets, Ash won that as well. With everyone having a fantastic day and a few laughs along the way it was a fresh fish supper at the quayside chippy before that long boring journey back home. Thanks to Dougie and Sarah for organising the day out and to skipper Kevin Irwin for coping with such an unruly mob. So until next year, bye.

# **Fishing Lessons Pay Off**



Ross, Grant, Jonathon and Robbie Four of Silloth Finest Fishermen

Report by: Jimmy Lettice

Four Silloth youngsters enjoyed an excellent days fishing course with top angling expert and professional angler Mr Chris Bowman at the peaceful surroundings of Crofton Lake near Thursby.

Firstly, Chris showed the four Silloth lads the creatures that the fish and other wildlife (Otters and Kingfishers included) live on. Secondly, the dangers and safety aspects of the sport, also the do's and dont's. The lads were shown four different methods of

how to course fish. It was very enjoyable and educational, certainly a bit better than sitting playing playstation games, thankfully.

Chris passed on a few of his many secrets on how to catch fish which paid off for the lads with many small fish being caught. The prize fish of the day was a 3lb bream which was a fine specimen. The fish were quickly put back in and swam happily away.

The lads enjoyed their fishing course and are busy planning their next excursion to try their luck elsewhere.



Football Bee by Reece Blake aged 9 from Silloth Primary School



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