

World Record Attempt



David Straitjacket to attempt world record at sunny Solfest!

On Saturday August 23rd, at the Solfest Festival daredevil escapologist David Straitjacket will attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the fastest suspended straitjacket escape.

David is certainly no newcomer to record breaking. Recently dubbed 'The Modern Houdini' by Ripley's Believe It Or Not, he has set and broken no less than ten world records in the past five years. Even going as far as being the only person ever to escape a straitjacket while balancing on stilts.

After being securely strapped into the regulation 'Posey' straitjacket, a brand famously used for high security prisoner restraint, David will be suspended upside down, high above the crowd, and attempt to escape in less than 90 seconds. There is currently no world record for this escape recognized by Guinness. So this will be a world first

Most of David's records have been set in the UK but the globe-trotting performer, who performed on five continents last year, sites his most unusual record attempt as one he attempted while performing in Moscow in 2007. "I was in Russia to put on a small display of escapology skills for the press and was approached by the 'Russian Book of Records' which I suppose is their answer to

Guinness. They asked if I would mind being tied up by two local soldiers and attempt to break their record for the fastest person to escape from a 100ft rope restraint. I obliged and after a tough but successful escape was awarded a trophy and a copy of the book. Only later did I learn that I was the only non Russian ever to be chosen to appear in the book. Quite an honour, and one which I will always be proud of"

David's act is always popular at Solfest, and he has become a staple of the festival's Drystone stage for the last few years.

"Solfest is a highlight of the year for me. The crowds are incredibly welcoming and enthusiastic. It's basically impossible not to have a good time."

As with all Guinness world record attempts this event has to be overseen by independent assessors. With that in mind the festival are looking for three people to come along and observe the proceedings. At least one must be a registered timekeeper, such as a referee or a PE teacher. The other assessors do not need any expert qualifications but must be respected members of the community such as doctors, police officers, councillors, newspaper editors, and the like. So, if you fit the bill and would like to be part of a world first, as well as having a great day at a fantastic festival. Please contact: enquiries@solwayfestival.co.uk

Silloth Pensioners Tea Party

Tickets for the Silloth pensioners tea party at Silloth Music & Beer Festival are now available.

The tea party on the afternoon of Saturday 6th September is totally free of charge for all Silloth and District Pensioners. Entertainment is by the Nightriders and the tea will be served at approximately 3:30pm between the Nightriders two sets. To get your free tickets you must apply at the SOSCS Charity shop on Criffel Street, there will be no free tea without showing your ticket so get yours now.

Older Persons Forum (West Cumbria)

Hello, I am Peter Johnstone Secretary of our Forum and would I like to introduce our Forum to you.

The area which we cover is geographically very large and takes in the two Boroughs of Allerdale and Copeland on the West Coast of Cumbria, and is some 70 miles north to south and 30 miles east to west. We have two main centres of population, Workington in Allerdale and Whitehaven in Copeland, the rest of the area is predominantly rural and has issues of communications, transport, and lack of

services.

The forum has a steering group of members who represent various other groups throughout the whole area. This group forms the hub of a network that is able to both gather and spread information dealing with issues and concerns quickly and effectively. We are consulted on issues affecting older persons by all the Statutory Authorities, local government, health, adult social care, police, and fire and rescue service, some of these bodies are represented on the steering group as are Age Concern and Help the Aged. One of our members sits on the Older Peoples Advisory Group (OPAG) of Better Government for Older People (BGOP).

Some of the issues and concerns that we have recently and continue to be involved in are, Post Offices Closures, evidence given to local authority scrutiny committees, loss of bus services affecting our rural communities, consultations with the

health authorities over providing services closer to home and care home reviews. Whitehaven was the first place in the UK to go Digital, the switch over taking place October/November last year. Our forum members played a big part in providing evidence of the problems which would affect our age. We are working together with Adult Social Care to bring in to being a Cumbria wide association of Forums so that a stronger voice can be heard.

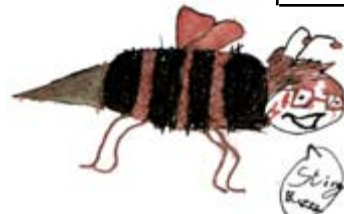
Our Forum is truly independent and does represent the voice of the 48,104 people over the age of 55 in our area, some 23.23% of the population at the last census, that figure is now higher and is conservatively estimated to be 25%.

We meet monthly and vary our meeting throughout our area, if you have any concerns which affect you and your friends why not come along to a meeting and find out what we are about. We aim to speak up for our age at every opportunity and aim always to make a difference. Please contact me, Peter Johnstone, Secretary, on 01946 693903, or e-mail peter.johnstone5@virgin.net.

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