

## Poem (not a lie)

Poem by Wings

John Meets The Queen

*I'm telling an old fashioned story  
As 'happened quite recent I'm told  
About world's biggest liar and farmer  
John Graham's 'is name, write it bold*

*For John as achieved quite some merit  
And brought fame to our county you know  
By telling a tale and a story  
That made queen and her husband, guffaw.*

*Now queens not supposed to laugh loudly  
"We are not amused," she should say,  
But when John related his story  
She said "bye gum, John tha's just made my day"*

*For things had started quite badly that morning  
She'd arisen just before dawn  
To get on first train from Euston  
So she were feeling quite tired and worn*

*She'd met the right dignitaries  
They'd bowed and they'd scraped as is proper  
And met Lord Lieutenant of county  
A nice little feller called cropper*

*Now she went into a building called Beacon  
When with amazement and without any warning  
A fella stuck his head through a horse collar  
And screwed up his face to start gurning*

*Queen got a fright I can tell you  
"Bloody 'Ell" she was heard to remark  
Prince Philip said, "Where did you get him"  
And John said, "I think he came out of the ark"*

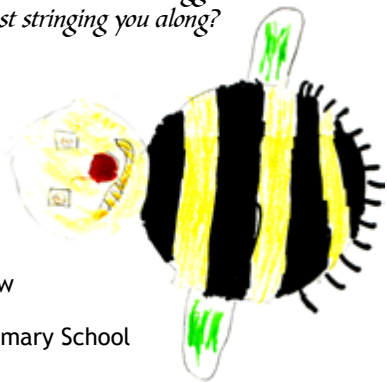
*"John", said Queen "that's a rum story  
Are you sure your tale is quite right?"  
Said John "if he scares you again while I'm hear  
I'll give that bugger more than a fright."*

*Then John told his pre prepared story  
And queen smiled at this turn of events  
For usually its only politicians  
Who lie to this much extent.*

*Queen said, "Tha's a right little flartcher"  
"I think you should be given a gong  
For of all the people I've met here  
John, You 'ave never put a foot wrong".*

*"Don't want no medal" said Johnny  
I prefer a nice cup of tea"  
Queen said zwell next time in London  
Come and drink your cuppa with me"*

*Now that may be the end of the story  
And you must decide right or wrong.  
Is John Graham the world's biggest liar?  
Or is he just stringing you along?*



Amy Bee  
by  
Hope Shaw  
from  
Silloth Primary School

## Silloth Vintage Rally

Report by: Eric Davenport

This year for the rally the weather showed itself in it's true colours, our famous English summer turned into the worst weekend we have had all year.

Nevertheless a few hundred hardy souls braved the elements and came to see the exhibits. This all helped us realise that the years' work organising the event was not wasted. Many exhibitors had travelled a long way to show their machines at Silloth. We had people from as far north as Glasgow and Edinburgh, south from Doncaster, east from Morpeth and west from Barrow. Altogether a good display of machinery was on view.

The Junior footballers gallantly played in torrential rain, nothing could spoil their enthusiasm.

On Sunday we had a display of Cumberland wrestling with some extra slipping and sliding added.

The Sheep Show was a resounding success with a good crowd watching every show standing in the rain sheltering under umbrellas, yet no-one walked away. Michael (the shearer) was totally amazed that he had such a good audience in such deplorable weather. Both of the sheep men were completely taken with the beautiful setting and the warm welcome given to them by all they met.

The steam engines did a tour of Silloth which could not have been very comfortable in all the rain but they gave Silloth residents a chance to see these beautiful machines.

The cadets worked very hard in the rain to sell as many programmes as possible and they did a grand job considering the number of visitors.

The First Responders were

unfortunate as their tent blew down overnight and was totally wrecked but they were joined by our own secretary's tent which also suffered the same fate. So Sunday was spent by Jean, Christine



and Andrea squeezed into a hastily cleaned-out horse box. But a great job was done by them all.

All in all the show was not the success it could have been but after all the mishaps it was not a complete flop, so our thanks to everyone who supported the day so gamely.

## Ruston Hornsby Engine

Having supported the Vintage Rally since it started nine years ago Mr Jack Nutall from Silloth first entered motorcycles, then Mercedes Cars.

Jack acquired the 3hp single cylinder Ruston Hornsby Stationary Engine which runs on petrol or paraffin (which was used to drive a milking machine) in 2007. Built at Lincoln and first produced in 1938, the works were a major producer of much machinery including;

engine boilers, motor cars, etc.

Colin Donald obtained it from a small farm near Forrester Fold, Wigton. Having overhauled the engine he passed it on to Jack. Jack is a steam engine fanatic, having made some before he said "it is the nearest to a Steam Engine". Then he completed the work including a complete new stand made to original drawings.

During the Sunday afternoon the question



was asked how the huge steamers were only 7 and 8 horse power which bears no relation to modern cars. Jack knows the answer as he explained "the size of the cylinder bore x 2, x length of stroke, x 2 (piston works 2 ways) divided by steam pressure"

Example 6 inch bore x 2 = 36 x 10 inch stroke = 360 x 2 way piston = 720 divided by steam pressure of 100lbs. = 7 horse power.

## Honours Board



Professor William Wilson, lecturing at the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge in October, 1939. The formulae inside the chalked rectangles relate to the 1st law of electrodynamics.



Mr Nick Wilson and his son Duncan - grandson and great grandson of William

On the 9th July at Holme St. Cuthbert School there was the grand unveiling of the refurbished honours board. The board contains the names of pupils from 1873-1949 who had obtained scholarships from the Longcake Trust to carry on with their studies.

This project started 18 months ago and with the generous support of the Longcake Trust, the Parish Council and Thomas Armstrong the money was raised to pay for its renovation. Representatives of these groups attended the ceremony.

One famous name on the board was William Wilson of Goody Hills who moved onto the Agricultural College at Aspatria, before going to King's College, London.

William became a professor and fellow of the Royal Society and is famous for his work on mathematics and experimental physics. He worked on quantum theory and relativity and his family have a letter sent to him from Albert Einstein.

Mr Nick Wilson and his son Duncan (grandson and great grandson of William) travelled from Whitby to be guests of honour at the ceremony. They presented the school with a photograph of William and a copy of his biography produced by the Royal Society. They were joined by the local history group and past pupils of the school who entertained the children with memories of their time at Holme St. Cuthbert.

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