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## RNLI Coast to Cobbles Started from Silloth Lifeboat Station



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# 1st Silloth Scouts Activities



Report by Kathryn Shires

On 26th September we were really grateful to be welcomed to the RNLI. We learned all about water safety and had fun looking over the lifeboat – Thank you!

This term we have been working towards our World Challenge badges which is all about our own community and also other countries. We learned all about Mabon which is a version of Harvest celebrated by Pagans and Wiccans.

Closer to home we decided to help our local community by clearing the paths and grass around Esk Street. We are going back in a couple of weeks to do some more.

Many thanks to Judy

Rochester who was kind enough to visit us and help us make brilliant little booklets – it was great fun!

On 7th November we refreshed our knowledge of Remembrance Day and made our own wreaths which we will lay after the service which we will also be attending.

As always, if anyone wants to join in our adventures, children or young at heart please contact Kathryn on 07803000216.

Also please look out for our new facebook page which will be published soon and give us a like to follow our activities – unfortunately we have had trouble with our original page so need to start again!



# Enjoy a Christmas Day Meal

It is that time of year again when we start to think about Christmas.

We are holding another Community Christmas lunch in the Rugby Club on Christmas day.

We will be serving from 12pm until 2pm.

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by Isaac Kay  
from  
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## A Flying Visit to Silloth



Report by: Malcolm Wilson

A 92 year old Sillothian, Malcolm Wilson, now residing at Barracks Bridge, received a pleasant surprise, when, during September, his eldest son Mark, paid an actual flying visit to the town.

Mark was educated at Silloth Secondary School, and served for 35 years in the fleet air arm, achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer (Air Mechanic), and serving with 845 squadron in Bosnia and both Gulf Wars.

Thereafter, he joined the Historic Flight of the Fleet Air Arm, now known as Navy Wings and is their assistant Chief Engineer, responsible for the maintenance and restoration of the Historic Naval Aircraft under their care. The Swordfish in the collection being the oldest, and still airworthy example of the type.

The reason for the flight over Cumbria, was due to the fact that Fly Navy were displaying three of their aircrafts at the Ayr International Air Show, a Wasp Helicopter, a Harvard Training Aircraft and a Stinson Reliant Liason Machine. Mark was a passenger in the Reliant and their flight path was directed over Silloth. They overflew Barracks Bridge and performed a circuit of Silloth before heading for Ayr.

On returning to their base at Yeovilton, the Aircraft all had a

Malcolm Wilson with Joseph Cork his Great Grandson, Mark Wilson to the left of Malcolm and the rest of the crew



Daniel Wilson in the driving seat with Mark Wilson to the right and Mark's other son James Wilson to the left

stop-over at Kirkbride. I, along with one of my granddaughter's, her husband and one of my great grandsons, were able to visit them there, and meet Mark with his fellow aviators.

Unfortunately, during the return flight, bad weather was encountered in the Midlands

and they were forced to return to Kirkbride, lodging overnight at Wheyrigg Hall and thereafter, had a good flight to Yeovilton the following day.

Navy Wings have had an active season attending Air Shows almost each weekend between May and October, and perhaps it should be remembered that attending these Air Shows are all done outside of their normal working hours.

Mark and his eldest son Daniel, are also involved in drag racing at Santa Pod Raceway, and are achieving good terminal speeds in their particular class. Daniel served in The Royal Tank Regiment and did tours of duty in the second Gulf War so naturally he is the driver, whilst Mark does the "spannering". The car is of the slingshot type and named Vintage Toys and they are members of the "Wild bunch" clubs.

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# Keep Silloth Warm

Report by: Amanda Eadle

My husband and I moved our family of three dogs from Oxfordshire to Cumbria last year after enjoying a holiday in Allonby in 2022. Spending days out in Windermere, Bassenthwaite, Keswick, Buttermere and Silloth I absolutely fell in love and knew this is where I should be.

After losing my beloved mum nine years ago I was struggling immensely to move forward feeling very 'stuck' with no direction, it was time for change. Let's do it! We made the decision to put our house up for sale and make the five hour journey to this beautiful part of the country.

We were able to rent long term the holiday let we had stayed in the previous year which allowed us to start our house search. We accepted an offer on our house so it was all systems go! We viewed a house in Skinburness and found what seemed to be an approval from mum in the garden by means of a Bay Tree, this takes me back to being a child and the first house I remember living in, if cooking a casserole mum would ask me to go pick some leaves from the Bay Tree to add to the pot! We knew this was meant to be our house.

We moved in last October and have never felt so welcomed by the neighbours and extended community. I feel so lucky everyday to live in such a beautiful little town and travel daily along the old cobblestone road along the front, seeing smiling faces, people chatting and waving to each other, walking their dogs, a real sense of friendliness and a tight community atmosphere.

After experiencing such a warm welcome I decided I wanted to give something back and receiving the news of the winter fuel allowance being taken from some who may rely on that extra help I had an idea!

I put together a Facebook page called:

Keep Silloth Warm  
I instantly had an abundance of messages offering help and



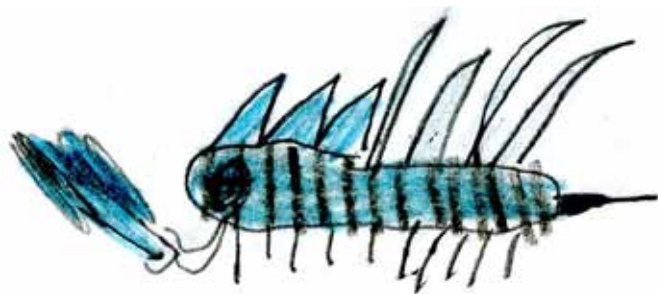
donations which was absolutely amazing and just proves my initial assessment of Silloth was correct, with offers pouring in daily I am able to add information and updates to the page so everyone is up to date with where we are.

The main objective is to offer help to anybody who feels they could use a little extra support this winter. We have had some fantastic donations of warm clothing, including jumpers, hats, scarves and gloves, blankets and quilts, some lovely ladies have

taken the time to knit various items and after a meeting with Thomas the manager at the Co-op in Silloth we managed to secure a substantial donation of ambient food to be packed and given out.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for your kind donations and support. I hope Keep Silloth Warm will continue and with the help of the Silloth community this will definitely be possible.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565492921964>



Go Coe Bee  
by Archie Humphreys from Holm Cultram Abbey School

## "Quote of the Month"

*"SIMPLICITY  
is the exact medium  
Between too little ~ And too much....."*

### HOLME ST CUTHBERT CHURCH CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE



Once again in December we are remembering & celebrating our loved ones by decorating a memory tree in church. Wooden tags will be hand-made.

Your messages can be added at any time.

A donation is welcomed (£1 suggested)

On the 1<sup>st</sup> December (2pm- 4pm) church will be open for people to gather and share stories, write messages on the wooden tags and hang on the tree.

Refreshments will be available.

Or collect your tag from Barbara Stephens or Lynda Bailey and write your messages at home.

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# The Activities of Friends of Silloth Green 2024

Report by:  
Pat Robinson  
Photos by:  
Judith Scott,  
Caroline Turner

As another year comes to an end we're taking stock of our achievements and looking forward to a New Gardening Year!

Spring saw a bright display of Daffodils and Tulips in the raised beds and under the trees where we hope they will naturalise.



The Marguerites and dwarf Sunflowers in the raised beds were spectacular during the summer and enjoyed by all.



You can keep up to date with our activities via Facebook, here in the Buzz and our notice board in the Community Garden.



These have now been replaced with winter flowering pansies and it won't be long before the first daffodils raise their heads telling us Spring is not far behind!

We also tackled the Criffel Street borders and the smaller beds within the Community Garden. Adding new trees and shrubs for winter structure and 1,000's of new bulbs



Look out for our first stall of 2025 in time for Spring and Mother's Day ...and don't forget new volunteers are always welcome, Wednesdays at 10 o'clock in the Community Garden.

Happy Christmas and a joyful New Year!



Our most ambitious project this year has been to change the large border into a gravel garden. The sandy soil dries out very quickly in the summer so we removed all the plants, saving those that do enjoy these conditions and replanted with drought tolerant trees, shrubs, perennial plants, like Lavender and Sedum and many barrow loads of gravel. It looks better than we anticipated!



We'd like to thank the Silloth Community Shop, the Town Council and the Co-op who support us with grants to buy the plants, equipment and compost. We'd also like to thank all the people of Silloth who visit our plant stalls supporting us with their donations and last, but definitely not least, our wonderful volunteers!

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# £253.65 for Breast Cancer Now



During October Silloth Group Medical Practice have been raising funds for Breast Cancer Now and raised £253.65. The staff would like to thank everyone for their kind donations for this worthy cause.

# A 10'6" Sunflower



Jennifer Bailey outside her front door with her 10 foot 6 inch (320cm) sunflower and her dog

## Be Wary of Phone Fraudsters

Cumbria Police is urging people to be vigilant to fraudsters after a further incident has been reported after a victim was encouraged to transfer thousands of pounds to criminals in fake police officer scam.

This follows a warning after three other incidents were reported to police of a person pretending to be a police officer to try and gain money.

T/Chief Superintendent Andy Wilkinson said "Police officers will never call you out of the blue requesting to meet to collect cash or ask you to transfer money to an account. Sadly, due to the convincing nature of these criminals' victims have fallen for this scam. In the last two weeks we have had eleven reports of incident to us. I would urge anyone who received a call from someone claiming to be an officer and are unsure if its genuine to hang up and call us on 101 to verify their identity. If you know someone

potentially vulnerable to potential scams please share and remind them of our advice"

Remember: Police officers will never call you out of the blue and request cash or personal information. They'll never ask you to transfer money to another account, hand over cash or bank cards to a courier, or a pay a fine or fee over the phone.

If an officer contacts you in person, they will show you their

warrant card. This is proof of their identify and authority.

If someone has called you and you are unsure if they are a genuine police officer, you can hang up and call police on 101 to check their identity.

If you think you have been the victim of a fraud you can report this to police on 101 and to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 – or by visiting their website at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

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# Stanwix Country & Western Weekend Visitors Donate £3,000 to Local Organisations



Some of the Silloth RNLi crew attended the Country and Western Weekend at Stanwix Park Holiday Centre on Friday 8th November. Donations of £1,500 each were made to Silloth RNLi Lifeboat and Eden Valley Hospice from the weekend. The RNLi crew would like to say a big thank-you for the generous donation.

# Devil's Disciples Motorcycle Club Donations



Members of North Cumbria chapter of Devil's Disciple Motorcycle Club handing over money to two worthy local causes, £500 to the Silloth RNLi and £200 to the Silloth Motorcycle Museum.

**LIAM MOORHOUSE** **A GIANT PANTO** **BRODIE AMBLER**  
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# No. 60 Bus Times

Skinburness - Silloth - Allonby - Maryport - Workington

[Stagecoach] [60 - from 4 November 2024]

Monday to Saturday				
Skinburness	09:35	11:40	13:45	15:50
Silloth	09:41	11:46	13:51	15:56
Beckfoot	09:47	11:52	13:57	16:02
Allonby	09:54	11:59	14:04	16:09
Maryport , Sycamore Road	10:05	12:10	14:15	16:20
Maryport , Curzon Street	10:11	12:16	14:21	16:26
Maryport , Hospital	10:13	12:18	14:23	16:28
Broughton Moor, Miners Arms	10:19	12:24	14:29	16:34
Seaton, Garage	10:25	12:30	14:35	16:40
Workington , Bus Station	10:32	12:37	14:42	16:47

Monday to Saturday				
Workington , Bus Stn (E)	08:34	10:38	12:43	14:48
Seaton, Garage	08:41	10:45	12:50	14:55
Broughton Moor, Miners Arms	08:47	10:51	12:56	15:01
Maryport , Hospital	08:53	10:57	13:02	15:07
Maryport , Curzon Street	08:56	11:00	13:05	15:10
Maryport , Sycamore Road	09:00	11:04	13:09	15:14
Allonby	09:13	11:17	13:22	15:27
Beckfoot	09:20	11:24	13:29	15:34
Silloth , Eden Street	09:26	11:30	13:35	15:40
Skinburness	09:32	11:36	13:41	15:46



# Three Peaks Challenge Walkers



Craig Gibson, Barry Sloan, Phillip Scott, Oliver Gibson, Macauley Carr, Micheal Watson, Sam Watson, Stephen Reeves, Charlie Reeves, Steven Pape, Graham Bell, Steven Pattinson, Stephen Matthews and David Minnican

Report by: David Reeves

On the 6th of July 2024 I walked the Yorkshire Three peaks with a group of family and friends raising money and awareness for Prostate Cancer.

This is the second walk I've done for this charity since my own Prostate Cancer diagnosis, last year I walked the Hadrians Wall Path with a couple of my good friends and raised over £6,000, we decided that we wanted to do another walk this year but we were joined by many more of our friends and family.

We walked the Yorkshire

Three Peaks on July 6th, it took us just under 11 hours to complete the three peaks challenge which include Ingleborough (2,372ft), Whernside (2,415ft) and Pen-Y-Ghent (2,277ft).

I am so grateful for the support from my friends and family and for everyone who has kindly donated to us, we raised over £4,100 this year making it over £10,000 raised so far for Prostate Cancer UK.

Prostate Cancer affects so many men and the symptoms

aren't always problematic, so remember get yourselves checked out, a simple blood test is all it takes, I would like to thank Silloth Doctors, Carlisle and Whitehaven hospital for their ongoing treatment and support.

The lads had such a great time together we have decided to complete another challenge next year so watch this space for our next walk in 2025.

Special thanks to each and everyone of you who took on this year's challenge and for your support personally it means a lot.

# Silloth on Solway Golf Course Are Finalists!

Silloth on Solway named one of the best in England, the golf club is delighted to put Silloth 'on the map' after being recognised as one of the best courses in the country.

Silloth on Solway Golf Club has been named a finalist in the England: Course of the Year category at the prestigious Golf Course Awards.

The award is 'given to the very best in terms of design, condition, and aesthetics', as well as innovation and accessibility.

The scenic course, which was first laid out in 1892 and is described as 'superb value for money', will compete against five other courses, including Woking's Worplesdon Golf Club and The Grove in Hertfordshire, which Tiger Woods won the World Golf Championship event at in 2006.

The award winner will be announced at a national ceremony in London on December 5th, which the club's representatives will attend.

Alan Oliver, the club secretary, said: "It's the first time we've been nominated for something like this.

The course is described as 'superb value for money'.

We're lucky to be included in a lot of top 100 rankings, but this is a huge thing for the golf club.

We're always trying to raise awareness of the club and let

people know about Silloth—who we are and where we are," he said.



Silloth on Solway Golf Club was also named among the top 20 English courses in a 2023 survey by Today's Golfer magazine.

One survey panelist described the course as "rugged, raw, and really good" and "an epic links that is every inch a World Top 100 course."



# Beware of Romance Fraud



Criminals are experts at creating fake online dating profiles and will try to establish a relationship with you quickly. Once they've gained your trust, they'll talk about their need for urgent financial help with the assurance they'll pay you back. But they never do and may even ask you for more.

Take a moment to stop and think about whether the person

is who they say they are. Check in with family and friends for a second opinion and only share your information with someone you have met in person.

If you believe you've been scammed, contact your bank immediately on a number you know to be correct such as the one on the back of your bank card.

What to watch out for:

Meeting someone online can be exciting but

remember: not everyone is who they claim to be.

Romance scammers often create fake profiles to gain your trust and manipulate your emotions. If they ask for money, #TakeFive and stop to think.

Red flags to watch

for:

- ♥ Asking for money or gifts.
- ♥ Claims of being "in love" too soon.
- ♥ Stories about sudden emergencies requiring financial help.

Talk to someone you trust - and never send money to someone you've only met online.







# Blen-Scare-Cro Scarecrow Event Makes £280

Report by: Gary Bickley

The Back ground to the event is as follows.

The Blencogo Village Hall is leased from the Diocese of Carlisle at a reduced rent. That lease is due to end in early 2025. We have been given the chance to purchase the Hall from the Diocese and so we're now trying to raise the £106,000 need to cover the purchase cost and fees.

This is on top of our usual operating costs. We've held a number of fundraisers that are specifically aimed at raising money for the purchase. One of these was our recent Blen-Scare-Cro Trail.

Held during the October half term we had over fifteen entries of scarecrows and sold over 140 maps over the week with people coming to do the trail and raising over £280.

A ghoulish THANK YOU to everyone who joined in our very first Blen-Scare-Cro event.

We were bewitched by the spooktacular displays haunting the village — each and every entry was frightfully fantastic! From ghoulish ghosts to creepy creatures, your creativity turned our streets into a Halloween dream... or should we say nightmare?

Huge thanks to all our talented villagers who unleashed their Halloween spirit for everyone to enjoy! Your haunted handiwork brought chills and thrills to all who dared to wander through!

Look at these photos... if you dare... and let us know which creepy creations made you shriek with delight!

Stay spooky, everyone, and here's to an even eerier Blen-Scare-Cro next year!



## Carers Rights Day

Carers Rights Day takes place every November and the theme for 2024 is "Recognising your Rights".



Unpaid carers are often unaware of their legal rights, as well as what they are entitled to in terms of support and benefits.

Carer Support West Cumbria want to help carers to recognise and understand their rights, both in the workplace and outside of it. These include the right to:

- discuss flexible working options with their employer
- be protected from

discrimination because of caring responsibilities

- have a Carer's Assessment to help identify support needs
- request a free flu jab

hospital discharge for the person they care for

- ask to be identified as a carer on their GP record

If you want to know more about carer rights, or know someone with a caring role who would benefit from support, get in touch at [general@carersupportwestcumbria.co.uk](mailto:general@carersupportwestcumbria.co.uk) or 01900 821976.

## Chrysalis Gift Fair

Report by: Debbie Gwillim

Despite the blustery winds and heavy rain brought by Storm Ashley, the recent fundraiser Chrysalis Autumn Gift Fair proved to be a resounding success. The event, held at The Greenhill Hotel, Wigton, featured a wide array of 38 stalls offering unique gifts, crafts, and treats.

Despite the inclement weather, the venue was bustling with attendees eager to support the cause and find one-of-a-kind treasures. The diverse selection of stalls catered to all tastes, from handmade jewellery and woodwork to bespoke handbags, artisanal candles and home baked cakes. The friendly and knowledgeable stallholders were delighted to share their passion for their products and offer personalised recommendations.

To keep visitors warm and fuelled, refreshments were available, including hot drinks, juice and snacks.

The cosy atmosphere and friendly ambiance created a welcoming environment for all.

One of the highlights of the event was the 50-prize raffle, offering a chance for attendees to win exciting prizes donated by local businesses and individuals. The raffle not only added to the excitement but also helped to raise additional funds for the cause.

Overall, the Chrysalis Autumn Gift Fair was a testament to the resilience and generosity of the community. Despite the challenges posed by Storm Ashley, the event was a resounding success, thanks to the hard work of the volunteers, the enthusiasm of the stallholders, and the support of the attendees.

The £1,217.58 raised will undoubtedly make a significant difference and help towards the many activities the individuals supported by Chrysalis partake in.

# A Moment in the History of the RNLI for Silloth RNLI

Report by: Rebecca Clark  
Lifeboat Press Officer

On Saturday 28th September, volunteers from Silloth RNLI gathered along with friends, family and the general public to wave off the Coast to Cobbles times capsule.

Silloth RNLI Lifeboat Station was the starting point for the historic event that is Coast to Cobbles.

The event was kicked off with sea shanties sang by the Allonby Ukes. The Atlantic 85 lifeboat, Elaine and Don Wilkinson launched at 10am and gave a great demonstration to those watching from along the shoreline.

Three 'future crew' members (children of current crew) were asked to carry the capsule down the slipway and hand it over to the lifeboat crew. Once the capsule was handed over, one of the volunteer lifeboat crew members gave the youngest future crew member a high five, it was a very special moment.

This action sums up the RNLI's 'One Crew' ethos perfectly, as the little boy is the son of Chris Clark, Helm for Silloth RNLI and Rebecca Clark, Press Officer for Silloth RNLI.



The volunteer lifeboat crew at Silloth RNLI all work together to support the station and save lives at sea.

The lifeboat then made its way to Maryport Harbour where it met up with Workington RNLI. Both boats moored up and Silloth lifeboat crew passed the time capsule over to the crew of Workington RNLI.

The time capsule was transported to RNLI stations along the North West via lifeboats before heading to Salford Quays where it will then be transferred to the Lifeboat Museum at Lytham St Annes where it will be displayed for 50 years.

It will then be opened in 50 years time when the charity celebrates the 250th year of RNLI. In the time capsule is a navigational chart which is being signed by the boat crew who transport it along its special journey. Stations are able to contribute to the capsule, adding items of importance to them. Silloth added a 'Crew Brew List' and a photo of the crew when they joined together for the 'One Moment One Crew' back in August

2024.

The time capsule's journey took 11 days from 28th September until 9th October when it will arrive in the Greater Manchester area in time for the anniversary of the world's first street collection, which took place in the streets of Manchester on the 10th October 1891.

Lesley Hope, fundraiser and

shop volunteer for Silloth RNLI said: "From the early days of organising this event to the last few days has been a pleasure and to work alongside the crew is just great. To see everyone here at the station for such a special event and enjoying themselves makes this job so rewarding. I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to help plan such a memorable event which will forever be in the history books of the RNLI.

The event has made me think about our volunteers of the past, the current volunteers and the volunteers of the future. I am proud of each and everyone of the volunteer lifeboat crew, fundraisers and shop volunteers - especially the future crew who had the important responsibility of handing over the time capsule."



# Remembrance Sunday in Silloth

Photo of SOSCS shop window by Sarah Robertson



Photo by Karen Graham



Photo by Jamie Bell

Photo by Jamie Bell



**SILLOTH CHRISTMAS**  
LIGHTS SWITCH ON  
AT CHRIST CHURCH  
SWITCH ON 6PM  
SANTAS GROTTO  
STALLS  
KIDS CRAFTS  
ENTERTAINMENT  
REFRESHMENTS  
MEMORIAL TREE  
FUNFAIR RIDES  
23RD NOV 2024  
3PM - 6PM

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TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2024  
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BOAT LAUNCHING ON EXERCISE AT 7PM\*

SHOP OPEN 12PM-3PM AS NORMAL

\*CONDITIONS AND SEA STATE DEPENDING

**Christmas Dinner**  
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Takeaways only on Wednesday 4th December & Eat in only on Thursday 5th December at 12.30pm £15.00 (for both eat in & takeaway)

Roast Turkey & all the trimmings & Christmas pudding or trifle (vegetarian option available)

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# Your Wonderful Buzzing Letters and Poems

Dear Buzz,

I am honored to continue serving as a Member of the UK Youth Parliament, and I am thrilled that I won't need to prepare a farewell speech anytime soon—that's definitely a 2026 problem now! This extension is a true privilege, as it allows me to keep working toward positive changes for young people across Cumberland and beyond.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Solway Community School for their foundational support, which was instrumental in helping me access the Cumberland Youth Voice program. Their encouragement led to my election by the young people of Cumbria in February 2023. I am also incredibly thankful to my friends and family for their unwavering support throughout this journey.

A special thanks goes to Cumberland Council for its commitment to truly listening to young people's voices—a dedication that not all councils across the UK embrace. Cumberland Council's openness to youth perspectives empowers us to play an active role in shaping our communities. With this extended term, I am committed to advocating for young people from North Cumbria on the national stage, representing our voices at UK Youth Parliament events and in the Houses of Parliament. My current focus includes advocating for those with special educational needs, as schools often face unfair blame for falling short in support due to inadequate funding. Schools are doing their best with limited resources, and I am dedicated to highlighting the need for increased support. Additionally, I am advocating for improved public transport accessibility for young people in rural areas, as affordable and reliable transportation is essential to access education, work, and social opportunities. I look forward to continuing my work with the Cumberland

Youth Council and the UK Youth Parliament to push for these necessary changes and make a meaningful impact for young people in Cumberland and beyond. Thank you for your trust and support



Dear Buzz,

Can anyone please tell me what is the point of having illuminated speed signs that do not work? Nor have they been consistent since installation. Is it not time to get them sorted before the guarantee runs out or get rid of them? Like a lot of other things, we could do with some 'Sweeping Changes'. How long do we as ratepayers have to put up with lots of talk and no action. Heaven only knows what the green would be like if it wasn't for the volunteers. The gardens beside the toilet block would be a prime example. The sad thing is we shall be talking about the same things year after year and the year after that. Let us get something off that 'to do' list and if you cannot maintain it, do not have it! On a more positive note, some progress has been made on the cemetery building and pot holes, however slow it may be.

The Whinge

Golden Acorns by Sophia Lodhi

I sometimes wish that money grew on trees...  
And banknotes  
Stemmed from branches,  
Instead of lime-green leaves!

I often wish that golden coins were planted  
Deep in soil and earth...  
So "money trees"  
Might grow here,  
Instead of oaks and conifers!

But if life were this simple,  
We might never know  
How to love the little  
Things which help our hearts to grow!

...Although it makes the world go 'round,  
Money isn't all we need:  
Gratitude and humble hearts  
Are better fruits than greed!

Remembrance by Anon

Why do you still march old man  
With medals on your chest?  
Why do you still grieve old man  
For those friends you laid to rest?

Why do your eyes gleam old man  
When you hear those bugles blow?  
Tell me why you cry old man  
For those days so long ago.

You ask me why I march young man?  
I march to remind you all  
That but for those apple blossom youths  
You'd never have known freedom at all.

Silloth Summer Holiday by Peter Holmes

All the sun chasing and basking  
All the playing out till it gets dark at ten  
All the BBQ's and outside drinking  
All the driving and visiting

Staying in different places  
Seeing people you may never see again  
Trying things you may never do again  
Buying things you may never use again

Sleeping under one sheet with the window open  
Hats to stop your head burning  
Ice cream and the arcade  
Sun cream and sunglasses  
Fetes and a carnival

Roads chock-a-block  
As well as the shops  
All lovely memories now  
Until next Summer  
When we'll make loads more!



Fragile Fortunes by Sophia Lodhi

Summer's circle of gold  
Dissolves  
Between the parting of the  
Clouds,  
Our fragile fortunes  
Now to change  
And fly  
With Autumn's  
Moody winds:  
To perish, or to germinate  
With the messengers of Spring  
Cuckoos,  
Turtledoves,  
Yellow wagtails,  
Swallows,  
Nightjars.

...Summer's disc of gold  
Is gone  
And with it,  
Leaves September's ghost  
And halo  
Of tranquillity,  
Our fragile fortunes  
Swept away:  
To perish or to germinate  
And wait  
For winter's icy veil to melt,  
Like tiny Goldcrest,  
Songful Robin,  
Blackbird,  
Fieldfare,  
Redwing.

Answers for page 15 crossword, no peeking

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# What's It Like at Solway Community School?



Tyler Rowell

Before I came to Solway School, I felt nervous. A few weeks before we finished Primary School, we all went to a Transition Week for all the Year 6's. This helped me get to know the teachers and they could get to know me. I also knew where some of the rooms were for lessons. I started to feel more comfortable about starting at Solway because everyone helped us if we got lost.

On the first day, I woke up and I felt really nervous. I was scared about if the older kids would be mean to me or if I got told off and gave a bad impression of myself. I was worrying about getting lost with no one to help me. My head was thinking about the worst things that could happen.

When I went to school and walked through the door, I was worried about whether the

teachers would be nice or like horrible witches. Thankfully, they were nice!

We eased into Year 7 lesson wise. We have all had fun at the start of our Solway journey. Our teachers have really helped us get things right and have helped us with the things we were stuck on. The other students have also been welcoming and helpful.

My favourite things about Solway School is in between lessons you can stretch your legs. I also like PE and I am going to give a special shout out to Cumbrian Award because we do a lot of different activities based around where we live. You're expected to work hard but there is also the chance to have fun and enjoy the learning as well. I go to after school football club on a Monday.

I would advise the Year 6's not to worry about moving to Solway School because you will be absolutely fine with all the teachers. The students are also there to help you.

I guess I'll see you there!



**SOLWAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL**



Mimi Morgan

I was a little nervous before starting Solway School but when I actually started, I realised that there was nothing to worry about.

My first day was great!

Even though some weren't my favourite lessons, I still had fun.

The teachers were really nice, honest and clear with what they were talking about.

A worry of mine was getting lost but not once did I (which was quite surprising).

Most of the lessons were entertaining because it wasn't just heads down writing, they gave us things to do that made us move about. For example, in Spanish, we have actions that help us remember words or phrases.

Something which helped me overcome any anxiety was when we had Transition Week because it's barely any different actually being a pupil at Solway. Another thing I was a little nervous about was new subjects and teachers but it really is nothing to worry about because the teachers are really helpful and make sure you start where you need to. Both new lessons and ones I've had before were great to engage in. Although the lessons are fun and exciting, there will be challenges you will come across. Lots of these challenges will be to do with confidence and independence.

Overall, my first half term of learning at Solway has been excellent! I've loved every lesson and the food is absolutely mouth watering!



Bradley Baxter

Before starting at Solway School, I was feeling a lot of emotions.

At first, I felt scared because I had got familiar with and used to only having one teacher at Primary School. I was also feeling excited because it was a new school and a new start.

Going to Solway in Transition Week really helped with my confidence because it helped me learn some of the teacher's names and personalities.

The first day was really good. The teachers were kind and so were the older students.

On our first day, we had English, History, Spanish, Maths and then to finish the day, we had Spanish again.

The day is broken up by morning break and lunchtime. At morning break, you get to go to the canteen if you want to and they have a variety of different food to choose from. My favourite is the sausage butty. We then go outside onto the massive field and have a quick game of football before heading to our next lesson.

At lunchtime, we can have our lunch and then go back outside and play more football.

My most favourite thing about Solway is that all the teachers are kind and are there for you if you need anything at all. It's really easy to make friends because the year groups are not too big and other pupils are really nice and inviting.



Neveah Greig

When I first stepped into Solway School, I was greeted by many warm, welcoming smiles from all the staff. This made me feel very comfortable in the matter of minutes of being a part of the Solway 'family'.

Me and all of my class had a whole week of Transition at Solway when we were in Year 6. This made us all have a perspective of what this new step in our education was going to be like. Personally, this made me a lot more open with all the members of staff and my new classmates.

In my opinion, coming to Solway School is a great choice because you have a lot more maturity and freedom in your classes.

If you're not sure of coming to the school, there are plenty of opportunities to look around during the day or during Open Evenings. There are also lots of residential to look forward to!

Page 15 Anagram answers  
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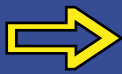
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For baptisms and other church related business please contact: Rev Bryan Rothwell  
The Vicarage, Wigton Road  
Tel: 016973 31413

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Maryport Tip, tel 01900 66922 open daily 8am to 6pm  
Wigton Tip, tel 016973 45617 open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 6pm

## China Painting

Every Friday at Silloth Community Hall. 2pm to 4pm. All welcome.

## Mawbray Nia Group

Every Thursday from 2 to 4pm in Culterham Hall, £4 per session includes refreshments. Just come along.

## Wigton Theatre Club

Buy tickets via our website [www.wigtontheatre.org](http://www.wigtontheatre.org) or call the Box Office: 07977 835094

## Silloth Tennis Club

For coaching information call David Wise on 0742 547767

## Cash Machines

Are available on Solway Street at both the Spar and CO-OP supermarkets. Cash is also available at Winters Post Office

## Blencogo Art Group

Every Monday from 1:30-4:30pm in Blencogo Village Hall where members help each other. Refreshments provided, regular outings, tel 016973 61158 or 61327

## Production Team

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## Abbeytown Choir

Meet in the Abbey:  
Adult Choir Tuesdays 6-7pm  
Children's Choir  
Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm  
All welcome!

## Banking Hub

Maryport Banking Hub is operated by the Post Office on Senhouse Street as follows:  
Monday: NatWest  
Tuesday: HSBC  
Wednesday: Halifax  
Thursday: TSB  
Friday: Barclays

## Good Companions

Have a coffee morning / fundraiser on the first Monday each month from 10:30 to 11:30am. £2 entry for refreshments plus tombola, raffle and cake sale.

## Monday Craft Club

Silloth Community Hall 10 - 11:30am every Monday. Bring your current project, exchange ideas, chat and have a cuppa

## Family History Grp

Tuesdays at Silloth Community Hall from 6 - 8.30pm. Bring along your own research and meet fellow genealogists

## Sewing Group

Every other Thursday at Silloth Community Hall. 12 - 4pm. All abilities welcome.

## Silloth Parkrun

Meet on the Promenade beside the Tennis Courts at 9am every Saturday morning

## Badminton

Abbeytown Badminton Club meet on Wednesday evenings, check details on their facebook page, £5 per night

## Scrabble Club

Meet in Silloth Library on Fridays 10:30am to 1pm

## Backgammon Club

Meet in Silloth Library on Wednesdays 1:30pm to 3:30pm

## November

20th Christmas Stall on the Green by Friends of the Green

23rd Silloth Christmas Lights Switch-On, see advert

26th RNLI shop open late, 5pm to 8pm + Launch at 7pm

26th Blencogo & District Prize Bingo at 7:30pm see advert

27th Christmas Stall on the Green by Friends of the Green

28th Monthly Quiz at 7:30pm in Mawbray Village Hall, see advert

30th Christmas Sale & Craft Fayre in St Matthews Church Westnewton, 10 to 3pm, free entry, refreshments

## December

2nd Meet your local police in Fairydust Emporium from 10am to 11am

2nd Coffee Morning in the Good Companions 10:30-11:30am, entry £2

2nd Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm, all welcome

6th Christmas Fair in Caldew Hall 10am to 4pm, free entry, RNLI sales table

7th Christmas Fair in Caldew Hall 10am-4pm in aid of Silloth RNLI

7th Silloth & District Pensioners Xmas Party

Errors do occur in Dates for the Diary Please check before attending an event

## Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Times (Winter)  
Open 7 days  
Mon - Friday 12-3pm  
Saturday-Sunday 10-3pm  
Our Shop is staffed by Volunteers and may not be open at the advertised time. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## Abbey Tots

We meet on Tuesdays during term time only at Holme Cultram Abbey 10am to 11:30am, all welcome

## Solway Woodcarvers

Every Monday and Wednesday evening at Silloth Community Hall from 7pm onwards

Please tell us when your group starts or stops, so we can let everyone know

## December cont'd

7th Wigton Theatre Club presents Charlie Dore and Julian Littman. Details & times on Ticket Source

11th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

11th Wigton Theatre Club presents Murder is (Festively) Served. Details & times on Ticket Source

12th Friendship Hour and Tea in the Evangelical Church on Eden Street at 1:45pm

12th Wigton Theatre Club presents Murder is (Festively) Served. Details & times on Ticket Source

13th Christmas Carols to sing along to in Christ Church Hall at 7pm, Mulled wine, mince pies, shortbread & stollen pieces. £8

13th Jack & the Beanstalk at Stanwix Park [www.stanwix.com](http://www.stanwix.com)

13th Wigton Theatre Club presents Murder is (Festively) Served. Details & times on Ticket Source

14th Jack & the Beanstalk at Stanwix Park [www.stanwix.com](http://www.stanwix.com)

14th Wigton Theatre Club presents Murder is (Festively) Served. Details & times on Ticket Source

15th Jack & the Beanstalk at Stanwix Park [www.stanwix.com](http://www.stanwix.com)

15th Wigton Widows and Widowers meet 1-3pm at Cornerstone Methodist Church in Wigton, 'Christmas Dinner'

15th Carol Services in Greenrow Pentecostal Church at 6pm

15th Carol Services in the Evangelical Church at 6:30pm

21st Open air Carols and warm drinks in Christ Church, Criffell Street at 6pm

22nd Carol Service in Christ Church at 11am

Have You Sent in Your Dates yet?

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## December cont'd

24th Crib service for young families in Christ Church at 6pm

24th Christmas Eve Vigil in the Roman Catholic Church, on Solway Street at 6pm

24th Midnight Communion in Christ Church at 11:30pm

25th Holy Communion in Christ Church at 9am

25th Morning worship in the Evangelical Church at 10:30am

25th Christmas Lunch in the Rugby Club noon to 2pm. Book with Jackie 07860 374817

26th Charity Cold Water Dip by Silloth Tigers in support of The Freedom Project

29th United Service in Christ Church at 10am

31st Evangelical Church Bring & share meal and get-together at 7:30pm

31st Evangelical Church Watchnight Service at 11:15pm

## January 2025

1st Allonby Dook, take a dip in Allonby Bay, check facebook for Allonby Dook

14th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm in Silloth Community Hall

15th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

18th Mawbray Village Hall Film Club - see advert

24th Wigton Theatre Club presents Lee Collinson. Details & times on Ticket Source

## February

3rd Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm, all welcome

19th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

## March

3rd Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm, all welcome

19th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

## April

7th Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm, all welcome

8th Holme Low Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm in Silloth Community Hall

23rd Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

## May

12th Silloth Town Council Meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm, all welcome

21st Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

25th Silloth Green Day

26th Silloth Green Day

We now have dates up to November, have you sent yours?

## MAWBRAV VILLAGE HALL

### FILM CLUB



Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
The film starts at 7pm

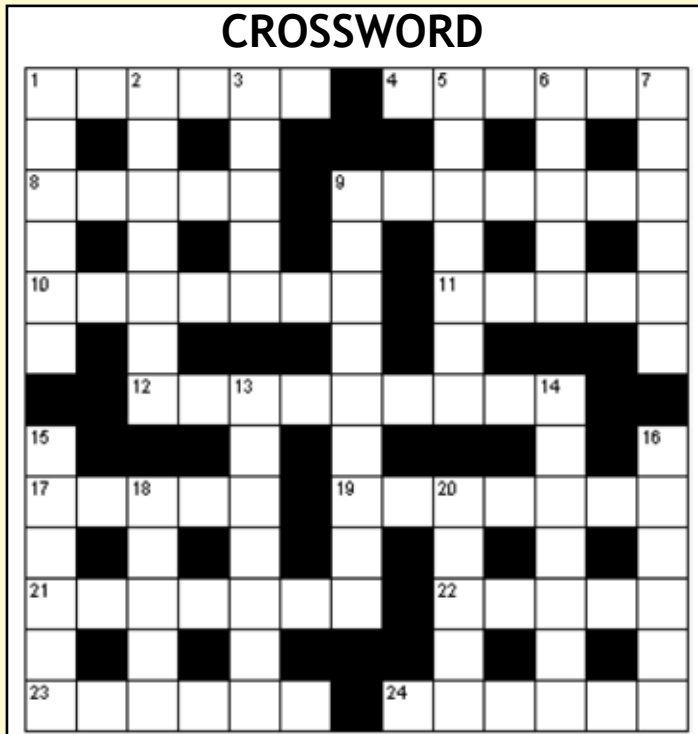
The Village Hall invites you to join them at this month's feature film.

You can bring your own drinks & snacks.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Everyone must be a member  
Lifetime Membership - Adult £5, Couple £8, Family £10

Entrance on the night Adult £3, Child £1.50  
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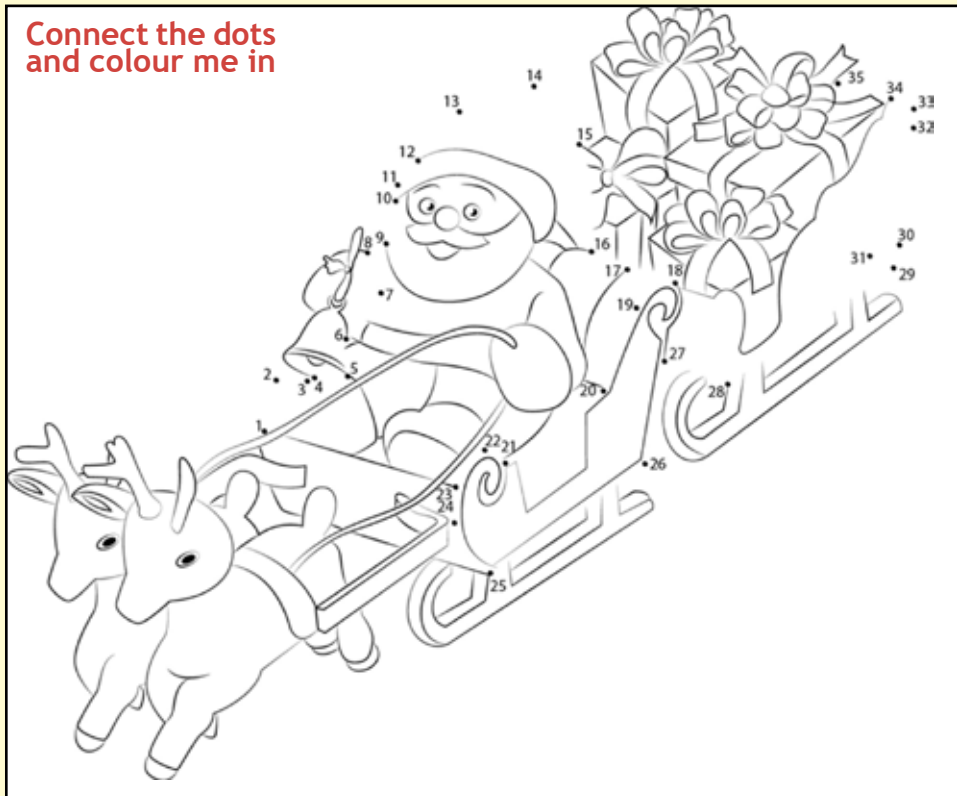
- 1 Counting-frame (6)
- 4 Give a sermon (6)
- 8 Fencer's weapon (5)
- 9 Naval rank (7)
- 10 Globes (7)
- 11 Meeting place (5)
- 12 Revoked (9)
- 17 Exterior (5)
- 19 Everywhere (3,4)
- 21 Trig ratio (7)
- 22 Ether (anag) (5)
- 23 One who dies for a cause (6)
- 24 Blood vessel (6)

### Down

- 1 Appraise (6)
- 2 Someone else (7)
- 3 Below (5)
- 5 Taken away (7)
- 6 Protective garment (5)
- 7 Aided (6)
- 9 Attacker (9)
- 13 Magic (7)
- 14 Varied (7)
- 15 Base (6)
- 16 Avaricious (6)
- 18 Male singing voice (5)
- 20 By and by (5)

Crossword answers are on page 12

Connect the dots and colour me in



## CHRISTMAS ANAGRAM

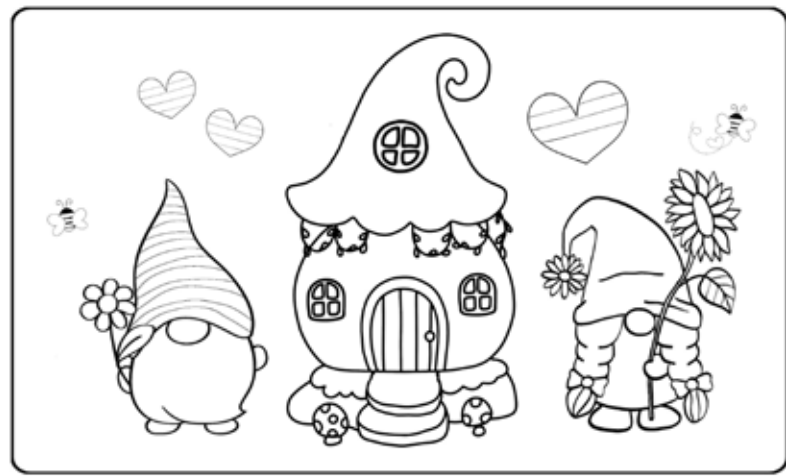
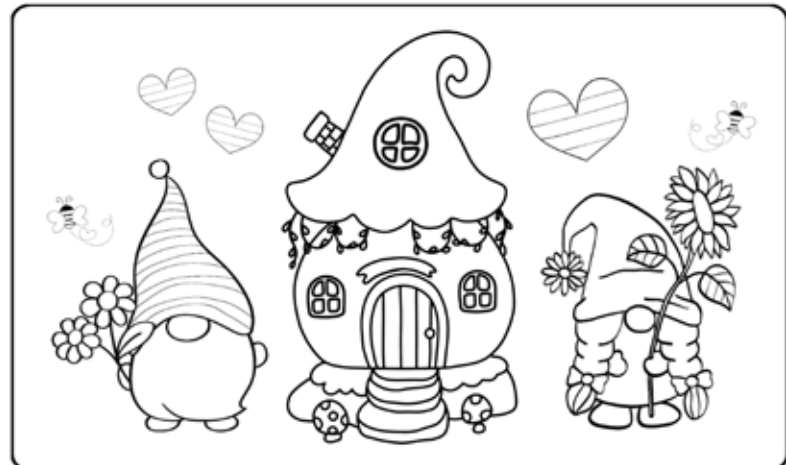
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## Blencogo Village Activities

Report by: Becky Blake

### It's been a busy month at Blencogo Village Hall.

We enjoyed our annual Produce show early on in the month. There were 208 entries across the 54 classes. High quality entries were evident and some tough competition, especially noted was the mens baked goods of lardy cake, an unfamiliar and challenging bake for most participants!

Winners are as follows:  
Bromfield Parish Cup (flowers):  
Judith Wood  
Harry Douglas Fuchsia plaque:  
Linda Wood  
Tom Carrick Cup for Kitchen garden:  
Sam Griffin  
Ferguson Silver Salver (Bakery):  
Carol Storey  
St Mungos Cup for handicrafts:  
Fran Evans  
Alfred Grieve Cup (Children 7 & under):

Daisy Snaith and Freya Griffin Blencogo Village Hall Trophy (Children 8 and over):  
Juno Griffin

The hall was a hub of chatter, with the community coming together to show the skills parishioners and the wider public have. A lively auction, raffle and cake sales helped the event to be profitable for the hall, making £193.10 to go towards general running costs.

Next up was our Car Treasure Hunt.

Eighteen intrepid vehicles set off on what proved to be a challenging hunt. A three hour time limit was achieved by most with a few getting time and mileage penalties. With one withdrawal seventeen vehicles managed the complete course, albeit some taking an alternative to the intended route!

Maximum score was 58. The winner was Rachel Bloomer

and crew with a score of 45. The Frozen Chickens came second with 43 and a consolation prize was awarded to the Walters Gang with 19 points.

There may be a few divorces following the event so the committee would like to stress we take no responsibility for this! Same again next year?

Profit of £331.99 to go towards the purchase of the village hall.

Thanks to all for continuing to support our village hall and the events run within. We really appreciate everyone who comes to participate and help.

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by  
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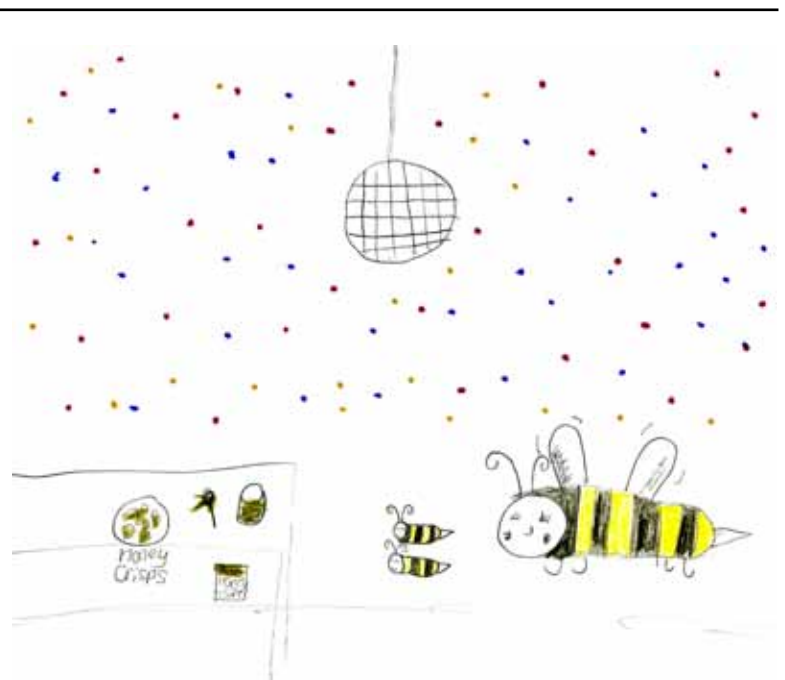
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# John Knows His Poultry!

John Barry who lives in Blitterlees had recently been given the honour to be British National

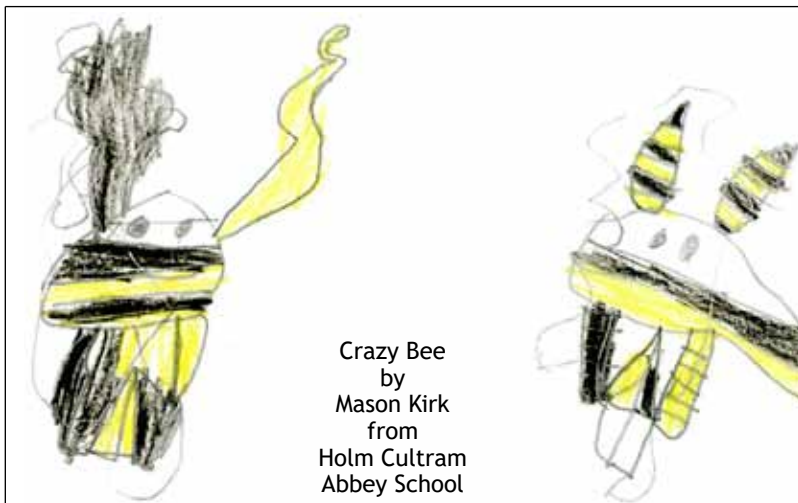
Championship judge at the British poultry club annual show in Lincoln, the event took place at the Lincolnshire show ground in October.

It was a well attended show over two days with well over 3,500 birds including poultry, ducks, turkeys and geese also a huge section for the judging of eggs.

John and his wife Joan are highly recognised judges across the poultry world John being a panel 'A' poultry judge, in fact the only one in Cumberland and Joan a panel 'B', both been involved in breeding, showing and judging across the British Isles, in fact it was poultry that brought them together at a show many years ago.

It was fantastic to see so many people at the event giving that Covid and recently bird flu had cancelled all these events over the last years, also wonderful for both John and Joan to meet up with so many old friends.

The Winning bird John chose as British national champion was a Poland a very stunning bird.



Crazy Bee  
by  
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# Two Familiar Ships Return to Silloth Dock

Report & Photos by:  
John Forrester  
More coverage of shipping at Silloth can be found at [www.cumbriashipphotos.weebly.com](http://www.cumbriashipphotos.weebly.com)

Silloth recently welcomed the return of two cargo vessels to the port, the SYLVIA and ZAPADNY.

Ship spotters often keep detailed records of their sightings including dates, names and identification numbers. Several ships are named SYLVIA, however each has a unique identification number to avoid confusion. A search of the records revealed our ship to have visited Silloth ten years ago. In contrast, there is only one ZAPADNY, a regular at Silloth over many years with cargos of molasses. The tanker was making her second visit of the year after undergoing a major overhaul.

SYLVIA is one of eight ships belonging to the Dutch family business 'Van Dam Shipping'. All of their vessels appear in the same sky blue livery and have girls' names. SYLVIA had loaded her cargo of wheat at the Baltic port of Mukran, uniquely situated on Germany's largest island, Rügen. It was then a six day sailing via the Kiel Canal to reach Silloth. Conditions were bright and sunny on the day of arrival making the ship an ideal subject to photograph. The fully laden vessel was carefully lined up off the port before making



a graceful entry on the midday tide. It was then turned in the dock and brought alongside ready for unloading. The captain and pilot could relax after a job well done.

The weather wasn't quite so kind for the visit of ZAPADNY. After loading in Amsterdam the

tanker had taken eight days to reach Silloth. The sailing was interrupted by stops in Penzance Bay and off Ramsey, Isle of Man to shelter from rough seas. Even on the day of arrival the tanker was met by foggy conditions in the Solway towards the Scottish hills. Thankfully, visibility improved as the ship approached Silloth, just in time for the assembled photographers to start work. The thirty-six year-old ship looked very smart in its green livery, the paintwork still looking fresh after undergoing repairs in dry-dock earlier this year. With three crew on lookout at the bow and two at the stern giving a wave,



it looked to be a happy ship. Discharging cargo is a very slick operation at Silloth

and twenty-four hours later the ship was ready for departure.

## Silloth Tide Tables

DECEMBER 2024		SILLOTH							
		DEPTHS ON NEW DOCK GAUGE (1.8M ABOVE CD)							
		High Water				Low Water			
Date		Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon	
		Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	SU ●	11 31	6.8	23 49	6.6	06 05	-0.4	18 23	-0.3
2	M			12 04	6.9	06 41	-0.4	19 02	-0.4
3	TU	00 23	6.6	12 39	6.9	07 18	-0.4	19 42	-0.4
4	W	01 00	6.5	13 18	6.8	07 57	-0.3	20 24	-0.3
5	TH	01 41	6.4	14 00	6.6	08 36	-0.1	21 06	-0.2
6	F	02 27	6.2	14 48	6.4	09 19	-0.0	21 52	-0.1
7	SA	03 19	6.0	15 44	6.2	10 05	0.2	22 44	-0.0
8	SU ☽	04 20	5.7	16 48	6.1	11 02	0.3	23 45	-0.0
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## Silloth Banty Trot Golfers Sponsor Silloth u12 Girls Football



Jonny Martin and Lenny Hodgins photographed along side the Silloth under 12s girls squad with coach Phil Scott missing was assistant coach Paul Beard

Report by: Jimmy Lettice

The Silloth Banty Trot golf society this season have donated sponsorship monies raised from fundraising events through the year to the Silloth Under 12s girls football squad. This let them purchase a set of training tops for all their players and coaches, the tops look smart and will help keep them warm and dry throughout the winter months.

This very talented squad deserved to be chosen for the funding and we wish them all well for the season ahead.

The Banty Trot golfers are independent

of the golf club but are all members of it, with the wider community at the heart of our fundraiser activities with over £10,000 raised in the last few years. We will continue to support others sporting and non sporting groups in our community going forward and will announce the next group we have chosen to support soon.

A massive thanks to all the golfers who continue to donate money in these challenging times and help raise the funding for others.

## Rugby Ladies are Happy!



Report by: Jimmy Lettice

These lasses have come a long way in the last few months playing touch rugby in the league. Recently they played against some strong teams and they all played really well winning two games and drawing two games.

They train on Wednesday nights and Sunday's, for more information pop down to the Rugby Club any weekend.

## Silloth Rugby Club Ladies get backing from World Number 1 Red Roses

The Grand Slam champions and World number 1 Red Roses team have donated a fully Autographed Rugby Ball to use on one of our fundraising events, we are very grateful and can only give them a massive thanks. The World number 1 Red

Roses gave their support to Silloth Tigers Ladies team for their latest project to refurbish their changing rooms, with the much needed addition of new secure lockers and also to upgrade the toilet facilities for training and match days.

## Shipping at the Port of Silloth

Report by: Capt Tim Riley  
Harbour Master, Short Sea Pilot

Only two vessel calls in September, again another quiet month for Silloth. Our old faithful Zapadny back again with more molasses for animal feeds and Sylvia bringing wheat from Vierow in Northern Germany.

We briefly also had a visit from La Malouine, a 30m sail training and private sailing vessel owned by a very pleasant gentleman who lives over in Dumfries so they stopped off here on their way to Annan to await the tide for a quick high water dash over the sand banks and into port on the opposite banks of the Solway Firth. More information on the vessel can be found on BRIGANTINE La Malouine: data, photos, videos, history of the sailing ship (tallship-fan.de) or on their facebook page.

In other news around the port, FoxJackson are still progressing slowly with their Bid and Legal application to acquire the port. I

am led to believe the process has now been moved over to an HRO, a Harbour Revision Order, so that the government can transfer the legalities of port responsibilities from one organisation to the next. I would expect this part of the process to take many months! Possibly a year, however in the past some of these changes have been done quicker, so here's hoping!

### September Visitors

16th Zapadny from Amsterdam with a cargo of Molasses then on to Gdansk.  
18th Sylvia from Vierow with a cargo of Wheat then on to Aberdeen.

Silloth had another quiet month in October, only two vessel calls, the IMI and the Eastern Vanquish, with Ammonium Nitrate and German Wheat respectively.

Due to some severe weather the dock gate sill seals have been

damaged and as such the gates leak a little more than they should, so these will be repaired in the next few weeks. The mains power cable to the port passes across the dock gate sill from North to South and this also became dislodged during recent hurricane force winds and very rough seas in the port. This has been tied down temporarily and will also be repaired when the gate sill seals are done.

We have a port Stakeholders meeting in November and hope to have our prospective new owners FoxJackson Ports, attend this meeting.

Hoping the fertiliser trade picks up soon.

Happy November all.

### October Visitors

2nd Imi from Klaipeda with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Drogheda.

31st Eastern Vanquish from Vierow with a cargo of Wheat then on to Drogheda.





# Silloth On Solway Junior Section ~ Natterjacks



(L-R) 2024 Red Tee Champion: Annie Drabble, 2024 Green Tee Champion: James Wareing  
2024 Black Tee Champion: Louie Pearson

## Champion of Champions

James, our Junior Vice-Captain, continued his fantastic year by playing in the Champion of Champions Junior World Championship at Lough Erne Resort in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland in July.

Competitors from over forty countries took part in this three day event and James played some outstanding golf participating in the Northern Golf Junior Tour, last year to qualify.

James proudly showed the Silloth logo on his England flag during the opening parade. He had put in many hours of preparation and practice for this event and it showed in his golf with a very respectable finish.

Well done James!



Champion of Champions James

Report by Peter Ellwood

## Junior Championship Graham Claret Jugs

On Saturday 7th September, we held our annual Championship Day and we continued the same format for the Championships for 2024. A qualifier was held mid-year for players using the Red Tees, Black Tees and Green Tees. This then lead to the semi-final and final being played on the prestigious Silloth on Solway Golf Club Finals' Day.

The weather was excellent, but the golf was even better.

### Green Tees

The Green Tee semi-final matches saw James Wareing beat Isaac Morrow to progress to the final, and Caitlin Ellwood won a close match against Bobby Taylor to move forward to the final.

In the final James' current form shined through to beat Caitlin and retain the Green Tee Championship for a second year.

### Black Tees

The semi-final matches saw Freya Hagan take on Louie Pearson and Seth Pearson take on Jackson Wareing.

Both matches were very close, with one going to sudden death. Louie and Jackson progressed to the final and had a very tight



match. The match was all-square at the end of the normal holes, so went to sudden death. On the final 12th hole; Louie won the decider, to be crowned Black Tee Champion.

### Red Tees

This year the Red Tee Championship consisted of all new players to the Natterjack section.

The semi-final saw Thomas Thompson take on Annie Drabble for a place in the final against Leo Whittle. Annie won a good match to progress to her first final. The final saw a tense match between Leo and Annie with Annie coming out as eventual Red Tee Champion.

The day was a great success; some amazing golf played and enjoyed by both players alongside many spectators.

Roll on next season!



Caitlin Ellwood receiving her prize from Cumbria President Linda Young & Cumbria Captain Ruth Coleby

## Norther Counties Junior Jamboree 2024

Caitlin Ellwood continues her excellent progress with selection for the Cumbria Junior Girls team, to take part in the Northern Counties Junior Jamboree which was held at Barrow Golf Club.

The Jamboree event consists of

teams of six, from the six Northern Counties.

Day one is an individual stableford competition, while day two is match-play. Caitlin played superbly well in the stableford competition. She won the overall day by an impressive three stableford points, with a score of

40.

Caitlin secured maximum points for Cumbria, over the event. This is the first time since 2021 that team Cumbria has participated in the event.

Team Cumbria finished in fourth place, very respectable against our larger neighbours.

**Information on the Natterjacks**  
If you know of any junior that is interested in golf and would

like to find out more information or have a chat, please message Peter Ellwood on 07480 51320.