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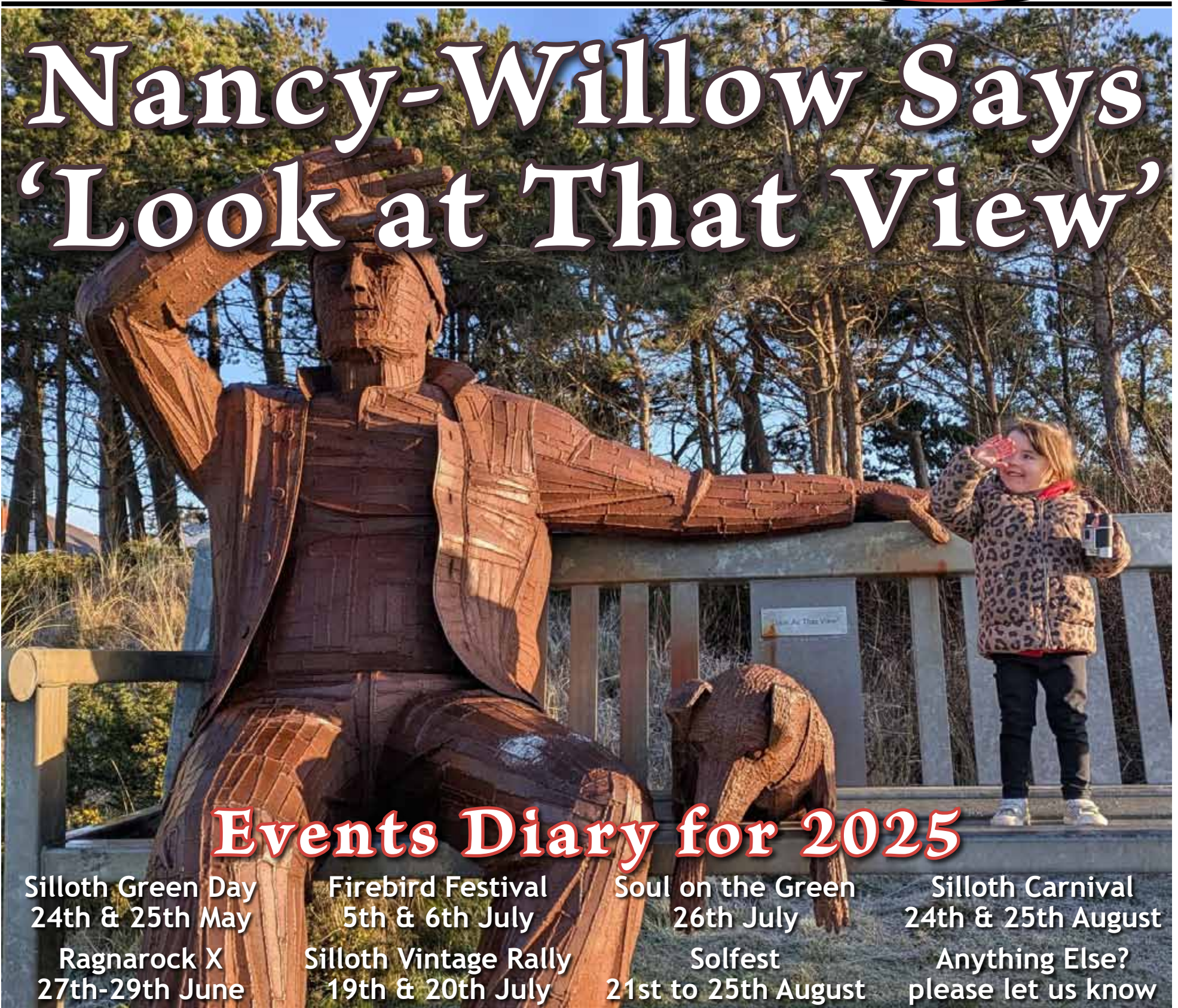
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## Nancy-Willow Says 'Look at That View'

### Events Diary for 2025

Silloth Green Day  
24th & 25th May

Firebird Festival  
5th & 6th July

Soul on the Green  
26th July

Silloth Carnival  
24th & 25th August

Ragnarock X  
27th-29th June

Silloth Vintage Rally  
19th & 20th July

Solfest  
21st to 25th August

Anything Else?  
please let us know

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# The Twitterings

Report by: Jenny Wren  
Photos by: Albert Ross

We're glad to be back on the pages of the Solway Buzz. Many thanks to those of you who took the time to read our first column in the January edition of this fantastic local community paper. We're looking forward to sharing more thoughts, questions and beginner's observations from the bird tables, beaches and fields around the Silloth area and also looking forward to hearing from you about your birding experiences.

This month we're writing about starling murmurations and asking you to share with us and other Solway Buzz readers your best murmuration spotting sites in and around Silloth. In preparation I thought I'd do a bit of background reading to make sure I get my facts and figures right. I typed starling murmuration into my browser hoping for a link to an informative Cumbria wildlife or RSPB website. What should pop up at the top of the list but good old Amazon offering 'low price starling murmurations!!' After having a good old laugh at the thought of a murmuration crammed in a cardboard box, we were almost tempted to order one just to see how they are packed and delivered.

A murmuration is the collective term for a gang of Starlings. Starlings are a pretty common

bird, seen in gardens and towns all over the UK, they are brilliant mimics and often catch people out with their fantastic imitations of phones and other high pitched tech sounds, they also have amazing iridescent feathers that shine, green and blue in the right light.

From November onwards the resident UK population of starlings is bolstered by 1,000s of tourists from Scandinavia and it's at this time we start to see the amazing phenomena of swirling masses of Starlings filling our skies. The birds fly in flocks of many hundreds or thousands. They perform the most amazing aerial dance, making shapes and patterns, swooping, swirling and gathering in ever increasing numbers before settling together for the night. Scientists still don't fully understand how they synchronise their flight patterns so they don't fly into one another but they do know that the Starlings fly together like this as it confuses other larger birds of prey who hunt them if they fly and roost alone as dusk sets in.

We love following murmurations but as we both work and are either still at our desks or on our daily commute during dusk hours when the displays begin, we only get to watch them at weekends or on holidays. We often take a trip down to the



RSPB reserve at Leighton Moss in Silverdale just over the Cumbrian border. On two occasions we have been lucky enough to be in the epicentre of a murmuration. It was probably the most awe-inspiring natural spectacle we have experienced; surrounded by the sound of beating wings, bombarded by 1,000s of dark

shapes at head height, with wave after wave of birds flying directly at us. Something not to be missed.

So, get out there through January and February map the Starlings as they start to gather and try to find yourself a spot to watch them as they come down to roost. Let us know your favourite spots for watching this spectacle in and

around Silloth or alternatively you can head to [www.starlingsintheuk.co.uk](http://www.starlingsintheuk.co.uk) for updates of latest sightings across the UK.

Thanks for reading, we'll be back in March. In the meantime, don't forget to watch the skies, look in hedgerows or just out of your kitchen window and see what you can see.

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## Blencogo Art Group



Report by: Janet Stukins

Some of the members of the art group who participated in drawing and painting squares which were

then put together creating this year's picture entitled "The Lily Pickers".

Helen, Sel, Marie, Rhonda,

Graham, Elizabeth, Liz, Marjorie and Janet participated

The art group meet on Monday afternoons in the village hall.

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## Rotary Christmas Day Lunch

Report by: Jackie McCormick

I hosted our twelfth Christmas Day Lunch in the Rugby Club on Christmas day again last month.

It was a lovely event that I could not have done without all the people who helped me to provide this.

I would like to thank you all so much.

Firstly Silloth Rugby Club for letting us use their facilities

Thomas at Silloth CO-OP for providing all our fresh vegetables, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, boxes of biscuits and chocolates for people to take home.

Thomas Hornsby for our lovely turkeys that he donates every year.

Julie Hart and Peggy Allen for their lovely deserts.

To RAC windows as well for their kind donation.

To Joe for sourcing a bus and driving it to pick up and drop off anyone that needed it.

To Pauline for the lovely centre pieces that she made for us, allowing people to take them home with them.

To Santa for doing an amazing job putting a smile on everyone's face.

To all my lovely helpers that helped to pick up from the co-op and prepare everything on Christmas Eve ready for the next

day and help to cook and serve it all.

To our helpful dishwasher who has come every year to help.

Lastly to the lovely people of Silloth who donated money that helped us to buy little extras for the day.

We have money that has come from donations on the day and from people giving us donations. This has been paid into Silloth Rotary Account and will be distributed throughout the year to local projects.

Again I would just like to thank you all for your continued help and support.



Milky Way by James Smith



Frosty Criffel by Louise Holden Akitt



HA Bee  
by Dominic Burdett  
from  
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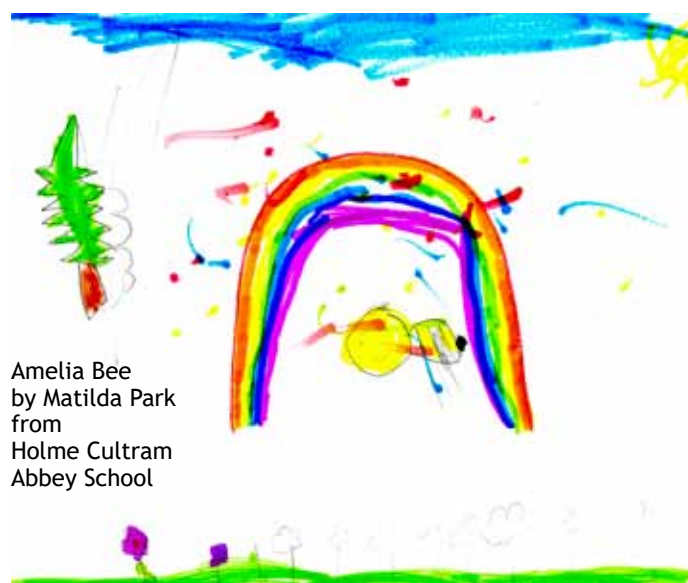


Just Fighting  
by  
Joey Paisley  
from  
Holm Cultram Abbey School

### Bee Message To All!

We would love to receive Bee Drawings from all ages

Bee inspired and send to our address on page 14



Amelia Bee  
by Matilda Park  
from  
Holme Cultram  
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# Friends of the Green Look Forward to Spring

Report by: Pat Robinson  
 Photos by: Caroline Turner  
 Photos 1 & 2  
 Spring is just around  
 the corner and it won't

be long before all the  
 bulbs we planted  
 start popping up in  
 the raised beds and  
 borders.



Photo 3  
 You may have seen the Blue Hearts we have installed in the border backing onto Lawn Terrace. These indicate an area is designated for rewilding, for planting wild flowers to encourage pollinators and wild life.



Photos 4 & 5  
 Wildflowers have declined due to the loss of meadows and areas for them to produce and drop seed all leading to a decline in biodiversity. We want to encourage butterflies and insects who in turn provide food for birds and bats. Yellow Rattle will be planted, to keep the grass down allowing Cowslips, Ragged Robin and Poppies to establish. Keep a look out for them and see how many you can spot this Summer.



Photos 6 & 7  
 The log pile and bug hotel we have built provide shelter and hideaways for insects of all kinds, including Solitary Bees and Beetles. Last year a small family of frogs moved in to the compost heap attracted by the increase in earth and red worms.



Leaving a small area undisturbed in your garden or backyard will make a great hideaway for insects, birds and if you're lucky a Hedgehog. You could even create your own mini wildflower meadow by scattering a packet of mixed wildflower seeds in a large pot or container. Happy Gardening!



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# RNLI Training Success



On Thursday 28 November, volunteer Crew Mick Satterthwaite and Ron Kelly passed their tractor driver training and later in the week fellow Crew member, David Ferrier completed lifeboat training at the RNLI College in Poole, Dorset.

Everyone at Silloth RNLI Lifeboat Station are proud of the recent achievements. Rebecca Clark, Press Officer for Silloth said: 'Congratulations to

the three lads for their achievements.

We have an open recruitment on many roles here at the station and I hope when people read our posts on social media and come along to watch our Atlantic 85 lifeboat launch on exercise on Sunday mornings that they will be inspired to join our team and help make a difference to the community.'



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# Your Wonderful Buzzing Letters and Poems

Dear Buzz,

Due to many local residents having concerns and complaints regarding non delivery of mail items, hospital appointments, Christmas and birthdays cards, correspondence from friends and families I have visited Royal Mail in Junction Street Carlisle to speak to a manager. I have been given details for you to share with the Solway Buzz readers for any one who has a complaint or an issue with their mail in Silloth, Abbeytown, Wigton, and Aspatria area's, resident or business the contacts will cover all areas. By post it's Wigton Delivery Office Station Road Wigton CA7 9BB Telephone numbers are: 016973 66801 or 016973 66802. Hopefully this will help the residents get the answers they deserve.

John Graham

Dear Buzz,

Mike Dunham of Greenrow Meadows would like to thank all those who expressed concern and condolences over the sad loss of his partner Helen Royall over the Christmas period. A private family cremation will be held at a later date, thanks to all those concerned.

Mike Dunham

Dear Buzz,

Some maybe interested in the amount of rain we had in 2024. I measure the rainfall in Blitterlees early every morning. So the 2024 figure finished at 0600am New Years Eve. The total for the year was 1,003.2mm. The wettest month was August with 185.3mm and the driest November with 17.5mm. For comparison 2023 was 1,027.9mm and 2022 was 977.3mm I wonder what 2025 will deliver.

Liz Elliott

Dear Buzz,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their Christmas celebrations. I have already broken my New Years resolution not to 'Whinge' so much. I do hope we can sort out the speed awareness signs that I reported over six months ago. The only one that seems to work is the one going out of town. Why we cannot be like Abbeytown and the surrounding villages I will never know? The whole idea is to try and make people in the town safe, how does a sign going out do that? Maybe the town council would like to tell the ratepayers the cost of the signs NOT to work. Someone must be in charge of the project? Get it sorted, no excuses.

The Whinge

Dear Buzz,

Well said "Whinge." When IS something going to be done about the area opposite the Church on Criffel Street? This large flower bed in the centre of town has been an eyesore for a number of years, it has the potential to be a stunning display all year round and especially in Spring and Summer. Maybe it's time to approach "Friends of The Green" to bring about a transformation, as they do a brilliant job on the Community Garden and other areas of the green!

Derek Bailey



The River Lune by Sophia Lodhi

The River Lune  
Tumbles in shades of pewter, mercury and ink,  
Forming pebbles and patterns  
of motion and time  
Over riverbed and rocks,  
Like a magnificent, liquid loom!

Coppery brown trout and silvery salmon  
Weave like darting needles  
To link  
Those mighty waters

Through the seasons:  
Pearl-shot Winters; breezy Springs;  
Tranquil Summers; fiery Autumns!  
...At the river's edge, bluest,  
Rippling strands of fluid

Threads fray and splay and change to make  
The whitest, windborne veil....  
Riverside trees  
Swish and dip,  
Their branches dropping frost-tipped leaves

Which rush with ripples under every  
Stalwart, stone-built bridge:  
Each precious moment of movement  
Small as a glinting thimbleful of joy:  
Too untamed and wild to be harnessed  
As The Lune,  
In it's ceaseless course, lives on!

"Waste not - Want not"  
by Judy Rochester

Said Jamie the TV cook  
Take good note  
of the hints in my book.

Stir-fry all those fridge dregs  
Of veg, meat, bread and eggs  
To create meals with a recycled look!



DollyBee by Mrs. Jennifer Bailey

We've got a Greyhound, her name is DollyBee  
We got her from The Greyhound Trust in Workington you see.

She's black and sleek with pointy nose and eyes of amber hue,  
She's fast and streaks across the beach  
Doing what Greyhounds do.

She dances with excitement when treats or food she spies,  
Then stretches out upon her back with legs stretched to the skies.

Christ Church with St Paul's presents the 2025

## SILLOTH MASTER QUIZ

Q 1: When is it ? Friday March 28th @ 7pm

Q 2: Where is it ? Christ Church, Criffel St

Q 3: Who's invited ?  
Teams of up to four (£24 per team)

Q 4: Is there a prize ? Pride, a trophy and wine

Q 5: Are supporters/spectators welcome ?  
Definitely (entrance £2.00)

Q 6: Any extras ?  
Refreshments and a raffle

Q 7: Should we book in advance ?  
It helps if you can. (Call Tim Barker 31246)  
But entry on the night is OK.

## "Quote of the Month"

"A New Year is like a blank piece of paper  
waiting for you to write on it"  
Anon

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# Silloth Promenade Fitness Trail is Now Open, There are Two Sections of Eight Machines, Have a Go!



under Cumberland Council and Silloth on Solway Charity Shop, many thanks to them. The Trail has been installed by HAGS who are a Swedish Company they have a trail nearby in Carlisle, but this is the longest they have ever installed, it is around 0.6 of a mile.

The course is done in two parts each with eight stations, they had

to be separated due to a Water Pipe running from Meadow View Park across the picnic area and along the Promenade opposite the Tennis Courts and Norman Wood to the water treatment works.

The trail has two Stations that can be used by people in Wheelchairs - that is the



Power Push outside Paramount Amusements, and the Trinity Cycle on the picnic area and the Twister on the picnic area is also for those with some restricted lower limb movement. The first eight stations run from the Lifeboat Car Park to



opposite the Bee Garden and are designed for all round abilities of fitness. The second site has eight stations, the first three being for all round ability and the next five for those who want to challenge



themselves a bit more, these are situated after the Big Fella. These stations have a recommended person minimum height of 1.4 metres and for age 14+. There are Station information signs



situated at Station 1 and Station 9, all the Stations have metallic notice signs explaining

how to use and they both have QR Codes you can click on for demonstration videos.

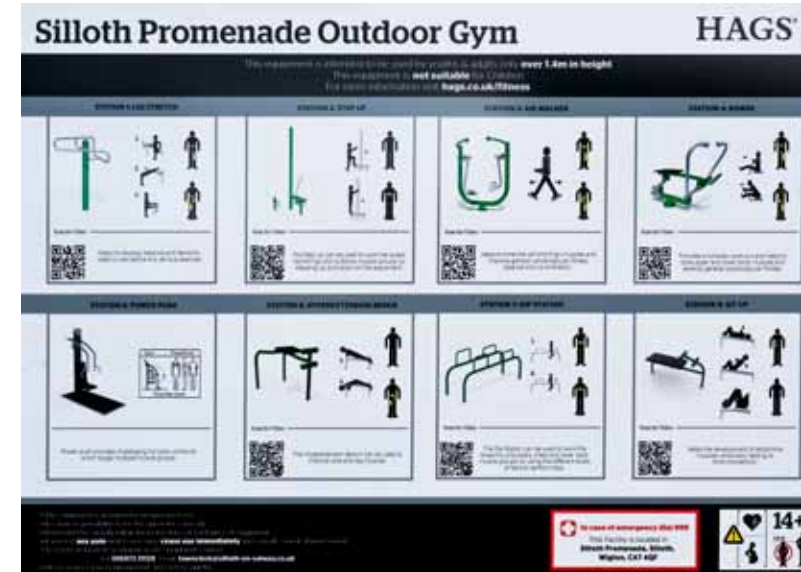
Report by: Colin Baty

The new fitness trail along Silloth promenade was officially opened on Tuesday 21st January by pupils from Solway Community School with the ribbon being cut by Bridget Irwin.

It was first announced to Silloth on Solway Town Council in 2018 about getting an outdoor fitness trail along Silloth Promenade and as part of Silloth on Solway Town Plan where 658 surveys were completed, 64% said they wanted this under the Wellbeing section which is about physical, economic and social wellbeing. I also ran a poll on the Sport's Association Facebook page where 94% said they wanted this to go ahead. As part of Silloth on Solway Sport's Association I nominated our organisation to try and obtain the



funding required to do this in April 2024 and Silloth Town Plan was launched officially in Christ Church in July 2024. S.O.S.S.A. achieved the funding target of £51,000 in just three months. This was through grants off the UKSPF Fund and Solway Coast Community Panel - both of which come



**Mawbray Village Hall Clubs**

Here are the dates for February & March 2025

**Pool Club**  
Feb 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
7pm - 9pm

**Craft & Chat**  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
2pm - 4pm

**Book & Jigsaw Exchange**  
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by Lola Armstrong  
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# A Look Back at Silloth Shipping in 2024

Report & Photos by:

John Forrester

More coverage of shipping at Silloth can be found at [www.cumbriashipphotos.weebly.com](http://www.cumbriashipphotos.weebly.com)



It's that time of year when ship spotters struggle to photograph visiting ships. Conditions often prevent them from capturing those treasured images. It's rare for ship arrivals to coincide with daytime high tides and fine weather. A feature throughout the year has been the number of named storms which disrupted shipping heading for the port.

However, ship enthusiasts are a hardy lot and attended whenever possible to capture the action. Luckily, the sun shone on many occasions, making trips to the waterfront rewarding.

In this issue we look back to earlier in the year when the weather was more favourable and shipping plentiful. Ship movements at Silloth continued



to attract locals and visitors alike. Ships of all shapes and sizes called at the port, some making their first visit while others were regular visitors. The vessel making the most calls was EASTERN VANQUISH with cargos of wheat and fertiliser (photo in August Issue). The newest ship, FRIEDHELM, was in her first year of operation when she called

during April, while the oldest, BALTICA HAV, had completed over forty years of service.

Included here are photos not published in previous issues. The Norwegian owned BALTICA HAV is one of a fleet of fifteen vessels built to a popular design. She made her first call at Silloth in March after a ten-day sailing via the North Sea with a cargo of German wheat. There was a welcome party gathered at the dock entrance including youngsters who managed to get a response to their enthusiastic waves from the crew. In contrast, FRIEDHELM, recently built in China, had the shorter sailing from Antwerp with fertiliser. The Madeira registered ship still looked in pristine condition as it

entered the dock giving a blast on the horn to the delight of gathered youngsters.

Enthusiastic waving between crews and onlookers is a regular feature of ship arrivals at Silloth. There are two opportunities to get a response, firstly with crew stationed at the bow and secondly at the stern. These welcoming gestures are understandable given that crews will often have only had fellow crewmen for company for the last week or so. Men and women of many different nationalities are represented on these ships. Some crew will be far from home with young families, while others are old salts who take the job in their stride, on one occasion finding time to pose relaxing with a cuppa



before departure. Crewmen make great subjects to photograph and capturing these moments adds some human interest to ship photography.

## Shipping Report

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

Silloth had another poor month in December with only one vessel call, the Eems Sea, which has been lengthened since her last call here over three years ago. She used to be around the 88m mark and is now over 99m, a bit tight in the last turn into the port to avoid our sandbank!

Poor weather and the build up of sand in the entrance prevented a second ship arriving before the New Year hence 2025 has started quickly and we hope it will continue.

Our legal team has been

working hard on the documentation and legal terms of our Sale to FoxJackson ports and the legal agreement between ABP and FoxJackson has now been completed. This means we can now submit our details to the MMO (Marine Management Organisation) for the HRO (Harbour Revision Order) to commence, this typically takes around twelve months and can be longer, so it's back to waiting... again.

### December Visitors

28th Eems Sea from Sagunto with a cargo of Fertiliser then on to Dordrecht.



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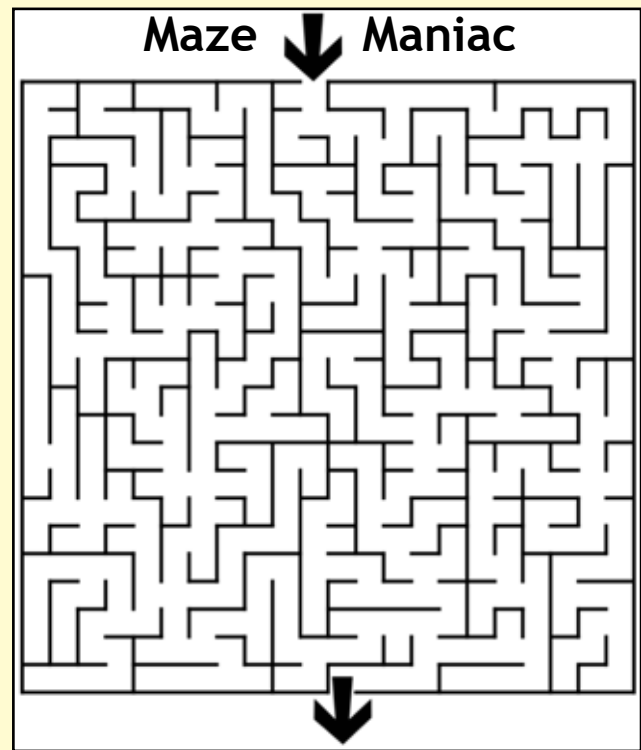
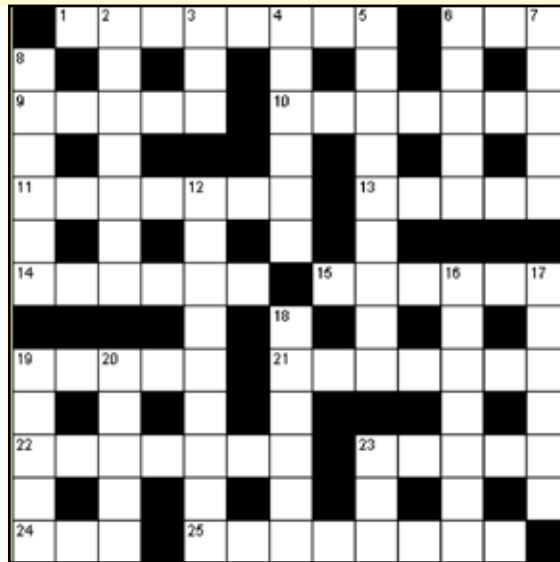
Crossword answers are on page 7

### Across

- 1 Award for selling many records (4,4)
- 6 Public transport vehicle (3)
- 9 Admission (5)
- 10 Female singing voice (7)
- 11 Owner of a magic lamp (7)
- 13 Guide to book contents (5)
- 14 Small and dainty (6)
- 15 Yearned (6)
- 19 Sorcery (5)
- 21 Equivalent word (7)
- 22 Dizziness (7)
- 23 Documents to be filled in (5)
- 24 Female deer (3)
- 25 Completely (8)

### Down

- 2 Pariah (7)
- 3 Lacking moisture (3)
- 4 Crazy (6)
- 5 Sign of the zodiac (9)
- 6 Facial hair (5)
- 7 Sitting Bull's tribe (5)
- 8 Repair or restore (6)
- 12 Sleuth (9)
- 16 Military rank (7)
- 17 Figured material (6)
- 18 Accompany (6)
- 19 Shifted (5)
- 20 Spiny yellow-flowered shrub (5)
- 23 Distant (3)



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## Silloth Tide Tables

FEBRUARY 2025									MARCH 2025								
SILLOTH									SILLOTH								
HTS ABOVE NEW DOCK GAUGE (1.8m ABOVE CD)									HTS ABOVE NEW DOCK GAUGE (1.8m ABOVE CD)								
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## Sixty Year Wedding Anniversary

Joyce and Kenneth Sharp from Wolsty Hall Farm, Silloth celebrated their 60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 12th December 2024. They received a card from the King and Queen and celebrated together with a family gathering.





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This year's theme for Young Carers Action Day is "Give Me a Break."

Caring for a loved one can affect a young person's health and well-being. Balancing these responsibilities with school, social activities, and personal time can be stressful. That's why it's so important for young carers to get the break they need to focus on themselves.

Did you know that Carer Support West Cumbria can support young carers and their families? Their Support Workers can help young carers manage their caring role alongside their education. If you would like to learn more about the support available to young carers in your local community you can contact us using the below.

Phone: 01900 821 976

Email: [general@carersupportwestcumbria.co.uk](mailto:general@carersupportwestcumbria.co.uk)  
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# Dundraw WI Meeting

Report by: Jan Grant

On Tuesday 7th January Dundraw WI were most pleased to welcome local history author John Little to our meeting at Blencogo Village Hall.

John's fascinating talk on the 'quiet revolution' that took place in women's lives during WWI took us from lives restricted by Victorian values to the recognisable modern women contributing in previously unimaginable ways to the war effort.

Overcoming the initial reluctance of the men in charge, our foremothers made munitions, drove ambulances, nursed the wounded, chopped down trees, fixed automobiles and kept the factories going. They became WRNS and WRAFS and police officers and even spies embracing the freedoms economic independence gave them.

Even though the subject matter of John's talk was serious he entertained us with anecdotes (including appropriate accents!) and the aptly titled song 'The March of the Women' by Ethel Smyth and ends with lines to meet the approval of the WI:

"March, march, many as one, shoulder to shoulder and friend to friend."



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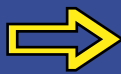
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# Copy Date



Copy date for the April issue is:  
1st week March  
If you have an event to promote or you have something to say, please note the next copy date.

Please let us know of any changes within this section

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## 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

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## 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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## Silloth Library

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am to 4pm  
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## Abbeytown Choir

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Children's Choir  
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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

# Dates for Your Diary

## January 2025

30th Mawbray Village Hall - Monthly Quiz - 7:30pm - see poster

## February

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

8th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

15th Mawbray Village Hall Film Club, see advert

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

22nd Mawbray Village Hall Film Club - 7pm - Details to follow

27th Mawbray Village Hall Monthly Quiz @ 7:30pm

## Silloth RNLI Shop

Shop Opening Times  
Closed until February  
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

## March

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11th Holme Abbey Parish Council meeting in Abbeytown Community Sports Pavilion at 7pm

15th Mawbray Village Hall Film Club, see advert

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

27th Mawbray Village Hall Monthly Quiz @ 7:30pm

28th Mawbray Village Hall Brian Melville & Girls Musical Evening - see advert

28th Silloth Master Quiz in Christ Church at 7pm

## 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

12th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

12th Mawbray Village Hall Film Club

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

27th Dalston Male Voice Choir & Gala Trio in Holme Cultram Abbey at 2:30pm

## May

3rd Children's Football Tournament

4th Children's Football Tournament

10th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

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

13th Holme Abbey Parish Council meeting with electors in Abbeytown Community Sports Pavilion at 6:30pm followed by AGM at 7pm

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

24th Silloth Green Day

24th Art Exhibition in Christ Church 07444 894813

25th Silloth Green Day

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26th Art Exhibition in Christ Church 07444 894813

## June

14th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

25th Silloth Nursing Home/League Of Friends coffee morning in Christ Church at 10am

## June cont'd

27th Ragnarock X at the Silloth Rugby Club

28th Ragnarock X at the Silloth Rugby Club

29th Ragnarock X at the Silloth Rugby Club

## July

5th Firebird Festival on Silloth Green

6th Firebird Festival on Silloth Green

12th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Morning in Christ Church at 10am

12th Strawberry Tea at Holm Cultram Abbey

13th Strawberry Tea at Holm Cultram Abbey

19th Silloth Vintage Rally on the Green, all FREE

20th Silloth Vintage Rally on the Green, all FREE

20th Brampton Chamber Choir in Holme Cultram Abbey at 7:30pm

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

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Have You Sent in Your Dates yet?

## MAWBRAV VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB



Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
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  
Contact Lynda - 01900 881 737 / 07926810074

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# Silloth Golf Club Junior Section Prize Giving

Report by: Peter Ellwood



Season 2024 is now closed, it is time to reflect on the great year the junior section has had.

We held our Annual Prize Giving in November. It was fantastic to see both experienced and new players in the section receiving silverware; It was encouraging to see so many juniors picking up prizes.

The evening was very enjoyable watching the juniors collect their trophies and prizes, I'm not too sure who was prouder the players or their parents.

Well done to all the juniors who won prizes.



## 2024 Prize Giving Junior

### Championship - Graham Claret Jugs

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 led to the semi-final and final being played on Finals Day.

Congratulations to the winners of the Graham Claret Jugs presented by Junior Captain Lexi Hagan.



2024 Green Champion: James Wareing, Black Champion: Louie Pearson, Red Champion: Annie Drabble

## Season 2025

We will be looking to kick off the season on Saturday 1st March at 12 noon with our annual "Natter".

It will be an opportunity to get together; measure players using the 'Club2Gether' scheme. We shall also hold an event to give the opportunity for any new juniors, who wish to achieve a Red or Black handicap, to gain one in order to be able play in competitions this season.

For more information or a chat please contact Peter Ellwood on 07748 051320.

## Junior Coaching

Gary and David, our new professional team, are now in place and coaching continues on the practice ground.

Please contact the Pro Shop, on 016973 31304, to book a slot and be added to the coaching WhatsApp Group.

Looking forward to seeing the juniors back on the course in 2025!



# Solway Community School Futures Federation



## Football Round-Up

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We have had a busy start to the year in regards to sport. Football has been an all time high with all year groups participating in tournaments and fixtures since the start of the year. We have had some fantastic team efforts, in which each team has represented us brilliantly and it has been fantastic to see our students thrive and develop in sport and improve week in week out. Below are some of the events that we have attended.

Our year 11 boys managed to field two teams at their tournament in Cockermouth at the beginning of September, which is brilliant to see their commitment and determination to play. Both teams put on a great battle.

Next up was our year 10 boys who also attend a tournament at Cockermouth putting on another great display and

showing how much they have come on.

We had County Cup fixtures for all the boys year groups. Years 7, 9 and 11 played against Netherhall and held a great account of themselves. Special mention to our year under 16 boys who narrowly missed out going into the next round in extra time. We then had the under 15 girls who played against Netherhall and played some brilliant football, it was a shame about the result as we were the better team and created some great chances, but just could not capitalise on them.

The under 13 and under 15 boys travelled to Workington to play St Joes in their matches and came out victorious in both matches. The under 13s are due to play Newman in the next round and the under 15s are playing Whitehaven. Both fixtures are due to be played at one of our schools, so keep an eye out for that.

The under 14 and under 16 girls ended up getting a bye into the next round where the under 16 girls played Cockermouth and won 3-2, as brilliant display of a great comeback and are due to play Nelson Thomlinson. The under 14 girls played St



Benedicts this week and missed out on going through to the next round, but again represented us brilliantly, working hard and working as a team to show off some great football play.

Further tournaments for the year 7 and 8 boys have been played and they have thoroughly enjoyed getting involved and participating against a range of other schools, showcasing their talents and progress since they have joined us.

Since after half-term, it has been our girls turn for tournaments and this started off with a tournament for the year 11

girls. A fantastic display of their desire to continue playing and came out with some great results. We had our year 10 girls participate in their tournament in cold conditions and they put on another great display, showing their determination and effort being rewarded with three draws and a loss.

A great start to the year for our federation for football, not to mention the other aspects that we have been involved in both representing our federation in a sporting context externally or internally.

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