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PICKETT HAMILTON WWII FORT



Installed on Silloth Green

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WWII Pickett Hamilton Fort on Silloth Green



Report & Photos by: Colin Baty

On Saturday 14th February in glorious sunny weather the brilliant Ian Ward Plant Hire and Lawson's Plant Hire did an incredible job of digging a hole, transporting a 14 tonne Pickett Hamilton Fort from Silloth Airfield and placing it in the hole on Silloth Green.

This is one of three underground Forts that were at Silloth Airfield which were used for protection against a Parachute led invasion from the German Luftwaffe in World War Two. There were around 330 put in place in Great Britain during the Second World War and only 48 now exist - one on Silloth Airfield, one on Solway Holiday Village and now one on Silloth Green

These Forts were hydraulically operated and Silloth Airfield Project have restored one of these Forts (big help from Tom, Gavin and Tarn Rumney with the pumping mechanism) so that it's original workings are back in operation and we can now pump the Turret up. We will publicise when we will carry this out on specific days.

The Fort is part of a five location Silloth Military Trail with information boards - the other locations being: Mawbray Banks, Silloth Golf Club, Causewayhead Cemetery and Grune Point this one is positioned next to the Hudson Bomber on the edge of the Silloth Green.

There are Silloth Military Trail leaflets all around Shops in Silloth as well as Abbeytown, Wigton, Carlisle, Mawbray, Allonby and Maryport.



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Sarah Shaw (Snowy Owl) 1st Newton Arlosh Brownies

We are very thankful and grateful to Tom at Silloth Coop for the donation given to 1st Newton Arlosh Brownies. It will help massively towards our small unit.

We currently have five girls and meet twice a month. We aim to start on our Twit Twoo Challenge

badge which will see us look at Girlguiding traditions, history and the brownie story. We love to do art and crafts and have recently made bird feeders to help our feathered friends during the cold season.

Thankyou so much again to Tom and the Coop, it really means a lot to us for the donation!

Guided Walks in Allonby Bay



Starfish, breadcrumb sponge and a butterfish

Report by: Ann Lingard

Ann Lingard will soon be re-starting her free low-tide guided shorewalks below Dubmill Point, Allonby Bay - the first walk is in April. All dates and times, and information about how to book (necessary, please), what to wear and where to meet, can be found on the website for her book, 'The Fresh and the Salt, the story of the Solway': <https://thefreshandthesalt.co.uk/shore-walks-events/>. Everyone - including children and dogs - are most welcome. Do come. There is always plenty to see and explore amongst the honeycomb worm reefs; it's a world you might not have even known exists!



Honeycomb worm reef at Dubmill

Brownies

Friday 15th May 2026

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Historic First for Silloth on Solway Golf Club



Report by: Alan Oliver

Silloth on Solway Golf Club is proud to announce a historic first in the club's long and distinguished history.

For the first time ever, both the Cumbria Union of Golf Clubs and the Cumbria Ladies County Golf Association presidents are members of our club. Alan McLean has been appointed Cumbria Union President, while Carole Story is serving as Cumbria Ladies' County President — a

remarkable achievement for them personally and a tremendous honour for Silloth.

To have both county presidents representing the same club at the same time is something we are incredibly proud of and it reflects Alan and Carole's dedication and commitment to Cumbria golf.

Everyone at the club congratulates Alan and Carole on their appointments and wishes them every success during their presidential year.

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Ronald Reagan

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Silloth Scout Group

Report by: Kathryn Shires
Group Lead Volunteer

1st Silloth Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been having lots of fun since Christmas.

We celebrated Burns Night in January. The Beavers and Cubs tried their hand at making origami Loch Ness Monsters and had a taste of Irn Bru, all whilst trying to work out what Teach was saying to them in his best Scottish accent! Meanwhile the scouts made traditional Scottish shortbread which everyone loved trying at the end of the meeting. We were then lucky enough to have a visit from Zoobidoo who brought along some really interesting animals for the young people to meet – that was a brilliant evening!

The Beavers and Cubs then had an evening of experiments, attaining their experiment and scientist badges – they were really inquisitive and we all learned something new too. The Scouts spent an evening air rifle shooting and had a brilliant time – some of them were scarily accurate!

The week before half term we had our own take on the winter Olympics with some excellent 'skating' displays using paper plates as skates, skiing on multi person skis which is a feat of teamwork and the luge..... Which turned into a riotous game of human hungry hippos, which surely needs to be introduced at the next games!

As the weather hopefully improves we hope to get outside again so look out for us and come and say hello.

If you would like to join in and experience all this fun and adventure, give us a call. We have room for boys and girls aged 6 to 13 and especially for 6 and 10 year olds. Kathryn 07803000216 or Kathryn.shires@cumbriascouts.org.uk

The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and the leadership team of 1st Silloth Scouts would like to take the opportunity to wish Peter and Kath a very well earned and enjoyable retirement and we thank them for their support of our group.



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Christmas Day Lunch in Silloth Rugby Club



Report by: Jackie McCormick

Christmas lunch 2025 has come and gone and it was a real pleasure to feed so many people who otherwise would be on their own, or just not having one at all.

I would not be able to do it without the brilliant help from all the kind people and businesses in the town.

To all the people who came to help on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

To Silloth COOP who provided all the vegetables and the goodies for people to take home.

To Robert Hornsby for the lovely turkeys that he gave us.

To Peggie Richardson for the

lovely trifle.

To Graham Scott for being such a good Santa.

To Ricky Robinson for the bus to pick people up and drop them off.

To the money from people in the town that bought all the little bits that we forgot about.

And last but not least to Silloth Rugby Club and Tiffany Housby for helping us to make it all possible.

It was a fantastic day and I hope that everyone enjoyed it as much as I enjoyed doing it.

Happy New Year to you all!

All funds from the day were donated to Silloth First Responders Defibrillator Appeal.

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A Decade of Walking Football on Silloth Green



Report by: David Fairholm

Silloth's Walking Football which meets every Monday between 1pm to 2pm by pitches next to the tennis courts is celebrating its 10th year and still going strong.

Alan Rainford, a community worker with the Methodist Church, started the original group along with George Denholm and former teacher Pam Blaylock way back in 2016.

Amazingly it survived the lockdown years and numbers soon gathered momentum on the return

to normality.

Remarkably George, Malcolm Jones, Eddie Blackburn and Tim Barker were there at the beginning and decade later are still regulars. Pam still keeps a watchful eye on her mobility scooter.

Peter Grant hands out the yellow and red cards and Norman and Maggie Martin provide a welcome cuppa and biscuits back at the Christ Church just after 2pm.

The man rarely seen, in front of the camera, is the man behind the camera historian author and

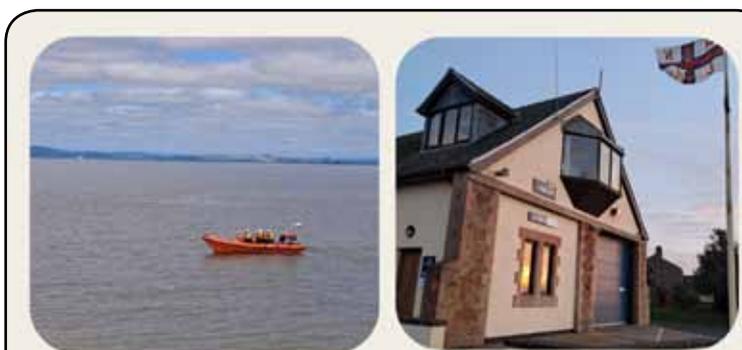
photographer Trevor Grahamslaw.

He packs the hardest shot, between 1pm to 2pm, but saves his best shots for the camera.

George, formally of Barclays Bank keeps us all on our toes, and deserves great credit for his organisation skills, although modestly he says it's a team effort.

Everyone is welcome to play holiday makers, visitors and of course residents of Silloth.

If you are free simply turn up.



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Friends of Silloth Green Preparing for Spring

Report by: Caroline Turner



This Summer the planting scheme will be a colourful mix of annuals and the volunteers are busy sowing, growing and bringing on the plants.

Hopefully, by the time you read this the daffodils, hyacinths and tulips in the Community Garden will be in full bloom.



We have placed the order for the replacement posts to go around the raised beds and we hope to get them installed this Spring before we have to replant the beds for Summer. We have chosen to replace the wooden posts which are rotting, despite being treated with wood preservative each year, with recycled waste plastic posts in black. They are 100% weather resistant, maintenance free and have a life expectancy of 120 years! So will see us out! We selected black to match the existing street furniture and to set off our colourful seasonal planting schemes.

We'd like to thank the Fells & Solway Community Panel, the Co-op, the Town Council, Silloth-on-Solway Community Shop, Good Causes Charity Shop, The Cumberland Building Society and all those who bought plants from our stalls. All together they've helped us raise the nearly £10,000 needed to replace the posts.



Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on Wednesday 15th April at 10 o'clock in the Potting Shed on the Green. All are welcome! If you are interested in joining us please do come along we are a friendly, sociable bunch. No gardening experience is needed, all tools are supplied and we always enjoy a cuppa and a craic afterwards.

If you'd like to find out more about us you can follow our activities on Facebook and the Information Board in the Community Garden.

Last but not least we'd like to thank Peter, the retiring editor of The Buzz, for his support over the years and wish him all the best for the future

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The Final Buzzing Letters and Poems

Dear Buzz,

Happy new year.
The rainfall measured in Blitterlees for 2025 was 948.5mm.
The first six months was 315.9mm and the second six months 632.6mm
The driest month was March with 20.4mm and the wettest November with 182.9mm.
2025 was an interesting year I wonder what 2026 will bring?

Best wishes
Liz Elliott

Dear Buzz,

I do hope someone will take over the running of the Buzz. A big thanks you should go to the editor for giving up his time and devotion over a long period of time for running a community asset.
Unfortunately, time and age and health catches up with everyone no matter how good the cause. Where is the new Lord or lady Beaverbrook?
Be lucky,

The Whinge

Queen Bee by Sophia Lodhi

Queen bee, in hexagonal, amber chamber,
Of slender, small-winged, glossy grace...
Royal jelly-raised...
Often isolated, in awesome, fearful role of duty;
Around two thousand eggs per day; her miracle, her bounty.
...And, just as the moon rules the seas and tides,
Queen bee's pheromones control her workers' labour...
Governing the complex patterns of the hive,
And each drone's behaviour.

She has hardly left the hive, or flown to flowers;
So busy is she: tired and worn from serving others.

...So when you taste her sweet honey, dripping: golden from the comb -
Nectar-drops from tiny hexagons of what was once her home -
I hope that you will think of her, in her short-lived, five year reign;
And thank her for the part she played, as Nature repeats, again.

(When I wrote this poem I thought of our dutiful and dignified Queen Elizabeth II, who was as much a servant to her people as a ruler.)

"2025" by Sophia Lodhi

I wish I knew each hope and fear
The starlight holds, this coming year;
Our old one, drawing to a close,
Its griefs, now fallen leaves.

As fireworks tear up the skies,
And everybody cheers...
It's only me who turns around,
Murmuring: "goodbye".

A Book in a Day
by Judy Rochester

They started with the paper,
Recycled? ... yes indeed!
They cut it into pages
Linked together with a bead.

They looped cord around the cover,
Painted red and black and gold,
Stuck on sequins, wool and ribbon
Added jewels that looked quite old!

Now they had to fill the pages
With words and works of art
A try at writing poetry
Was the hardest part.

Teacher said that they were learning
A very ancient craft,
Bookmaking and calligraphy
Poetry and art.

The wonder of book creating
No matter what their skill or age
Always brings a look of joy
As they carefully turn the page.

Modern technology has robbed children
Of the need for pen and ink
So to make a book, using these,
Gives them a chance to think.

They think of children long ago
And how their life has changed
So to make a book in a day
Becomes a journey to another age.

Spring Is Coming - Because
by Pauline Mole

I can see the daffodils peeping,
Lighter evenings are slowly creeping,
Creatures waking from Winter's sleeping, Joyful
lambs are skipping and leaping.

The time of year when birds nest and sing,
Colourful plants now showing their thing,
Easter bunnies, and hanging catkin,
After Winter, there is always Spring.

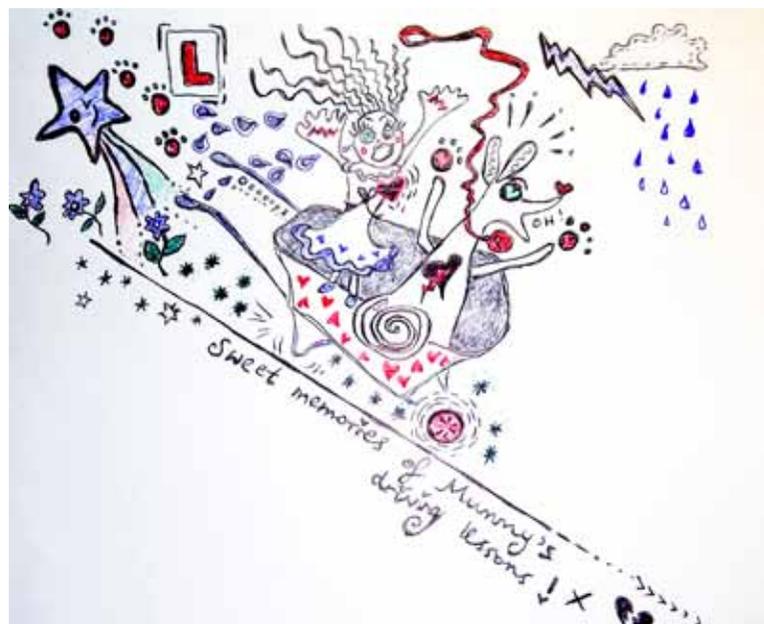
The Turning Of The Year
by Sophia Lodhi

Here, in the countryside,
With the turning of the year,
There is a difference
From many celebrations
In bustling towns and cities.
Here, it happens gradually,
Like a long silk ribbon
Slowly unravelling...
Falling to earth like
The rains and snows,
Shadows, Autumn fruits and leaves.
Here, in the cool, clear air,
There is time to breathe,
Time to care...
And think about the ones we love...
The good and bad, this year, we've shared.
Church bells might chime:
Twelve chords of Time;
Fireworks may light the skies,
In signs and colours, bright with cheer...
But I would rather take a walk, and see
A sunset paint the clouds in pink;
Or look up, as the stars of midnight tint
Our world with blazing, precious liquid light:
New Year's dawn, and Nature's night.

Riley by Sophia Lodhi

If your coat turned to silver, like the shadows of the moon,
And twenty Autumns gifted us with golden afternoons,
I'd be happy just to have the chance to walk with you through Time;
A friend like you in this strange world, is just so hard to find.

If the tip of your tail, one day, turned white, like Winter snow,
And frost and ice along our paths made our journeys slow,
If old age made you grumpy, my love for you would still be blind:
You're not the sort of friend I'd ever want to leave behind.



Self portrait by Sophia Lodhi with her dog Riley

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Bill Jefferson
Well done!

Rebecca Clark
Thankyou from everyone at Silloth RNLI Lifeboat. A personal thankyou too, as my family from the North East love to read the buzz and see what has been happening in Silloth.

Joe Cosby
We've only been in the area for a couple of years but it's been a fantastic way of getting to know our local community and find out what is going on. Well done Peter and Kath, and enjoy your retirement!

Kaye Gilmour
All the years of dedication, retirement sounds well deserved. Thankyou.

Pam Claire Jones
What a team. Thank you for all your efforts. How sad though - A local newspaper is such a valuable asset to any community.

Andrea Gibson
Great little paper, enjoy your retirement!...

Brian and Lynda Bailey
We've always loved the Buzz and the personal contact, all the best in your retirement.

Donald Alastair Bryan
Sorry to hear this news but you have done a marvellous job for 25 years for people in the Silloth area hopefully you'll have a long and enjoyable Retirement.

Susan Blair
You've been amazing, hope you enjoy a very well earned retirement.

Caroline Ry
Love the Solway Buzz, sorry to see it go. Thank you for your service.

Don Graham
Thank you for doing this for the Silloth community. When we lived in Silloth we eagerly awaited every edition.

Colin Ian Baty
Superb effort sir.

Lesley Hope
Hope you both have a happy & healthy well deserved retirement Peter. Hopefully, The Buzz will continue, its a great free paper, a vital part of communication within the town. Im happy to continue doing my stint with a new team & my granddaughter for those very low letterboxes.

Lynne Shipley
Best wishes to you both and the team for your hard work and

commitment over the years. I hope The Buzz continues in some form with a new team at the helm. Enjoy your 'retirement'

Grace Walton
Will someone be taking it over?

Fre Gene
Love the Solway Buzz - happy retirement and thank you.

Share
Jacqueline Johnston
Thank you for all your hard work. Wishing you a healthy retirement, you deserve it.

Pauline Park
Very sad.

Vince Fox
Thank you hope someone carries on the solway buzz is silloth loved it.

Dee Bosward
Sad for the community, but time to focus on yourselves, thanks for all your efforts and time over the years.

Owen Martin
Thank you for bringing such a great community asset to Silloth. You have done an amazing service to the community and it's appreciated. Enjoy your retirement.

Shirley Sharp
Thank you for all your efforts over the years, enjoyed every issue .have a welcome retirement.

Margaret English
Thank you Peter. You have produced a brilliant paper for Silloth over the years. i have so enjoyed reading it and contributing. You will be really missed. Good luck in your retirement and thank you so much for all your wonderful work. my very best wishes to you both.

Alison Henderson
Well done.

Carole Story
Many thanks to you both for all your hard work. 25 years! Unbelievable. It has kept us all up to date with news in the town and surrounding area. You both deserve a well earned rest from it all. Enjoy your time travelling.

Peter Cusack
For 25 years, Peter and Cath have been at the heart of the Solway buzz, given that time and care to keep our community informed and connected. They have done this quietly and selflessly, simply because they cared. As they now step back due to Peter's health issues we offer them both our heartfelt thanks for all they have given to the

community and for a job extremely well done.

Mick Satterthwaite
Enjoy your retirement.

Dot Stewart
Aww thankyou so much, enjoy your retirement. xxx

Christine Watson
A job well done for many years, enjoy your retirement both of you.

Steve Green
thanks for everything you have done over the years,you have kept most of us up to date.

Dave James
Thank you so much for your commitment over the years and keeping us ex pats up to date with our heart town.

Kirstine Proud
Thank you for your service to community and wish you both well in the future.

Jean Bell
Wishing you a happy retirement, you have done a great job. Xx

Allie Johnston
Wishing you both all the best. Enjoy your retirement and all the new adventures it brings. xx

Mary Hillhouse
Hope you both have a happy retirement. Good luck on your new adventures xx

Lillian Sewell
You've both done an amazing job with the buzz thank you and all the best for the future. xx

David Fairholm
Like others have said congratulations on producing the Buzz for 25 years and on your retirement from it. My wife produces a church magazine about 5 times per year and it is a massive undertaking. However nothing compared to the Buzz.

Richard Sean Hocking
Enjoy your retirement you've done a great job.

Boyd Boyd
Enjoy your Well Deserved Retirement- All your hard work creating The Solway Buzz has been Very Much Appreciated. xx

Caroline Bouch
Eighty Peter...how is that possible? Always loved reading the Buzz when I was in Silloth. Thanks to you and Kath for giving so much of your time for us all to be kept in the loop as to what was going on in

Silloth. It was always a great read. Hope you can return to good health and enjoy your time together. Best wishes xx

Garry Bosward
Well done both and hope you both have a great retirement.

Helen Barnes
We've only been in the area for just over a year but I have to say that we have enjoyed reading and have made good use of the information provided in the Solway Buzz, good on you for producing the paper for so long and hoping that someone else with good local knowledge is going to carry on the good work. xx

David and Ann Blair
Peter and Kath we have always enjoyed reading the Solway Buzz it's been a part of our little community for many many years let's hope it continues. Wishing you both all the best for the future and thank you for all your hard work over the last 25 years. xx

Jackie McCormick
You will be a big miss as you have been part of all the great events that have gone on in Silloth.Thank you for all your work. Enjoy your free time. xx

Jen Lucas
Bittersweet news indeed, but you've earned it! Wishing you both all the best for the future.

Norman White
Thank you. Best wishes for your health, and travels.

Avril Quinn
You have done such a brilliant job over the many years. The Buzz will be a huge miss. I hope your health improves and you can enjoy some down time. You photographed our Proms at Stanwix when I taught there.

Jimmy Langley
A tribute to people ,who do things they believe in, very professional and meaningful, don't go back enjoy your free time. I done loads of unpaid stuff which I don't regret ,but when it catches you ages, time loss of interest0 you deserve an accolade for your efforts, and personal satisfaction, you should be extremely proud of what you created.

Ady Nixon
Always look forward to the Buzz it keeps me touch with what's going on in town wishing you a happy retirement and many thanks.

Judy Williamson
Thank you for all your hard work

and commitment over the years. You will both be a big miss. Wishing you both good luck & good health with your well earned retirement. xx

Tim Barker
There are no words to express what a blessing the Buzz has been to our community. Let's wish Peter and Kath a sweet retirement and give all our support to whoever may replace them.

Ashley John Harrison
Thankyou Peter & team, I hope you find somebody to take it on. We would miss our Buzz. You all did a fantastic job..

Ann Lingard
I'm sorry to hear you are giving up the Buzz - you have done a wonderful job over many years, and we'll all miss you. But enjoy your retirement, whatever you have got planned.

Judy Rochester
Just a note to wish you and your family all the best and also to thank you for your interest and support in my various interests. Having the Buzz to send information etc to has been a good outlet for me and I am most grateful for your encouragement.

Linda & Nick Wood
Hope all goea well and wishing you a speedy recovery from your operation.

Dianne Younghusband
Congratulations on editing the Solway Buzz for almost 25 years, a great achievement for a wonderful little free paper which finds its way around Cumbria.

Judith Wood
I'm just reading the latest edition of the Buzz and am sad to see that it's future is uncertain because it's a fantastic asset to the area. I felt I wanted to thank you for the brilliant service you have given and I do so hope someone will step up to continue it. I fully understand a time comes for stepping down and I hope your health improves quickly.

Jimmy Thomson
Firstly, I am saddened to read of your health issues. I do hope the operation goes well and you will soon be fit and up and about. Secondly, I hope you are able to find a person(s) to fill your shoes. Thirdly, may I, on behalf of all your readers, give you a great big "thank you" for your (and Kath's) contribution to the local community over the past 25 years. You both have been an important pillar for so many people and you both will be greatly missed. My best wishes to you both.

The Final Dates for Your Diary, Take Notes!

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

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

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For coaching information call David Wise on 0742 547767

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

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

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

Dominoes Group

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Maryport Banking Hub is operated by the Post Office on Senhouse Street as follows:
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Friday: Barclays

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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

Silloth Parkrun

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

Badminton

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

Widows & Widowers

Wigton Widows and Widowers Meets every 3rd Sunday of the month 1pm-3pm in Cornerstone Methodist Church Wigton. Join us for a light lunch and entertainment. For information please visit our Facebook page or contact Michelle on 07495 197543

Wigton Theatre Club

Buy tickets via our website www.wigtontheatre.org or call the Box Office: 07977 835094

March

29th Mawbray Village Hall - 2pm - Talk from First Responders and demonstration how to use a Defibrillator

April

4th Easter Egg Hunt at Abbeystown Church 2pm to 4pm

4th John Peel Theatre presents 'The Invisible Man' at 7:30pm, tickets from Ticketsource

6th Easter Teas at Holme Cultram Abbey noon onwards see advert

10th 'Silloth Creates' in Silloth Library

11th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Mornings in Christ Church Silloth @ 10am

13th Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm

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

15th Friends of the Green AGM at 10am at the potting shed on the Green, all welcome

17th Silloth Master Quiz in Christ Church at 7pm

19th John Peel Theatre presents 'The Haar'

22nd Silloth Nursing Home / League of Friends, Coffee Morning in Christ Church, 10am

30th Mawbray Village Hall - Monthly Quiz 7.30pm

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

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

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

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

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May

9th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Mornings in Christ Church Silloth @ 10am

10th May 10th Mawbray Village Hall - Spring Plant & Craft Fair 10am - 3:30pm

11th Silloth Town Council meeting in the Community Hall at 7pm

15th Brownies Bingo in Newton Arlosh Village Hall see advert

20th Silloth Nursing Home / League of Friends, Coffee Morning in Christ Church, 10am

28th Mawbray Village Hall - Monthly Quiz 7:30pm

June

13th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Mornings in Christ Church Silloth @ 10am

24th Silloth Nursing Home / League of Friends, Coffee Morning in Christ Church, 10am

25th Mawbray Village Hall - Monthly Quiz 7.30pm

July

11th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Mornings in Christ Church Silloth @ 10am

11th Strawberry Teas at Holme Cultram Abbey noon to 4pm

12th Strawberry Teas at Holme Cultram Abbey noon to 4pm

18th Vintage Rally on Silloth Green

19th Vintage Rally on Silloth Green

22nd Silloth Nursing Home / League of Friends, Coffee Morning in Christ Church, 10am

25th Soul on the Green 11am to 8pm

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

August

9th Oulton Tractor Run

19th Silloth Nursing Home / League of Friends, Coffee Morning in Christ Church, 10am

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

September

12th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Mornings in Christ Church Silloth @ 10am

23rd Silloth Nursing Home / League of Friends, Coffee Morning in Christ Church, 10am

24th Mawbray Village Hall - Monthly Quiz 7:30pm

October

3rd Cumbrian Dialect Competition 50th

10th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Mornings in Christ Church Silloth @ 10am

21st Silloth Nursing Home / League of Friends, Coffee Morning in Christ Church, 10am

29th Mawbray Village Hall - Monthly Quiz 7:30pm

November

14th Christmas Fayre in Holme Cultram Abbey

14th Silloth & District Pensioners Coffee Mornings in Christ Church Silloth @ 10am

14th Christmas Fayre in Holme Cultram Abbey

25th Silloth Nursing Home / League of Friends, Coffee Morning in Christ Church, 10am

26th Mawbray Village Hall - Monthly Quiz 7:30pm

December

16th Silloth Nursing Home / League of Friends, Coffee Morning in Christ Church, 10am



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The Speakers Chair by Kim McKnight

Silloth Carnival Committee would like to let you all know the theme for this year's carnival is ALL THINGS CARNIVAL. Think of Notting Hill or Rio and come in your best carnival regalia. Start planning your entry NOW!

£1,886 Raised for Eden Valley Hospice



My mother, unfortunately, passed away two months ago, and during her last four days on this earth, she was cared for by Eden Valley Hospice and on the 29th of January, she passed away. At her funeral, we accepted donations for the Eden Valley Hospice, raising £1,886 from friends and family.

Thank you to everyone who has been there, showing their support during this very difficult time for my family. We received hundreds of cards and flowers, not including Facebook messages and text messages.

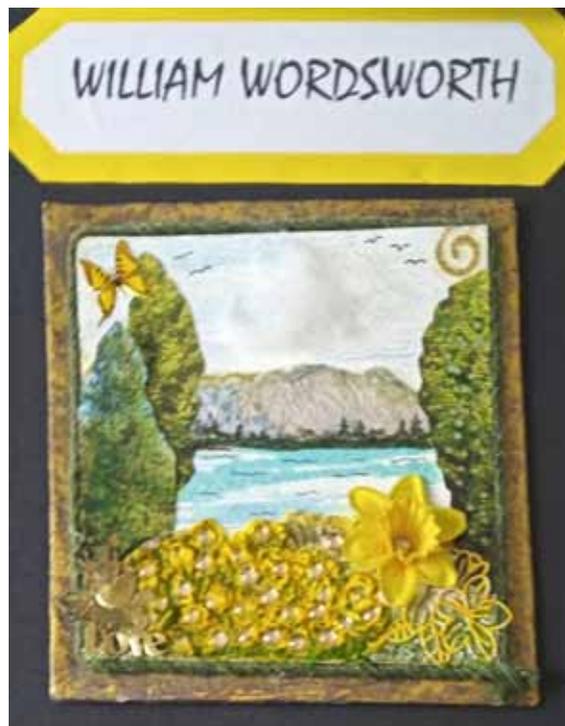
It was amazing to see everyone who attended Barbara Colclough's funeral, with 170 people present at the ceremony and plenty more in spirit who couldn't attend, showing how loved she truly was and how much of an impact she left on people's lives.

Everyone was so generous in donating money to Eden Valley Hospice, which cared for my mother in her final moments on this earth, showing her a level of dignity and respect that I will never forget.

Today, we donated £1,886 to Eden Valley Hospice.



Silloth Library Easter Display



On Friday 10th April, to celebrate the National Year of Reading, Silloth library will have a display of art and craft work by the "Silloth Creates" group, with demonstrations and poetry readings.

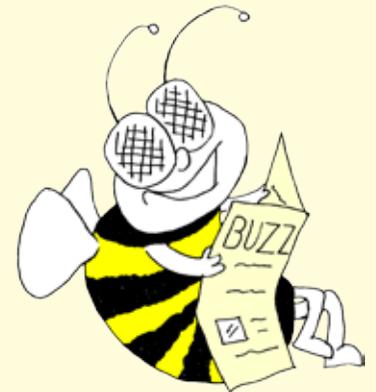
Visitors are welcome to bring along their favourite book from childhood and create a mini collage using their book for inspiration!

Materials supplied.

More details from Silloth Library.

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Memorable Day at Silloth Dock Five Years Ago



The start of the year didn't live up to expectations for local ship spotters with arrivals coinciding with drab winter days. Rather than write an article around the resulting dull photos, this month features ships from five years ago when we enjoyed more traditional winter weather. On those bright crisp days photographers were much happier with the quality of their shots.

The first arrivals of that year were memorable for several reasons. It was one of those rare occasions when two ships arrived on the same tide. This required a local pilot on each ship and careful timing. There was only limited time when the dock gates could be kept open to complete the manoeuvre. The ships, KAPITAN SAKHAROV and STÖRTEBEKER, were both making their first visits to Silloth which attracted a good

turnout of ship spotters.

Having spent New Year at sea, the KAPITAN was first to dock and would be one of the last Russian ships to call at Silloth. As the ship passed by, crew stationed at the bow looked to be in high spirits as they chatted on the radio. Over the years, Russian ships have been frequent visitors to the port, often making long voyages from the far north of the Baltic Sea. Their names, written in Cyrillic script, have been a novelty for ship spotters and often a challenge to translate. The KAPITAN, registered in Arkhangelsk, commonly referred to as Archangel, was carrying a full load of fertiliser from Belgium.

Meanwhile, the second arrival was making her approach towards the dock entrance. Sea conditions were unusually calm allowing steady control of the ship.

STÖRTEBEKER had travelled the furthest of the two ships bringing wheat from the Baltic port of Vierow, a regular source of grain for Silloth. The ship was operated by a joint Finnish/German venture whose logos were seen on the funnel and wheelhouse. Not to be left out, Britain was included in the ship's credentials with a

port of registry of Gibraltar. The flag of the British overseas territory was flying proudly at the stern. One final observation; the ship is named after a legendary 14th-century pirate reported to have a liking for large portions of ale. All in all, it was a memorable day to wrap up warm and explore Silloth waterfront with a camera.



STÖRTEBEKER advanced at walking pace and was held between the dock gates while waiting for the first Russian ship to be secured at the quayside. This was an unusual holding pattern which some of us hadn't seen before. Once the path ahead was clear, STÖRTEBEKER made her way into the dock.

Silloth Tide Tables

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Silloth Golf Club Junior Section Prize-Giving

Report by: Peter Ellwood

As the year draws to a close, it is time to reflect on the great year the junior section has had.

Prize Giving

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 and some new faces.

The evening was a 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.

Junior Championship - Graham Claret Jugs

We continued the same format for the Championships for 2025. A qualifier was held mid-year for players using the Red tees, Black tees and WHS tees. This then led to the semi-final and final being played on Finals Day. This year saw the WHS players play for the Sim Trophy which is the main junior championship trophy that hasn't been played for a number



of years.

Professional Competition

Each year in the Professional Competition we play for the coveted "Green Hoodies". The competition is an individual stroke play competition with partners drawn at the end. Once the teams are known the two scores are added together and the team with the lowest score are declared the champions. This year the Hoddies were won by the team of Mack Jourdain and Harry Thompson, pictured right proudly wearing their green hoodies.

Season 2026

We will be looking to kick the season off again on Sunday 1st March 2026 at 12:00 with our annual "Natter". It will be an opportunity to get together; measure for players using the 'Club2gether' scheme. We shall also hold an event in the weeks after this to give opportunity for any new juniors who wish to achieve a Red or Black handicap, in order to be able play in competitions this season.

Competitions 2026

In 2026 we are looking to develop our WHS section and work towards entering a team in the Northern Cumbrian League. In all competitions the WHS juniors go out before the Natterjack Juniors and play an 18 hole stableford competition. These Competitions are open to any junior with a WHS handicaps who is a member of Silloth on Solway Golf Club. All competitions are listed in the fixture book; for more information or a chat please contact Peter Ellwood on 07748 051320.

Looking forward to seeing the juniors back on the course in 2026!



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