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Heart Start Town

Silloth has become the 50th Heart Town in the UK!

In 2011 the British Heart Foundation celebrated its 50th Birthday, to celebrate this event the BHF wanted to set up 50 Heart Towns. Heart Towns and Cities is a new scheme where entire communities come together to help beat heart disease. This can mean fundraising, promoting healthy eating or promoting basic first aid.

Silloth as a community has been raising money for the BHF for nearly twelve years with the help of the local community, Silloth Golf Club, Silloth First Responders and the BHF Silloth Fundraising branch.

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Christmas Lights Switch-On

30th November 2012

Wrap up and enjoy yourself

SPAND Public Meetings

Wave Centre, Maryport
on 21st November @ 7pm

Solway College, Silloth
on 22nd November @ 7pm

Protest Song

Wrong Rock Blues
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Young here:



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NO TO DUMP

Silloth & District Pensioners

Report by: Diana Shaw
Photograph by: Pat Bell

On Saturday 3rd November the pensioners held their Pre-Christmas Afternoon Tea in St. Andrews Hall, which was well attended.

The tables looked lovely all very festive with mince tarts, scones and rum butter, drop scones, strawberry jam, tea and coffee.

Chairperson Maureen Irving welcomed Rev. Kim Hurst (Superintendent Minister of the Wigton and District Methodist Churches) to open the afternoon event. Kim was delighted to be asked to officiate and was delighted to see so many people supporting the Association. She was surprised to learn that the Silloth & District Pensioners Association had been running for over 60 years. Kim was presented with a beautiful bouquet.

The cake stall did excellent trade as usual, laid out with cakes, pies, jams and scones, all in the capable hands of Robina Bond. The Bric a Brac and book stall was attended by Nan Crook. For this year, a Tombola was featured, with Joan Bowe doing a great job. The raffle



Rev Kim Hurst receiving flowers from Maureen Irving

had 15 prizes with Doreen Mathews selling the tickets. The Kitchen staff were kept busy all the time.

Once again Eve of Wigton displayed her beautiful fashions, everyone could browse through the rails of lovely tops, skirts,

trousers and blouses, all helping to make a special afternoon.

The event raised the sum of £320.

Maureen thanked all who supported the event by spending at the stalls and donations to the raffle prizes.

Heart Start Town

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Report by:
Chantelle Satterthwaite

The BHF Silloth fundraising branch and Silloth Golf club joined forces to raise a staggering £30,000! This has been done by hosting golf competitions every year and other methods. With the help of this money the BHF was able to buy Silloth its first DEFIB nearly 10 years ago which was used very successfully by the Silloth first Responders one fatal day when someone collapsed at the Golf competition that was raising money for the BHF. Since then the BHF has gone on to fund 50% of the total cost of 11 new DEFIBS which were presented to the Silloth First Responders last year to help get quicker response times and a better survival rate.

A presentation was held at Solway Community School on 6th November to sign Silloth up as a Heart Town. Tony Markley signed the documents on behalf of Silloth Town council & they were also signed by Stephen Layden the fundraising manager for BHF. Special guests invited by the Silloth Town Council included; Silloth Golf club, Silloth First Responders, Mark Evens North West ambulance Service and Silloths BHF fundraisers.

Stephen Layden had a very special presentation for 2 of the Silloth BHF Fundraising ladies. The two ladies had contacted Stephen Layden nearly 12 years ago about setting up a branch in Silloth for fundraising on behalf of the BHF and have been fundraising endlessly since. Davina Sim & Pauline Graham were presented with 10 year service medals for the work they have done with the BHF. Congratulations to you both! If you would like to get

RNLI Race Night

Report by: Bev Turner

The Silloth & District Fundraising Branch of the RNLI held their fifth Race Night at Silloth Social Club. After a delayed start we finally got up and running and the event raised £836.



Thanks go the Mike Humphries and staff at the Social club for their generous help, to Mike Weaver who runs the race night and also to all the sponsors who supported us this year - Associated British Ports, Silloth, JayBee's, 'the Famous Five', Markley Transport/Carr's Coaches, DA Harrison, 'The Dirty Dozen', John Cook Signs and



Zombie Bee
by
Leo Jack Stanwix
from
Holme St Cuthbert School

involved there will be various fundraising and also heart start courses will be ran in the future. Please look out for posters with more Information.

Winters Newsagent.

During the evening the Branch's Annual Grand Draw was also held and this raised £943.

The fundraising branch would like to thank the many individuals and business who took books of raffle tickets to sell as without your help this wonderful amount would not have been raised and of course our sincere thanks to those who donated the twelve main prizes. These include, Clive Firth for the hand carved plaque, Peter McRobert Photography, Davison's Ice Cream Factory and Knoxwood. Prizes were also received from the Co-op, RAFA Club and individual local supporters of the RNLI.

All prizewinners have been notified and prizes claimed.

- 1 Hand Carved plaque by Clive Firth
- 2 £50 Voucher from 'Photography by Peter'
- 3 DVD Player
- 4 £20 M & S Voucher
- 5 Ice Cream Cake Voucher
- 6 Bottle of Whisky
- 7 Bottle of Champagne
- 8 Xmas Hamper (Knoxwood)
- 9 Bottle of Wine
- 10 Tin of Chocolates
- 11 Glassware Set
- 12 Bottle of Wine

All proceeds from the race night and Annual Grand Draw go to the RNLI

Our next event will be the Harlequin Choir performing a selection of Christmas songs and carols in St Andrews Church on 7th December at 7pm.

RNLI Christmas Cards on Sale

A selection of RNLI Christmas cards are now available to buy from the following locations. Allonby Post Office, the Cumberland Building Society in Silloth and the NatWest Bank in both Silloth and Wigton.

The complete collection of this years Christmas cards, calendars and diaries are also available to purchase from the Lifeboat Station shop in Silloth.

All profits from the sale of these items go towards the RNLI.

Harlequin Choir



On Friday 7th December the Silloth Fundraising Branch of the RNLI will present the Harlequin Choir in a Carol Concert at St Andrews Church Hall in Silloth.

The concert will begin at 7pm. The choir will sing a mixture of carols and Christmas songs blending all the old favourites with some more modern compositions.

Refreshments will be on sale along with a range of Lifeboat Christmas Cards.

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Carrs Mill Fire



Report by: Karen Graham

No, it wasn't this week! Carrs Mill in Silloth had a fire in 1953 when the sack

department burned down. The members of the fire crew are as follows left to right: Hubert Barnes, Ted

Groves, George Faulder and Harold Bell. Also on photo is Tom Faulder in the white boiler suit.

£715 Donation to RNLI



Report by: Sue Kent

A Silloth man, John Irving, has raised £715 which has been donated to Silloth lifeboat.

John held a 'Guess the amount in the bottle competition' earlier in the year. He had filled a demijohn full of coins and people had to pay a pound to guess how much was in the bottle.

The actual amount in the bottle was £365.74 and the winner with a guess of £365.59 was Paul Vailionis (Strap) from Abbeytown who collected £50 as the first prize.

The bottle weighed almost 50lb which was extremely heavy and was regularly displayed on the bar in the Social Club at Silloth.

John also took the bottle on occasion to Silloth Sunday Market to sell the tickets.

Everyone at Silloth lifeboat station would like to thank John for all his hard work and effort. They would also like to thank all the people who bought tickets and contributed to raise this fantastic amount of money.

John will be doing similar this next year but this time people will have to guess how many coins are in the bottle not the amount!



Abbeytown MU

Report by: Gladys Temple

Branch Leader Brenda Sim welcomed everyone to the October Meeting with apologies from Elsie Donald and Connie.

Lynne Tembey led the prayers and readings with the theme 'Your Gifts' and Maureen Gibson read the prayers for overseas members while Freda Garner read a poem 'The Seeds we sow'. Calendar and prayer leaflets were for sale in aid of the MU. Our sympathy was extended to Elsie Foster on the loss of her sister. Our

speaker Kathy Howe was unable to come but Lynne stepped in to tell us about the first ever York Provincial Meeting. There are fourteen Diocese in the Province and all were represented by several members. She was thrilled with the passion and the 'wow' factor displayed by everyone there. Each Diocese could send up to six representatives but each had to pay for themselves so she was pleased with the turnout. There were many discussions with many different ideas for meetings so everyone left energised. Lynne then told us how she became a member of the MU and she was so enthusiastic she made everyone pleased to be a member and encouraged us to bring more friends.

Noeline Foster and Gladys Temple served refreshments while members were asked to bring items to make up a draw prize for the Hall Drawing to be held at the Coffee Morning on 8th December. The Grace brought the meeting to a close.

Arthritis Support

Unfortunately Loveday House was not available due to renovations so the November meeting of the Arthritis Support Group was held at Railway Villa.

Apologies were received from Margaret A, Catherine, Brenda, Anne F, Joan, Anne G, Heather, Hilda, and Valerie. A new tea rota has been organised and copies were handed out. The menu

from Denton House was also passed around and several members chose and paid their deposit.

A card was signed by everyone to send sympathy to Joan Gilbertson on the death of her son. As she needed no introduction Gladys told Mary Heslam we were all looking forward to hearing the next chapter of the book she was writing as we were always interested in what she had to say. As it is the month of remembrance she read three poignant

poems then several mixed ones before reading from her book. This book is set in the house she lived in when first married and which had been in William's family for several generations. The idea is that she takes the facts of who lived in the house and writes her interpretation of how they lived including real historical happenings threaded through the story.

We were all fascinated and thoroughly enjoyed listening. Pauline Mole helped Gladys serve the

refreshments then Mary read some more poems some of them very funny then told some of the history of the house we were in which belonged to the Grandparents of Mary, Pauline and Gladys.

Christine Smithson thanked Mary for a really lovely entertaining afternoon and we look forward to hearing the next chapter another time.

Next month Mary Watson will show us some small Christmas decorations on December 7th at 1:30pm when we hope to be back at Loveday House.



Happy Honey Bee by Bobby Weightman from Silloth Primary School

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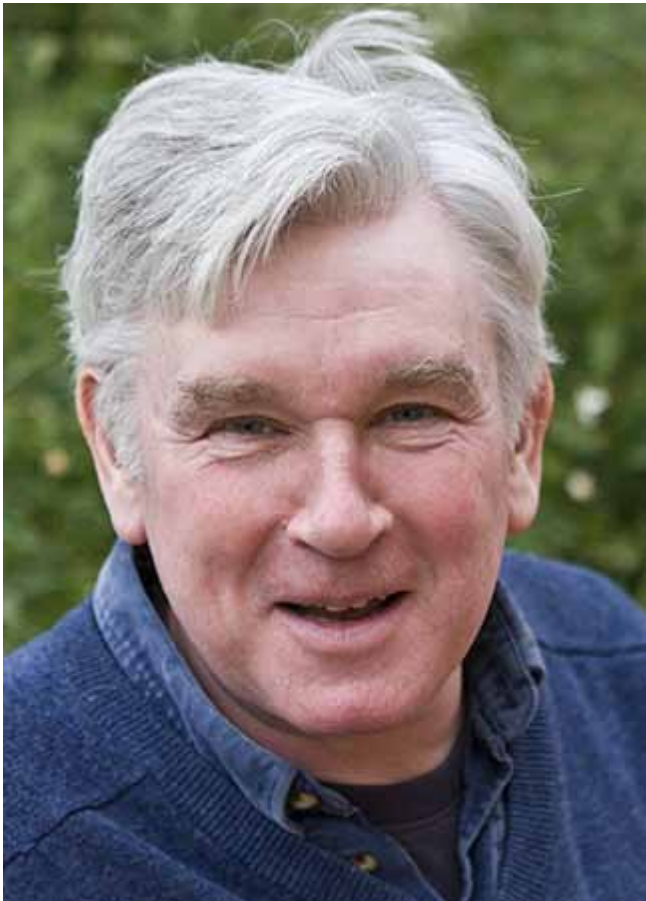
Solway Plain Against Nuclear Dump (SPAND) is a group of residents of Silloth and the surrounding area, who are extremely concerned about Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council volunteering interest in this area being used as a proposed underground repository for high level nuclear waste.

The group came together following an Allerdale Borough Council meeting at The Wave where they had been told they could ask questions of the Executive. The Council chose to ignore their own procedures and refused all questions bar one.

The campaign against the Dump was kicked off at a public meeting at the Golf

Hotel on 3rd October when it was standing room only with more than 200 people attending. Members of SPAND gave presentations as to why the geology of this area is unsuitable for the proposed dump, what the impacts on the local environment would be, the economic implications and how Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council got us into this mess. A plan of action for the future was outlined by SPAND with attendees being urged to write, email and phone their local councillors. Singled out for particular attention were the Executive members of Allerdale Borough Council and the Cabinet Members of Cumbria County Council. Our local Cumbria County Councillor and Cabinet Member, Mr Tony Markley, attended the latter part of the meeting where he was subjected to some very serious questioning from the audience. Whilst he was not able to say how he would vote on the matter because of a rule called pre-determination he was left in no doubt that the townspeople of Silloth do not want this proposed nuclear dump on their doorstep.

Around 100 people attended the SPAND drop-in session in Silloth



- David Smythe: CV
Emeritus Professor of Geophysics, University of Glasgow
BSc (Geology, 1970), PhD (Geophysics, 1987)
• Principal Scientific Officer, BGS 1973 -1987
• Chair of Geophysics, University of Glasgow 1988 -1998
• BNFL Geological Review Panel 1990 -1991
• Nirex research contract 1993 -1995:
- Trial 3D seismic survey of potential repository zone
First-ever 3D survey of such a site
First-ever academic research 3D survey
• Expert Witness for FoE at Planning Inquiry 1995 -1996



SOLWAY PLAIN AGAINST NUCLEAR DUMP



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on Saturday 20th October. Two geologists gave short presentations throughout the afternoon on the geology of the Solway Plain and explained why it is so unsuitable for the proposed nuclear waste dump to be sited there. In addition members of SPAND were available to talk about this proposal being put forward by our local councillors. The message is getting out and the community are beginning to unite in their opposition to this insane proposal that has the potential to not only destroy the Solway environment and damage Silloth and its community but also the whole of Cumbria.

SPAND is committed to continuing with its campaign right up to the Cabinet and Executive Committee votes on the 30th January 2013, and beyond if necessary.

A Public Meeting is being held on 21st November at 7pm at the Wave, Maryport and a further Public Meeting on 22nd November at 7pm is to be held at the Solway Community College, Silloth. At both sessions David Smythe, Emeritus Professor of Geophysics and Stuart Haszeldine, Professor of Geology will be in attendance. They will share their knowledge on the storage of high level nuclear waste and how this impacts on the environment. Their presentations will show the risks of housing a 23 square

kilometre high level nuclear waste site on the Solway Plain and why the Government should be looking elsewhere in the UK to store its nuclear waste. You will also hear how the residents of the Solway Plain have found themselves volunteered into this position by their elected councillors and the importance of us all taking action now before we are forced into Stage 4 where there is less likelihood of us being able to withdraw from the process.

SPAND is contacting all Parish Councils and Town Councils who have not yet declared their interest on the nuclear waste dump proposal. We are asking to be allowed to present at their next meeting so that we can persuade them of the folly of sitting on the fence over what is the most important decision ever to be made in Cumbria. Look out for shops selling SPAND car stickers to bring in much needed funds to support the campaign. The hire of venues and the printing of posters is costly.

What can the people of Silloth do?

Attend the Public Meeting on Thursday 22 November 2012 at 7 pm in the Solway Community College.

It is a big important event. Eminent Professors Smythe and Haszeldine think that the threat to Silloth and the communities in and around the Solway Plain is real enough for them to give

up their time and support us in our campaign. Please let us give them a good turnout and a big thank you for giving up their time freely. We need to send a message to the Councils, the Government and the Media so turn out in force and show everyone that we will fight to save our town and the Solway Plain.

Write to your councillors. Tell them you object to the dump and why. It will put our health at risk, it will kill our town, it will destroy our house prices, it will ruin the environment and it will lose more jobs than it provides. Tell them to come out of their bunker and tell the people why they are doing this.

Please respond to our survey. Those in favour of the dump are telling the world that the people of Cumbria are in favour of the dump. We know that this is not true and our survey is the first stage in proving that Cumbria is against a nuclear dump. Do watch out for it (we will be turning up on your doorstep) and support us by answering the questions.

Make a donation to support our campaign. We have collection buckets at all our events or contact our Treasurer, Don Graham, on 016973 31698. You will soon be able to make a donation via our web-site.

You can keep to date with activities and developments through the SPAND website. WWW.SPAND.ORG.UK

Late Notice of Two Public Meetings

SPAND appreciate the fact that you may not receive your Buzz until after 22nd November. For those of you who have, that there are two Public Meetings. The first is at the Wave Centre in Maryport on 21st November at 7pm and the second at the Solway Community College on the 22nd November, also at 7pm.

At these meetings, two leading authorities on geological disposal of nuclear waste, Stuart Haszeldine, Professor of Geology, and David Smythe, Emeritus Professor of Geophysics will explain why the Solway Plain is completely unsuitable for the 23 square kilometre high-level nuclear waste

dump.

The geologist who identified the Solway Plain as potentially suitable, Dr Jeremy Dearlove, has been invited to give a presentation at the Silloth meeting to produce his evidence that the Mercia Mudstone of Solway Plain is a potentially suitable host rock to store the UK's nuclear waste, and to debate the issue with the professors.

According to the notes of their meeting on 16th October, the MRWS Bridging Group intends to place advertorials in all Cumbrian papers before the end of the year and send a newsletter to all homes in West Cumbria early in the New Year. They are worried

that SPAND's message is getting through to people, and are intent on convincing the public that we are wrong, so we have invited three of their members, Michael Heaslip, Executive member of Allerdale BC, Richard Griffin, Cumbria Nuclear Issues Manager and Guy Richardson, MRWS advisor to CALC, to the meetings. This will give them an opportunity to comment on anything they disagree with at the time rather than using taxpayers' money on their publicity campaign.

All members of Allerdale Borough Council and

Cumbria County Council will also be invited to the Public Meetings. We feel it is very important that our councillors understand the safety implications of siting the repository under the Solway Plain, so we have also proposed a debate on geology with both sides given equal time, to be held in front of Cumbria County Council Cabinet, but so far this has not been taken up.

For more information about the above or if you would like to help with our campaign, please visit the SPAND website at www.spand.org.uk

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Why We Have To Fight

As the National Audit Office criticises Sellafield for the failure to develop a long-term plan for the waste and allowing storage facilities to deteriorate, the people of Cumbria continue to battle against using Cumbria as Britain's nuclear dustbin.

Three years ago the government called for expressions of interest from local government to search for a site for an underground repository to accept intermediate and high level nuclear waste. Allerdale, Copeland and Cumbria were the only councils to volunteer. This of course started the whole process off on the wrong foot. Other countries adopting the voluntary approach found areas of suitable geology and then called for volunteers. The UK Government has put volunteerism ahead of geology and in doing so has embarked on a dangerous and irresponsible process.

We have been here before. The £400 million Nirex inquiry in the 1990s concluded that the geology of Cumbria was unsuitable for such a development. It is one of the worst places in the UK to bury nuclear waste. The geology has not changed. Sadly, neither have the politicians. They remain hell-bent on building a repository in Cumbria but have changed the brief from the 1990s to drastically increase the size and to store high level, hot waste and decommissioned nuclear weapons. We already have tons of German plutonium that will eventually find its way into the dump when all the fuss dies down.

Leading independent authorities in the field of geophysics and geology have presented a large body of evidence to demonstrate that siting the repository in Cumbria would be a dangerous mistake. This has been largely ignored. Allerdale, Copeland and Cumbria County Council vote in January on whether to continue with the process to find a site for the repository. Councillors,

government consultants and other organisations continue to refuse to attend public meetings and face the community with an explanation as to why they continue with this process in the face of rising awareness and opposition from the community. Meanwhile the nuclear industry continues to court the councillors with trips overseas to visit exemplar repositories.

Local communities are being misrepresented. The government set two conditions for the construction of a repository: suitable geology and a willing local community. Cumbria meets neither of these conditions. West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Safely was set up to manage the process and raise public awareness. They claim that the majority of the people in Cumbria are in favour of searching for a dump site in Cumbria. This was on the back of a MORI telephone poll with very carefully worded questions, in which over 80% of the respondents admitted to knowing little or nothing about the repository. This in itself is an admission from their own research that MRWS has failed miserably to inform the people of Cumbria what is going on. They are ignoring the fact that almost all of the local and parish councils of Cumbria have voted against continuing with the process.

We do not deny that we all have a problem with nuclear waste. However it is wrong to try to force this "solution" on people of Cumbria simply because a small group of councillors volunteered without consulting their community. This repository should be sited in a place where the geology will protect the people. One thing is for sure, if the dump is built here in Cumbria when the geology fails to protect us, as it will, it won't just be Cumbria that will suffer the consequences.

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More Reasons

Report by: Peter Dowdell

Cumbria has a unique and interesting geology. The estuary of the Solway was formed by the collision between the two land masses (now Scotland and England) which remains a "fault line". The Eskdalemuir Seismological Array has been monitoring earthquakes and tremors and recorded quakes in 1979 registering 4.5 on the Richter Scale; 1993, 3; 1997, 2.7; 2009, 3.7 and 2010, 3.6; so quakes and tremors are a regular occurrence, with no predictability.

Meanwhile the Geology of the Cumbrian landscape and the area of the Lakes continues to be of academic interest, so see Cumbria RIGs Group (Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Sites), this is a voluntary geological conservation group working to record and look after important geological sites.

Natural England also has a well prepared and detailed section (accessible through their website) on Cumbria which explains in layman's terms how the geology came about

The University at Heriot-Watt has a special "Estuary And Coastal Geosciences" section which includes studies of the Solway. They conduct ongoing fieldwork on several UK estuaries, including the Humber, the Forth, the Moray Firth and the Solway Firth.

In addition to the importance of Geology there need to be included the

interests of the electorate and peoples of Cumbria, their wellbeing and quality of life. The landscape geography and geology also provides an interesting and varied habitat both inland and in its coastal waters, and is an important breeding area for a variety of wildlife, bird, marine and mammal. The dump project has special needs in regard to the water table as well with either localised or more general groundwater control – with an inevitable environmental impact.

Infrastructure Roads, Rail, Sea:

There are three options for the material to be delivered from Sellafield to the proposed site. Road, Rail and Sea (or of course a combination). Any form of transportation brings with it a security issue. Each has its benefits and associated costs. Sea has the added benefit that materials can readily be imported from other areas (both within and beyond UK waters!). All also have issues with spillage or accidental damage, environmental risk and risk to life. All however leave the West Cumbria area isolated with poor links with the rest of the country.

Jobs and job creation.

A major benefit of any proposal is reported to be jobs.

Construction Industry. Regrettably there are no contracting organisations in Cumbria (or indeed Britain?) with the technical skills and expertise to build such a technically demanding structure as an underground facility on this scale, especially given the water table and varying qualities of the ground. EU rules dictate that the works would have to be tendered throughout Europe, and if the Olympic Village construction taught us anything it is that cheap European labour can be quickly sourced and most spend little in the area preferring to send money home to their families. It is unlikely that there would be jobs available here, except



Stuart Haszeldine CV

Professor of Geology, Edinburgh University

- 2006 Department of Trade and Industry Assessor: Technology Programme for Renewable and new Energies
- 2006 Natural Environment Research Council: Advisory Group on Energy Research
- 2005-06 House of Commons Westminster, Science and Technology Committee: Technical Adviser on Carbon Capture and Storage
- 2005-09 Scottish Centre for Carbon Dioxide Storage (SCCS): co-Leader in collaboration with Heriot-Watt
- 2005-08 NERC Carbon Capture and CO2 storage, Towards a Sustainable Energy Economy: UKCCSC: co-Leader
- 2005-10 UK Energy Research Centre theme: UK Carbon Management: Geological Storage of CO2
- 2004 Annual Boyd Visiting lecturer in Petroleum Geology: University of Texas at Austin
 - 2004 CSIC Barcelona Invited Guest speaker
- 2003 "World series" Guest Speaker: University of St Andrews, Scotland
- 2000 Annual Saltire Society "Scottish Science Prize" Lecture: Royal Society of Edinburgh

perhaps at the lower end, minimum wage, short term.

Infrastructure.

Similar issues as with the main construction works, contracts will need to be tendered and will most likely go out of the country.

Maintenance and running the installation (storage facility). Because of the nature of the material being stored any modern facility will utilise a maximum amount of automation and a minimum of labour. No jobs for the locals here then.

Security. Perhaps some jobs could be created in the development of the special police force.

Tourism. Much of the Cumbria economy is built

around tourism, areas like Silloth thrive on caravans, and day visitors. Regrettably we cannot foresee a tourism based on "visit the underground dump" and so these jobs will diminish as the tourists migrate away from ecologically damaged areas and perceived risk. Loss of tourism, ecological damage and perceived risk will result in a lowering of house prices and migration away from the areas affected.

Politics.

Any proposals on this side of the Solway Estuary will have a direct impact on the Scottish coast and the ecology and economy of South West Scotland. This must be considered and our Scottish neighbours involved.



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Report & Photos by: Lawrence Marshall & Carole Steele

Presentation of the cheque to the West-Cumbria Carers

The annual charity ploughing match was held at Allonby Sunday 19th August resulting in the sum of £2,480 being raised. This was due to The Bibby Line Group match funding of the event. The recipients this year were the West-Cumbria Carers based at Maryport.

The committee wish to thank all the sponsors and helpers who together make the annual event so successful.



A converted spreader to transport people round the field

Causewayhead WI

Report by: Pat Froggatt

On Wednesday 10th October Causewayhead W.I. held there monthly meeting at Trinity Methodist Church, Silloth. President, Olga Hetherington, welcomed members and visitors and then commenced the meeting with the General Business which included presenting birthday cards to members who were celebrating a birthday in October. She then called

upon the Treasurer to give her report. Members were informed that the subscription for next year would be £33, and reminded that nominations would be required for the Committee at AGM. Members were also given a copy of the menu for the Xmas meal which would be held on 17th December (lunch time) for them to make a choice of dishes they would like. Pat Bell reported that two



sessions had taken place cleaning up on the Discovery Centre Garden but no beach clean had been done due to

Harlequin Choir Raise £280



Report by: Annabell Armstrong
Photo by: Bill Allan

A fundraising evening was held at Holme St Cuthbert Church, Mawbray on Friday 21st September when The Harlequin Choir came to entertain.

The choir consists of over twenty members who entertained the audience with wonderful songs and faultless harmonies. The choir is run by Claire Mattinson and they give concerts all over the area. Some of the songs

which were performed were from a musical in London which Claire was involved in. The audience were also entertained with songs from The Sound of Music and Mary Poppins. In this Jubilee and Olympic year the choir sang a song adapted by Claire. The first verse was sung from Jerusalem then words added by Claire were sung to the music from Chariots of Fire before finishing off with the remainder of Jerusalem.

The evening was finished off with the Choirs' version

of Sing which was written by Gary Barlow for the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

The night was a wonderful success, the audience were well entertained and the Harlequin Choir sounded and looked brilliant with our church as a background.

Thank you to every one who came and supported us. A fantastic total of £300 has been raised for church funds.

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Report by:
Ivor Dunn-Spendin

With the necessity to "watch the pennies" growing greater by the month, a bit of the wartime "MAKE DO and MEND" needs to find it's way back into daily life. Over the past decades there has been an incessant push by the marketing brigade to instil the word WANT as a replacement for NEED into the public thinking. It's about time we fought back. We may not WANT to but we NEED to.

For Christmas last year I was given a pair of Croc's. You know, those spongy rubberised slip on shoes that come in a multitude of colours, which seem, also, to have become standard footwear with some hospital medical staff. Well after continuous use, mine have worn down to completely

smooth and after a couple of recent heavy falls on smooth wet surfaces a decision was imperative -- spend or mend.

The soles were still quite thick so I opted for a retread. This was successfully achieved by heating a short metal rod over a gas ring and branding on a deep pattern. (see photo) I now have a new and very effective tread which will probably double their life.

A Health and Safety warning! When heating the metal rod use a pair of grips to hold it, not your fingers. Won't tell you why.

The Buzz has to be the best way of sharing money saving ideas for the benefit of all. So come on, let's have more of those helpful tips to pass on and beat the Squander Bug.

TV Characters Quiz Results from Craft Show

Congratulations to Geoff Mattinson who won the TV Characters - Occupations Quiz at Silloth Community Craft Show with the most correct answers.

We hope he enjoys using his Hayes Garden Centre voucher.

Thank you to everyone who bought a quiz sheet, the funds helped make the Show a success.

Tom Buzz Hodgson
by
Millie Hodgson
from
Holme St Cuthbert School



Kids Raise £310 for Ponies



Report & Photo by:
Vicky Carruthers

On Saturday 10th November a charity disco was held in Silloth Social Club in aid of two rescue ponies called "Hope" and "Destiny".

Joseph Irving aged 8, Taylor Hope aged 6 and Sadie Hope aged 5 had their friends come to their joint birthday party but asked for no cards or presents and instead asked for donations towards the two ponies being rescued by Mel James of Bank Mill.

There was face painting, hotdogs and three huge beautiful birthday cakes

made by Berrys the baker. At the end of the event Mr Berry gave back the cost of the cakes towards the final total which stands at £310.19 raised by the children of Silloth.

The Titanic disco kept the kids entertained for four hours solid and Mel James painted faces for four hours solid too! A great day was had by all and a huge thank you goes out to all the children who helped these lovely animals.

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Bank Mill Horticultural



On 15th September the Bank Mill Nurseries and Visitor Centre's second charitable Horticultural Show has once again proved to be a popular and well supported event.

This year the designated charity was Guide Dogs for the Blind and we were fortunate enough to be able to stage a dog show with accompanying demonstrations of dog training and agility.

A net profit of £750 was made on the day and handed over to Mr W Hetherington, regional organiser for the local branch of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

The number of exhibits was up on last year and it was especially nice that six schools took part, Allonby, Dearham, Flimby, Holme St Cuthberts, Silloth and Westnewton. In all, the schools produced in excess of 600 exhibits, all to a very high standard that made judging very difficult.

The 71 classes were divided into different sections and each produced a winner.

The Baking section was won jointly by Sheila Beaty from Skinburness Rd, Silloth and Annabell Armstrong from Plasket Lands Farm, near Mawbray. The Handicraft Section by Brenda Dowdell, Skinburness Road, Silloth. Flowers & Plants – Heidi Graham, Broom Park, Kirkbride. Floral Art - Mary Watson from Thursby. Fruit and Vegetables Tony Reid from Skinburness, Silloth.



The overall winner with the most points was Tony Reid.

In the Dog show the winners were as follows: Cutest Puppy – ‘Tod’ with Stephanie Agnew. Best Rescue – ‘Bramley’ with Rachel Allen. Best Crossbreed - Lucy’ with Chris Beverley. Best Dressed - ‘Tika’ with Jenny Martindale. Best Trick - ‘Tika’ & ‘Minnie’ with Jenny Martindale. Waggiest Tail - ‘Lexi’ Fastest Recall. (in 3 seconds) ‘Minnie’ with Jenny Martindale. The overall winner was ‘Tess’ with Wendy Hanley and the runner up was ‘Tod’ with Stephanie Agnew.

The Agility & Trick demonstration was carried out by the very talented duo Leanne Pattinson and her dog Baily from Aspatia.

Our thanks go to the Judges and to Andy Atherton from Genesis

Equestrian Centre at Westnewton for the loan of PA equipment. Messrs Bookers from Carlisle, Harrisons from Cockermouth, and Walshes from Maryport who provided sausages, rolls and drinks for our stall. Millcroft Vets at Workington and Judith’s Pet Supplies at Maryport for prizes for the Dig Show and Crafty Workshop at Workington for medals. Thanks also to ‘Swift’ from Maryport who were kind enough to provide live music while the judging was going on.

Our thanks go out not only to staff at Bank Mill and the Dunes coffee shop but also the numerous volunteers who without their help we would have been at a loss. It is also nice to know that several people on the day asked if they can help with next year’s event and so the show goes on.

Rotary & Santa Events



Report & Photo by: Geoff Betsworth

Colin Armstrong, Dick Garget & Eleanor Benson

Dialect Competition
Silloth Rotary Club's Cumbrian Dialect Competition took place in October at the Golf Hotel and was a great success. A capacity audience enjoyed competitors talking and reciting their way through the event.

The Best Spoken prize went to Colin Armstrong with a piece entitled “Shepherd” while Eleanor Benson took the cup for the Most Humorous Tale about a “Vanishing Coat”. The Best Newcomer was Dick Garget with the very thought provoking “How Things Have Changed”. The judges who included local bard Ethel Fisher MBE and the “World’s Biggest Liar” John Graham, had a difficult task deciding on the winners. However, everyone enjoyed a very entertaining afternoon that also included some excellent additional recitations by compere Tim Barker, Wendy Campbell and Ethel Fisher.

Local Projects
I am delighted to report that the Rotary Club of Silloth on Solway is getting involved with various projects at the Solway Community College. In December we have the local heats of the young Chef and Young Artist Competitions and this will be followed in the New Year by the Young Photographer Competition. The President and members of the club would like to take this opportunity to wish all students taking part in these events the very best of luck.

I am also pleased to report that in conjunction with the CFM “Cash for Kids” campaign, Silloth Rotary Club has agreed to help towards the purchase of a car seat for baby Noah Wall from Abbeytown. As you may already have read elsewhere, Noah was born with severe Spina Bifida and the specially adapted seat will enable his parents to transport him safely in their

own vehicle with a minimum amount of disturbance or discomfort.

Santa Claus
As is usual around this time, The Rotary Club has arranged for Father Christmas to visit Silloth. The local children were treated to a visit from Santa last year and enjoyed the gifts of selection boxes which were handed out by his team of little (and some slightly larger) helpers during his trip from Skinburness to Silloth. This years visit is planned for Sunday 23rd December and will follow the same route as last year which takes Santa from Skinburness to the

town via Skinburness Drive and Fellside finishing up in West Silloth at The Crofts. A little birdie tells me that Santa has been trying to lose a bit of weight this year so he will be donating his mince pies and sherry to his “little helpers”.

Let’s hope that all the rain that fell during the summer means that it stays dry for his visit, although a few flakes of snow might not go amiss of course.

If you would like to join the Rotary Club of Silloth-on-Solway or one of the one of the other 100-plus Rotary clubs across the North West area, visit www.ribi.org.

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Runners Raise £2,980



Report by: Rebecca Pearson

Dr Hymers, Rebecca and Anneke completed the Great North Run on Sunday 16th September and raised a total of £2,980 for Cancer Research and MS Society. They would like to say a big thank you to all their family, friends and the patients of Silloth Group Medical Practice who have sponsored and supported them over the last few months. Well done.

Bonfire & Fireworks



Report by: Chris Graham

The first Silloth Halloween Bonfire and Fireworks event took place on the Airfield on Friday 26th October and the support for it was fantastic.

Despite the very cold wind approximately 2,500 adults and children turned out for the event which was organised by Silloth Tourism Action Group. A huge bonfire, topped by a guy made by children from Solway Primary School, was lit at 7pm. This was followed by a fabulous firework display provided by Skyburst of Skinburness. Additional entertainment was courtesy of Fletcher Fun Fair, the bar was run by The Balmoral Hotel and hot food was on sale from the hog roast man himself, Mark Collins.

Thanks to Tim Barker for judging the Halloween Fancy Dress competition. The adult prize was won by Averil Walsh and the children's prize by Evanna Irvine.

Acknowledgements for support are due to the SOS Community Fund, Cumbria County Council's Neighbourhood Forum, DA Harrison and Rayner Fletcher. Thanks also go to the anonymous benefactor who kindly gave STAG a generous donation towards



the event.

This event was such an outstanding success with so many people asking for it to happen again in 2013 that STAG have already put it into their calendar.

Put Friday 25th October 2013 in your calendar now as STAG say they have learned a lot from the first event and they plan to make the second event in 2013 even more spectacular!

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Dates for the Diary

November

24th Rugby - Silloth
Tigers v Kirkby Lonsdale 2nd XV

26th Friends of the Green
meeting in Silloth Community
Hall @ 7pm

30th Christmas Sale at
Silloth Nursing Home at 2pm

30th Silloth Christmas
Lights Family Switch-On Party
in Eden Street, wrap up and
come along at 6pm

December

1st Rugby
Penrith RFC A XV v Silloth Tigers

1st Silloth & District
Pensioners Annual Christmas
Party

3rd Silloth Town Council
meeting at 7pm in Community
Hall, Petteril Street

5th Solway Parkinson’s
Group meeting in Wheyrigg
Hall Hotel, lunch at 12:30pm,
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Christmas Dinner

7th Skinburness Residents
Association Christmas Themed
Coffee Morning in Chichester
Hall 10am -11:30am
new members welcome

7th Harlequin Choir Carol
Concert in St Andrews Church
Hall, Silloth in aid of RNLI, 7pm

8th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 9am to 11am

8th Rugby
Silloth Tigers v Windermere

12th Causewayhead WI
meeting in Trinity Methodist
Church Schoolroom at 7:15pm,
AGM

14th Christmas Concert by
Christ Church & St Pauls Men's
Choir

15th Solway Woodcarving
Group Christmas Open Day at
Silloth Community Space from
10:30am to 4:30pm

15th Rugby
Millom v Silloth Tigers

15th Trinity Methodist
Church Christmas Afternoon Tea
at 2pm in the Schoolroom, all
are welcome

16th Trinity Methodist
Church Evening Carol Service
@ 6pm led by Father Andrew
Broster, come and join the
celebration

18th The Night Before
Christmas by the school pupils
in Abbeytown Village Hall at
2pm

20th Open Day at Silloth
Fire Station, you can be an
On-Call firefighter

22nd Rugby
TBA

23rd Santas Sleigh ride
around Silloth with presents
for the children organised
by Silloth Rotary Club leaves
Skinburness just after 3pm

29th Rugby
TBA

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January 2013

4th Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
new members welcome

5th Rugby
Silloth Tigers v Furness

9th Causewayhead WI
meeting in Trinity Methodist
Church Schoolroom at 7:15pm,
members night

12th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 9am to 11am

12th Rugby
Hawcoat Park v Silloth Tigers

19th Rugby - Silloth Tigers
v Carlisle Crusaders 2nd XV

25th RNLI Quiz Night in
the Golf Hotel at 7:30pm
Teams of four

February

1st Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
new members welcome

9th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 9am to 11am

March

1st Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
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1st Silloth Master Quiz in
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May

3rd Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
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June

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August

2nd Skinburness Fete &
Chichester Hall Open Day
1:30pm to 4:30pm Free entry

3rd Skinburness Fete &
Chichester Hall Open Day
1:30pm to 4:30pm Free entry

4th Skinburness Fete &
Chichester Hall Open Day
1:30pm to 4:30pm Free entry

September

1st Silloth Craft Show

5th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival on Silloth Green

6th Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
new members welcome

6th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival on Silloth Green

7th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival on Silloth Green

8th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival on Silloth Green

October

4th Skinburness Residents
Association Coffee Morning in
Chichester Hall 10am -11:30am
new members welcome

25th Halloween Bonfire
& Fireworks Display on Silloth
Airfield

November

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Dear Buzz,

Would someone please explain to me why anyone in their right mind could think that siting a nuclear waste dump on the outskirts of and underneath Silloth would be anything but a complete disaster for the town. We are newcomers to the town having lived here for just over a year, hoping to spend the rest of our lives in this lovely place with its many amenities, friendly residents and beautiful sights and sounds, however, if we had been aware that these proposals were being planned (incidentally this scheme has been kept under wraps since 2000), it would certainly have made us think twice about moving here, as it is bound to result in businesses closing, properties being devalued and the whole area becoming, for years to come, a gigantic pit construction with all the dirt, disruption and noise which that entails.

The government criteria for signing up to this scheme is two fold - firstly the area has to be geologically sound and secondly the residents of the area have to agree to it. Regarding the first point, the initial surveys carried out show that the geology of the area in question, is definitely unsuitable and unsafe for storing potentially dangerous nuclear waste and the second point regarding the decision to join the scheme, has been taken not by the general public, but by seventeen members of a so called executive committee representing the three councils involved.

An action group, Solway Plain Against Nuclear Dump "SPAND", has recently been formed to protest strongly against the progression of these plans and I urge everyone who values Silloth and its qualification as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to contact the group on their website www.spand.org and help put a stop to this ridiculous scheme before it's too late to pull out.

Keep in mind that this is the only county IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY that was "volunteered" - there must be a reason for that when there are more geologically sound areas in other counties!

Mr Derek Bailey

Dear Buzz,

Rod and Rosemary Brooks of Grune Point Close, Skinburness celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 22nd September in the Lake District, with close family during a pause from their salmon fishing. They wish to extend their sincere thanks for the kind wishes expressed by their many friends, neighbours and extended family.

Rod & Rosemary

Dear Buzz,

This years Marilyn Amyes Memorial Charity Walk raised £1,400 sponsorship money to be split between Silloth First Responders and Cumbria Air Ambulance Service. Many thanks to all 14 walkers and to all sponsors and to Tom and Dot for the refreshments.

Bill Amyes

Dear Buzz,

We at Caravan Care would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us when we were at Silloth. However, as with most things in life things change and so you will now find us within the King Street Newsagent (formally Mills) on Main Street in Wigton opposite HSBC Bank, where we can now offer longer opening times 5am to 5:30pm and year long, no closing for the winter. We would love to see you all again and to offer good luck and best wishes to the new owners of Station Roads' Fruit & Veg shop.

Jerry & Amanda

Dear Buzz,

C&D Supplies has just celebrated it's first year of trading and Claire and David would like to say a big thank you to all our customers for supporting us in establishing the shop in Silloth. With your support we look forward to hopefully many more years of trading and we will continue to look for new products at good value prices. Once again, thanks for supporting us.

David & Claire

Poems

The Camping Trip by Joan Bennett

*Let us go camping, Maud said Tom,
The house is so quiet now the children have gone.*

*But how will we manage, all on our own?
I've almost forgotten the things I've been shown.*

*Don't worry so much dear, it will soon come back,
You sort out the tent, while I'll start to pack.*

*Why not hire a caravan? We'll be warm and snug,
If I pitch the tent wrongly, then I'll feel a mug.*

*You've lost your adventurous spirit I fear,
Try not to worry, we'll camp somewhere near.*

*But what if it rains, and we both get wet?
We've never known a holiday stay completely dry yet.*

*Oh do stop your worrying and give me a hand,
A fortnight in Silloth will do us both grand.*

*I've been driving for hours and we've still miles to go,
I think this old banger is on the go slow.*

*Let us stop here, it looks a nice place,
We'll stop over night, pitch our tent at our pace.*

*But this isn't a campsite, it doesn't feel right,
Look around you there's no other campers in sight.*

*Oh do stop complaining, we've sand and we've sea,
Why you're so bothered, well that just beats me.*

*This notice says, no hikers must walk on the grass,
Come Maud I think that we should drive past.*

*Well we won't be walking, we're too old for that,
We'll just sit eating our meal on our lap.*

*I won't get a peg in that ground it's so hard,
It would be easier to pitch the tent in our yard.*

*We'll pitch in the dunes, the sand you can soften,
It's perfectly easy, I've seen it done often.*

*We'll have it your own way, but just wait and see,
We'll get into trouble, oh? Just make some tea.*

*This morning is chilly, I'm feeling the cold,
It must be my age, for I am getting quite old.*

*It's not your old age dear, you can believe me,
During the night our tent, blew into the sea.*



HRH Queen Bee
by
Grace Hodgson
from
Holme St Cuthbert
School

Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and £5 Gift Voucher. So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Send them in to the address on this page and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered hoodie from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.

You don't have to be at school here to send a bee to us. If you are here on holiday we would love to receive your bee drawing, just tell us your name, where you are from and where you are staying. You will find our address on page 10.

This month the winner is Mason Broughton from Silloth Primary School with a bee called "Silloth Seagull Bee".

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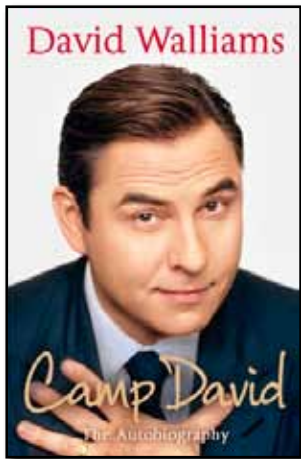
Camp David
by David Walliams

It's time to get serious with Britain's favourite funny man.

Famous comedian, funniest judge on Britain's Got Talent, irresistible ladykiller and high-achieving sportsman, David Walliams is a man of many talents. Launched to fame with the record-breaking Little Britain, his characters - Lou, Florence, Emily, amongst others - became embedded in our shared popular culture. You couldn't enter a playground for a long while without hearing "eh, eh, eh" or "computer says no".

Yet Walliams is a mystery. Often described as a bundle of contradictions, he is disarming and enigmatic, playing up his campness one minute and hinting about his depression the next.

To read Camp David

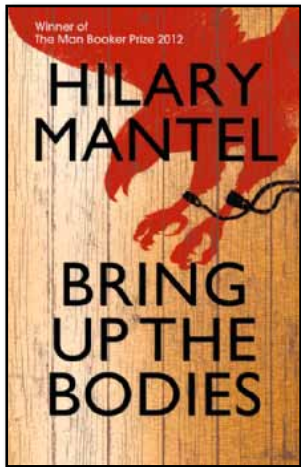


is to be truly shocked, as well as tickled pink, as David Walliams bares his soul like never before and reveals a fascinating and complex mind. This "open" autobiography is a true roller-coaster ride of emotions, unlocking closely guarded secrets that until now have remained hidden in his past.

Bring Up the Bodies –
Hillary Mantel
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By 1535 Cromwell is Chief Minister to Henry, his fortunes having risen with those of Anne Boleyn. But the split from the Catholic Church has left England dangerously isolated, and Anne has failed to give the king an heir. Cromwell watches as Henry falls for plain Jane Seymour.



Negotiating the politics of the court, Cromwell must find a solution that will satisfy Henry, safeguard the nation and secure his own career. But neither minister nor king will emerge unscathed from the bloody theatre of Anne's final days.

Set in one of the most terrifying moments in history this is a really good read for those long winter days.

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On the Water Front

Report by: Captain Slog
(Assisted by Liz at John Stronach Shipping Agency)

September 2012
3rd Ben Varrey from Liverpool with wheat, then in ballast to Sharpness.
4th Flinterlinge from Klaipeda with fertilizer, then in ballast to Cardiff.
8th Ben Varrey from Sharpness with wheat, then in ballast to Douglas I.o.M.
11th Arctica Hav from Vierow with wheat, then in ballast to Belfast.
18th Zapadnyy from Amsterdam with molasses, then in ballast to Klaipeda.
19th Celtica Hav from Vierow with wheat, then in ballast to Rotterdam.
21st Ben Varrey from Liverpool with wheat, then in ballast to Kilroot.



October 2012
2nd Ben Varrey from Liverpool with wheat, then in ballast to Liverpool.
11th Eems Stream from Ghent with fertilizer, then in ballast to Gunnes.
14th Ben Varrey from Sharpness with wheat, then in ballast to Kilroot.
15th Holstentor from Santander with wood-pulp, then in ballast to Belfast.
17th Nordersand from Antwerp via Ayr with part cargo fertilizer, then in ballast to Glen Mallan.
17th Zapadnyy from Bremen with molasses, then in ballast to Amsterdam.
22nd Ben Varrey from Liverpool with wheat, then in ballast to Kilroot.
28th Ben Varrey from Sharpness with wheat, then in ballast to sea for orders.

For almost 150 years, the name of John Stronach, along with his ship-broking and shipping agency business has been connected with the port of Silloth. Born in Elgin, Scotland in 1831, John came to Silloth in the early 1860's after hearing about the new port and town and possibly business opportunities being promoted by the North British Railway Company. By 1865 John Stronach was established as a slate and timber merchant on Wampool Street in the town. Since the port of Silloth was first opened in 1859, the commercial aspects of shipping cargoes had been managed by the firm

of J. Carruthers & Co, acting as Shipping Agents and Brokers, Insurance Brokers and merchants. This company seems to have folded in the mid-1860's and the multiple activities were taken over by John Stronach. He would have been closely involved with sourcing, organising imports, and sales of slates, timber and other cargoes into Silloth. He acted as the local agent for a growing number of traders and as a broker he would find and fix cargoes through Silloth for various shipping companies. He also dealt with the administration of passenger and freight movements on the steamers plying regularly to and from Liverpool and later to

Ireland. Amidst all this, John had time to court and marry local girl Jane Johnstone in 1866, the couple later having four children. Jane sadly died in 1890 aged just 52. John worked at a time when there was a revolution in methods of long-distance communication. Telephone and telegraph links were steadily spreading across the country and overseas. It was his job to liaise, monitor and relay information to all those who needed to know, on trade transactions, payments and the progress of ships towards and leaving the port of Silloth. He was now a respected figure in the town and in 1878 he also moved into banking, establishing and becoming the manager of a branch of the Cumberland Union Bank, at the site now occupied by the Natwest Bank. In 1880, Daniel Dixon opened a second shipping agency in the town and both worked amicably together for many years.

John Stronach was joined in business by his son James around 1890. James looked after the shipping arm of the business, which moved to Station Road, whilst John continued to manage the bank until he retired in 1903. John died in 1904 aged 73, having contributed an enormous amount to the commercial success of Silloth and the port for the past 40 years. James continued with the shipping agency and

Tide Tables

NOVEMBER 2012								SILLOTH	
Date	DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE								
	High Water				Low Water				
	Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon		
	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	
22 TH	06 35	5.5	18 58	6.0	00 51	-0.0	13 18	0.4	
23 F	07 45	5.6	20 04	6.0	01 57	0.1	14 25	0.3	
24 SA	08 47	5.8	21 00	6.2	02 59	-0.0	15 25	0.2	
25 SU	09 35	6.2	21 48	6.4	03 53	-0.0	16 18	-0.0	
26 M	10 15	6.5	22 27	6.6	04 39	-0.2	17 03	-0.1	
27 TU	10 50	6.7	23 05	6.7	05 18	-0.3	17 41	-0.3	
28 W O	11 23	7.0	23 39	6.8	05 52	-0.3	18 17	-0.3	
29 TH	11 55	7.1			06 25	-0.3	18 52	-0.4	
30 F	00 12	6.8	12 26	7.1	06 57	-0.3	19 26	-0.4	

Please accept our apologies for using the November 2011 Tide Table last month. The relevant section of November 2012 is shown above.

DECEMBER 2012					SILLOTH				
Date		DEPTH ON NEW DOCK GAUGE							
		High Water				Low Water			
		Morning		Afternoon		Morning		Afternoon	
	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	
1 SA	00 45	6.8	12 59	7.0	07 30	-0.3	19 59	-0.3	
2 SU	01 20	6.6	13 33	6.8	08 05	-0.3	20 36	-0.3	
3 M	01 56	6.5	14 09	6.6	08 42	-0.1	21 13	-0.1	
4 TU	02 34	6.3	14 47	6.4	09 20	0.1	21 53	-0.0	
5 W	03 17	6.0	15 33	6.1	10 02	0.2	22 39	0.2	
6 TH	04 09	5.7	16 30	5.8	10 52	0.5	23 33	0.3	
7 F	05 11	5.5	17 37	5.7	11 51	0.5			
8 SA	06 22	5.6	18 51	5.8	00 38	0.3	13 00	0.5	
9 SU	07 31	5.8	19 57	6.2	01 50	0.1	14 12	0.2	
10 M	08 35	6.4	20 58	6.6	02 59	-0.1	15 21	-0.0	
11 TU	09 30	6.8	21 54	7.1	04 01	-0.4	16 25	-0.4	
12 W	10 22	7.4	22 47	7.5	04 59	-0.7	17 24	-0.8	
13 TH	11 11	7.7	23 38	7.7	05 53	-0.9	18 20	-1.0	
14 F	11 59	7.9			06 46	-1.0	19 13	-1.2	
15 SA	00 27	7.7	12 47	8.1	07 35	-1.0	20 05	-1.3	
16 SU	01 17	7.6	13 37	7.9	08 23	-1.0	20 55	-1.2	
17 M	02 08	7.3	14 26	7.6	09 09	-0.8	21 40	-0.9	
18 TU	02 57	6.8	15 16	7.2	09 53	-0.5	22 26	-0.6	
19 W	03 47	6.4	16 09	6.7	10 40	-0.1	23 15	-0.3	
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brokerage activities until he passed away in 1927, leaving the business to his 27 year old son Arthur, who was joined by brother Stuart and they both ran the business for the next 40 years. On reaching retirement age, they sold their business to shipping firm James Fisher & Sons in 1968, retaining the trading name of John Stronach & Sons (Shipbrokers). The business was sold on again in 1975 to Annan businessman and Silloth Pilot David Gardiner, but a trading downfall and the difficult economic situation forced the venture to cease in 1981.

John Stronach & Sons was then bought by Carrs Milling Industries, who still

manage the company today but solely as a shipping agency, looking after vessels calling at the port of Silloth, catering for the requirements of the ship's master and acting on behalf of the ship's owner or manager in commercial and domestic matters that arise during the vessels stay.

Whilst the range of duties have decreased somewhat since the days of John Stronach, the business lives on, competently managed by a staff of two, fulfilling a vital role for commercial shipping and the cargo receivers at the port of Silloth.

This article was drawn from a research paper by Stephen Wright.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Report &
Photo by:
Owen Martin

Macmillan
Coffee Morning
On 28th
September a
coffee morning
was held at
Pennine View
Community
house.

There was
a fantastic
turn out with
about forty
people who all
enjoyed coffee
and biscuits
homemade cakes and a
raffle. We raised an amazing
£242.72. We would like to



say thank you to all those
who attended and all those
who helped and a special

thank you to Linda the
warden for kindly letting us
use the facilities.

Award for AONB Volunteers

The work of
the Solway Coast
Community
Volunteer Group
has been judged as
Joint Winner for the
Coastal Community
Action category of
awards by the
North West Coastal
Forum, North West
Awards for Coastal
Excellence. The
Award was presented
at the SUSTAIN
International
Conference and the
North West Regional
Coastal Conference
held at Southport on
September 18th.

The theme of the
Conference was 'Delivering
Sustainable Coasts'. The
SUSTAIN project working
with Sefton Council, the
North West Coastal forum
and ten European partners,
has outputs focussing on
sustainability issues across
Europe's coastlines.

Awards were also given
for a Coastal Champion and
Coastal Best Practice.

The award highlighted
the hard work of the



L-R: Professor Ann Worsley (North West Coastal Forum),
Cllr Michael Heaslip, Graeme Proud and Brian Irving

Group in supporting and
maintaining the Solway
Coast AONB and giving
their time, support and
commitment to help protect
this unique landscape

The award was collected
at the conference by Brian
Irving AONB Manager and
Graeme Proud Volunteer
Coordinator, who said that
he was delighted to receive
the award on behalf of the
volunteer group and that
the volunteers deserve this
accolade for the commitment

and work they do to protect
this special place, often in the
extremes of coastal weather
conditions.

Michael Heaslip the
Environment portfolio
holder for Allerdale
Borough Council was
also at the conference
and he also applauded the
massive contribution of the
volunteers for their work on
coastal landscapes owned by
the council.

Switch on Soldiers Museum

Silloth's newest
attraction, the Soldiers
in Silloth Toy Soldier
Experience will be open on
November 30th from 6pm
for the Christmas Lights
switch-on. Just one more
place for families to go and
add to the fun of the event.
The museum is normally
open Saturday and Sunday
only, outside the tourist
season, but as a community
project run by local
volunteers it seemed right to
be part of the town's festive
activities.

Soldiers in Silloth has
seen over a thousand visitors
through the doors during
the wet holiday season
including people from the
USA, Eastern Europe and
all over the British Isles. It
even features on a Russian



tourism website (as a mere
190 km from Liverpool!).
Comments in the visitors
book range from "Wow!" to
"Fairly mint" and the most
serious criticism seems to
have been "more dinosaurs
next time". Someone felt it
was a bit small but then most
of the exhibits are 2 inches
high. And there are over five
and a half thousand of them!

The organising
committee are always on the
lookout for more volunteers
to keep the building open
and direct visitors. Sessions
in winter are only two hours
on Saturday or Sunday,
11am to 1pm or 1pm to
3pm. Anyone who would
like to get involved can ring
Margaret Pickering on 33068
or Tim Barker 31246.

New Therapy Now in Silloth

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on body therapy. It was
developed in Australia by
Tom Bowen in the 1950's,
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of acute or chronic painful
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injuries. Bowen Technique
may also be useful for stress
relief, including headaches
and migraine, as well as
respiratory complaints, such
as Asthma, or for general
health maintenance and
wellbeing. Bowen Technique
treats the whole person, not
just the symptoms.

Bowen Technique is
suitable for people of all
ages, children or adults. It
can be given through light
clothing or directly on to the
skin, with the client sitting,



standing or lying down. The
Bowen Practitioner uses a
series of precise, rolling type
moves over muscles, tendons
and soft tissue, using fingers
and thumbs. These moves
are very gentle and do not
include any manipulation,
deep or prolonged pressure,
massage or use of oils. The
treatment includes a number
of short breaks, when the
client is left resting; this
allows the body to respond
to the gentle moves that
have been made. These
short breaks are an essential
feature of the Bowen

Technique and directly
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effect.
The Bowen Technique is now
available in Silloth.
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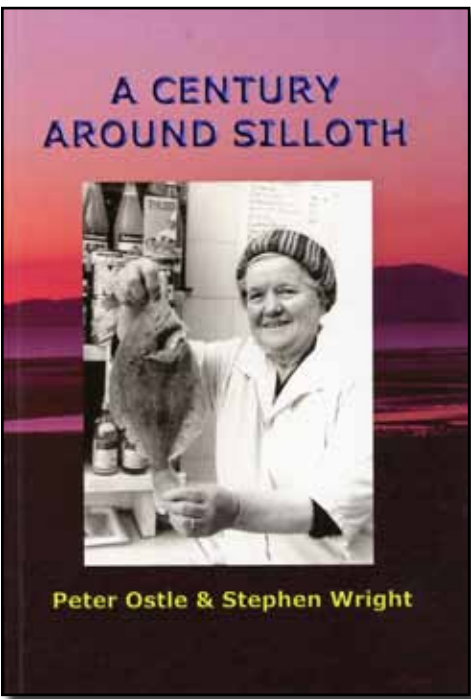
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This photo was taken in 1947 on Lawn Terrace. Do you know who the children are?



Big Garden Birdwatch

Join the Big Garden Birdwatch 26 - 27 January 2013
Do you like watching the birds in your garden? Then take part in the world's biggest wildlife survey – the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch.
This is the conservation charity's most important event of the year. It is when people across the country look out of their window and spend an hour of their weekend recording how many birds they see.
Last year, over half a million people counted more than nine million garden birds. The information from this survey helps the RSPB form a comprehensive picture of how well – or not so well – each species is doing.
Over the past three decades, participants have helped the RSPB discover

that populations of house sparrows and starlings have declined while the numbers of blue tits and goldfinches in gardens have increased.
Doing the Big Garden Birdwatch not only helps the RSPB track the ups and downs of garden birds, but gives you the perfect excuse to sit down with a cup of tea and enjoy the wildlife in your garden.
Taking part is very simple. Over the weekend of the 26-27 January, spend one hour counting the largest number of each bird species you see at a time in your garden. Then give your results through our website www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch or by post.
You can get loads more information about the Big Garden Birdwatch and a free pack by going on our website or calling the hotline 0300 456 8330.



Tractor Bee by Jamie Wise from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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Silloth Tennis Club

Report by: David Wise

Tennis Teams in Solway Buzz Sponsored Hoodies

The new winter tennis leagues for under 8 and under 9 players are up and running and Silloth Tennis Club's young players have extra reason to try to play as good as they look after the Solway Buzz provided a set of fantastic purple hoodies to enable them to look the part. The club would like to thank Peter and Carlisle Embroidery for this kind gesture and their continued support of the club.

Pictured at a recent training session are team members (top left clockwise) Yusuf Brooks, Josh Stoddart, Abigail Mossop and Milly Henderson.



Club All Set to be Awarded Clubmark Status

After a hard year of form filling and document filing Silloth Tennis Club will soon be presented with Clubmark status which is the Tennis (and sport in general) industry saying that the club is one with a good coaching and competition programme, has good support staff, has good practice in general and is a safe environment for people to play. The award, which will be presented on our presentation evening on 1st December is the result of the hard work of our committee members.

Spaces Left

Although we have many members coming to the winter coaching sessions there are currently spaces in each group and not forgetting the after school tennis and multi skills session for Reception, year 1 and year 2 in Silloth Primary School. Please contact David Wise on 07742 547767 for further details.

County Training Call

Up for Emily

Emily Wise is celebrating after being called up for county under 18 and county ladies training sessions. After representing Cumbria at all junior levels this is the first time she has been asked to the ladies training where they will be put through their paces and selected for the upcoming Ladies Winter County Cup in Prestwick in November.



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Silloth Tigers Sign New Sponsors



Match Report by:
Jimmy Lettice

Above: Silloth Tigers Rugby Team sporting the banners of their sponsors for the 2012-2013 Season with their new Peter Wise shirts
Below: Mark Orchard powering through the Penrith A defence

Silloth 3
Penrith A 3
Following three successive away wins in the Cumbria League, Silloth had high hopes of continuing their run when they played their first home game at the Jim Brough Rugby Park.

But they were thwarted by a hard-working Penrith A team

and after an even game had to settle for a 3-3 draw.

It was an even game with Penrith shading possession and territory but the Silloth defence was very impressive, tackling keenly and strongly throughout.

Penrith, new to the Cumbria League this season, started well into the wind but then lost impressive flanker Josh Dowson to a yellow card.

Despite this handicap the Penrith forwards remained the most effective unit with prop Craig Price, hooker Lee Chapman and number eight James Hogg leading the way.

Silloth's best moment of the first half saw them held-up just short of the line and didn't know whether to laugh or cry when a dog ran on the pitch and decided to try and eat the ball.

The home side did take the lead in the first-half when Ricky Sutcliffe put over a penalty and those were the



only points of a hard-fought 40 minutes.

The second half was dominated by Penrith and they could have had a few kickable penalties but instead decided to run them and it took some strong tackling by Silloth to keep them at bay.

Jonathan Burnyeat was well to the fore for Silloth, tackling keenly throughout and their best moment in the second half was when good forward work ended up with the ball being dropped just short of the line.

Twenty minutes into the second-half Penrith drew level with a penalty from fly-half James Sanderson but soon afterwards the game was held-up after a serious injury to the impressive Dowson. An ambulance had to be called and Dowson attended to before the game could resume after a 20 minute delay.

Penrith had been winning good line-out ball

through Tom Hodges and when he was another injury victim ten minutes from the end some crucial line-outs were lost.

The visitors were pressing at the end, receiving several penalties and Silloth picking up a yellow card, but the nearest they came to scoring was five minutes from the end when prop Craig Tyson was driven into touch inches short.

Penrith also had a last minute penalty but it was too far out to attempt and the kick to touch came to nothing as they lost the line out.

That was the first drawn game in the Cumbria League this season and means Silloth are fourth in the table, one place and four points better off than Penrith A.

Robbie Dee 10k Challenge



Report by: Rachel Fleming

On 14th November, the children of Holm Cultram Abbey Primary

enjoyed helping Robbie Dee complete his 10K challenge by participating in the final 1K challenge walking round

the playground with him 10 times! Robbie then joined us in the school hall for a delicious lunch.



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