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by Freddie Parslow from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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Emma Jones Sings at Silloth Carnival



The Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist has signed up to sing at Silloth Carnival on Bank Holiday Monday 31st August.

She will be joining a host of other entertainers

on Silloth Green including the Above and Beyond aerial acrobatic team, Angie Mack International Hula Hooper and many other entertainments from 11am to 4pm.

2015 Events

25th July
Abbeytown Carnival

26th July
Theatre on the Green

9th August
Fairy Day on the Green

23rd August
Silloth Half Marathon

28th to 30th August
Solfest

31st August
Silloth Carnival

10th to 13th Sept
Music & Beer Festival

24th October
Bonfire Night

Vintage Rally Success



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FREE for All (Tickets Required 016973 31816)
on Silloth Green at 3pm on 26th July. bring a picnic and relax

**See SCTC Prom Photos on
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Tim Helping Children Shine



Talented local artist Tim Stead has been commissioned by the U CAN SHINE 'Inspiring children for life' campaign. 'Transforming attitudes, raising aspirations... changing lives'

Tim is now working closely alongside them to bring and create art workshops within the class room with the children and also interpreting their own literacy and poems to life with his illustration work. So far it's been a massive success.

The children have really enjoyed working with Tim as they create and develop ideas.

U Can Shine is an award winning personal development programme that delivers performance and motivational coaching programmes to primary school children aged 7-11 years. Since 2006, and with remarkable success, U Can Shine have inspired over 30,000 children, to boost their self-confidence, improve attitudes to

learning, raised attainment, improved achievement and the raising of aspirations across school communities in the UK.

The U Can Shine Awards were hosted by CFM Radio's Robbie Dee and will feature performances by children from St Margaret Mary's, Petteril Bank Community, Upperby and Norman Street primary schools as well as X Factor Finalists Rough Copy.

Find out more about Tim's work at www.steadillustration.com.

Pensioners Coffee Morning

Report by: Pat Bell

Our supporters were out in force once again on Saturday 4th June when a lively Coffee Morning was enjoyed by all, despite the chilly weather for June. Where is our summer?

Vice Chairperson Linda was in charge as Maureen was cruising in the Mediterranean, bet it was warmer than here.

Raffle Prize Winners were:-

1. Patricia Harding
2. Beatrice Henderson
3. Linda Grierson
4. Mary Murphy
5. May Hope

Tickets for the Trip to Chester on Wednesday 1st July were on sale. There are still a few tickets remaining

Prices: Silloth & District Pensioners £10,

Non pensioners and Visitors £12, contact Maureen Irving if you want to go.

The next event in the Recreation Hall will be the Strawberry Tea on Saturday 4th July at 2pm. Eve will also be there with her Goldmark Collection of Clothes; so come along and get your Summer rig-out. With luck the summer should have arrived by then.



Wrestle Bee by Joshua Williamson from Holm Cultram Abbey School

Beer Festival News and Prizes

This years Music & Beer Festival is drawing ever closer, the earlybird tickets sold out in record time.

Don't worry, tickets are still available from Winters Newsagents, Ticketweb and the Carnegie Theatre on 01900 602122.

With the kids in mind, on the Sunday the pop-up Kids Zone will be back bigger and better. There will be a pop-up photo booth for the under 16's only. This is the latest addition. Everything is free for the under 14's.

For visitors to the area there are some great deals at Stanwix Park (016973 32666) and the Solway Holiday Village (016973 31236), you need to contact them direct for their offers.

There are some great local bands making their debuts this year, including highly rated west Cumbria band HEART BREAK REMEDY, from Carlisle there are SUPERFLY, and THE FICTION, also a welcome return for HIGHLY STRUNG.

COMPETITION

There will be Two Prizes of a Pair of Tickets for the Saturday Night

This is your chance to see the wonderful Bruce Foxton with his band FROM THE JAM headlining. Bruce played with and on all THE JAMS hits.

Question: can you answer how many number 1 hits The Jam had in the British charts.

Send your answers to: info@sillothbeerfestival.co.uk. The winners will be drawn on the 30th July.

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Friday 11th September 7pm - Midnight

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For accommodation enquiries contact

Please note that as this is a Beer Festival admittance after 7pm is strictly limited to over 18's.

Proof of age may be requested.

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Silloth Green Day



Report by: Jennifer Bailey

The weather held, the crowds came, the Green was alive with stalls, craft demonstrations, birds of prey and a very successful dog show.

Live entertainment at the stage included: Lisa G, Anth E, The Donz, Nixon's School of Dance, Moky, Frankie B and Dee Licious.

The whole town was in a celebratory mood and lots and lots of work was put in by lots and lots of folk, preparing to put on a really good show for anyone who was looking for an entertaining day out.

The organisers deserve a large pat on their collective backs. Evening came and there

was all the clearing to do, marquees were left on the green to be dismantled next day. During the night, some mindless numbskulls decided that their level of intelligence told them it would be a really, really good idea to damage some of the marquees, maybe because it's all they're capable of, so they did. What sad cases.



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Clock has no Tick Tock



We have been assured by the clock repair company that the Christ Church clock will be operating by 25th June.

The problem was not the new digital mechanism which was fitted last year. It was the old linkage from the new power to the clock face on the outside of the church.

We will know the correct time very soon.

Free Show for All

Theatre On The Green
Silloth on Solway
on
Sunday 26 July at 3pm
Tickets Required
Tel: 016973 31816

'The Tempest' is to be performed this summer by the Rain or Shine Theatre Company

Professional theatre company Rain or Shine, hailed by 'The Stage' as "one of the best companies touring open air theatre" are set to delight family audiences once again this summer with their production of The Bard's magical and mysterious masterpiece.



Shakespeare's The Tempest is a tale that encompasses comic capers, romantic encounters, villainous plots and a host of apparitions and spirits, where a fantastic web of intrigue is woven.

Washed up on an unknown isle after a tempestuous storm at sea, survivors of a shipwreck are amazed to find themselves alive, without injury and wearing clothes that are dry and clean! For this is no ordinary isle. It is one ruled by a sorcerer who can control the elements, control minds and conjure up spirits at will. Welcome to Prospero's island, a place where much is not as it seems and long held secrets will be revealed...

Suitable for family audiences from 6 to 96 this is an ideal choice for an outdoor theatrical event, bringing classical theatre

Chris Rides 1,050 Miles for Charity



Keen cyclist Chris Ball who lives in Skinburness and is actively involved helping out at the Watchtree Nature Reserve has decided to do a sponsored ride to raise funds for Watchtree.

Most people would be content to ride 100 or even 200 miles as a challenge, however, Chris and three friends have decided to take on Lands End to John O'Groats, a gruelling 1,050 miles. What's more, they

intend to do it in just 18 days. Now - that is a challenge for three retired lads! They intend doing the ride this October.

To find out about the work done at Watchtree to support disabled cyclists visit the wheelers web site at www.watchtree.co.uk.

To donate in support of the Lands End to John O'Groats ride go to www.virginmoneygiving.com/chrisball1050

into the heart of the local community.

This is a 'free of charge' ticketed performance at The Green, Silloth on Solway on Sunday 26th July at 3pm. For tickets phone 016973 31816.

Audiences are invited to bring along low-backed seating or rugs, and a picnic

to maximise their enjoyment of the al fresco performance.

The theatre company travel across the UK from Alderney to Northumberland, and Wales to Norfolk, visiting some of the country's most picturesque castles, stately homes and gardens.



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Soldiers in Silloth adds Waterloo to Exhibitions



Above: Waterloo Battlefield, Below L: A British Square, Below R: Napoleon's Cuirassiers



As reported in the last issue of The Buzz, Soldiers in Silloth Toy Soldier Experience is celebrating the centenaries of the Battle of Agincourt 1415 and Waterloo 1815 this year. New figures have been brought in to the battlefield models and staff have prepared educational programmes to offer to schools as part of their history studies.

The Community World War One exhibition which features memorabilia loaned by local people is still in place and will remain open until the end of 2015. Entry to that is free so don't miss out on learning more about our neighbours and the place we live in.

During the holiday season we aim to be open from 1pm to 4pm Tuesday



Above: Sir John Codrington, Henry V's standard bearer

to Friday and from 10am to 4pm at weekends. Group visits can be arranged at other times and could include a guided tour of the (miniature!) Waterloo battlefield.

Our big problem at the moment is a shortage of volunteers so if anyone would like to help out receiving visitors and looking after the museum please

contact Tim Barker on 31246. We would welcome help if only for two or three hours every few weeks.

Soldiers in Silloth is at 1 Marine Terrace (next to Christ Church).

Entry to Toy Soldier Collection £2 adult, £1 4-16yrs, £5 Family (2 adults + 2 children).

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Silloth Town Council Report

Report by: Denise Pattinson

At the recent Silloth-on-Solway Town Council Annual town meeting, held in the Community Hall on May 26th 2015, it was decided that:

1. Regular updates of Town Council news would appear in the Solway Buzz

2. That the Council would look into possible ways of deterring visitors/local residents from parking on the green. Also when events are taking place in the centre of town that the possible overspill car parks, such as the hollow green area near the school, be highlighted.

3. Following the recent Craft Trail event, some of the volunteers felt that the event had been slightly overlooked and that in future all events should be publicised equally. STAG are always looking for volunteers to help with all events whether they can spare a few days or just a couple of hours, they are always welcome.

4. The footpath leading from West Silloth to the main town, as well as grassed area near the Community Hall, be tidied up in the next few weeks.

5. It was pointed out that the possible new Silloth Trade and Chamber of Commerce, would be open to all businesses in the area and its main aim would be to promote Silloth and the surrounding area.

The Silloth-on-Solway Town Council monthly meeting for June was held in the Community Hall. Items of interest were:

1. It may have to be necessary in the future, to look into employing an enforcement officer, as the levels of dog fouling are now excessive, they would have the power to approach owners and impose fines accordingly.

2. The Council are to contact Cumbria County Council to find out about reducing the speed limit in the main town from 30 to 20 mph, a full decision would be taken after relevant costs and opinions of the public were taken into consideration.

3. A public meeting will take place in West Silloth to discuss the future of the area which was formally the playing field, in the meantime the football club have kindly donated a set of goal posts for the area.

4. With the likelihood that the Tour of Britain Cycle Race will be coming through Silloth town centre, the Council are to write to Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council to say that they are willing to discuss any plans they have for the event and hope they can use the facilities within the town. They would also be willing to discuss any ideas local businesses, organisations etc may have.

5. The Community Asset Transfer has now taken place with all relevant documentations signed. The council would like to take this opportunity to thank Town Mayor, Tony Markley, and Town Clerk, Wendy Jameson, for all their work on this project which has resulted in the town taking control of its own future.

All residents of Silloth are welcome to attend the

monthly town council meetings which take place on the first Monday of every month in the Community Hall. If you have any issues which you wish to be raised please contact the Town Clerk, details available on the Silloth-on-Solway Town Council website.

The list of councillors are as follows:

Chairman/Mayor -

Cllr. A. J. Markley

Vice Chairman/Deputy

Mayor

Cllr. W. Jefferson

Council Members-

Cllr. I. Baty

Cllr. J. Cook

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Cllr. D. Pattinson

Cllr. G. Wilkinson

All contact details are available on the Town Council's website at www.silloth-on-solway-tc.gov.uk. The Town Clerk, Wendy Jameson, is the main point of contact for the Town Council and if there are issues that need to be addressed they should be directed to her.

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Le Tour Coming Soon



Le Tour on Wigton Bypass in 2013

The Tour of Britain cycle race is expected to come through Silloth on Tuesday, 8 September 2015 although the exact route to be taken has yet to be published. This is a great occasion for the town to come together

to stage an event with the objective of attracting lots of visitors.

Allerdale Borough Council and Silloth Town Council are working in partnership with representatives from

different community groups in Silloth in order to maximise this rare opportunity given to us.

As plans develop we will keep you informed through the pages of the Solway Buzz. Look out for it!

142 Bags of Large Clothes!



They are used to losing hundreds of pounds but now big-hearted slimmers in Silloth have turned their attention to raising them.

Members of the Silloth Slimming World group collected 142 bags of clothes they've successfully slimmed out of to raise money for Cancer Research UK as part of the national fundraising campaign, the 'Big Slimming World Clothes Throw'.

Denise, who runs the Silloth group, which meets

every Saturday at Silloth RUFC, at 9am and 11am encouraged members, their friends and families in Silloth to collect the clothes, shoes and accessories they no longer need to generate stock for Cancer Research UK shops across the country.

Denise says, "The Big Slimming World Clothes Throw event has been a fantastic success and I was overwhelmed by the amount of bags my members managed to collect for Cancer Research UK - they really are amazing! It was a fantastic atmosphere in group and it was so rewarding to raise such a phenomenal amount of stock for such an incredible cause. I'm still buzzing from all the donations we've had!

Because my members are so sure they'll never need their 'big' clothes again, when I told them about the Big Slimming World Clothes Throw they couldn't wait to bag them up and donate them to charity."

Members of the Silloth group have lost an amazing 2100 lbs/150 Stone between them since February this year simply by making small changes to the way they shop, cook and eat and by becoming more active.

Anyone who'd like to lose weight and join Slimming World is welcome at the Silloth group, which meets every Saturday at 9 am and 11 am at Silloth RUFC.

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The Peatbog Faeries

Cumbria's brightest and best music and arts festival, Solfest is back after a year's sabbatical with a new more compact and bijou approach. It's the same old Solfest experience refreshed and revitalised. Some of the biggest names in folk and traditional music will take to the stage at the new, revamped Solfest.

The Unthanks, Kathryn Tickell & The Side, The Sam Kelly Trio and Peatbog Faeries and The Lancashire Hotpots are just a tiny sample of the dazzling array of artists appearing at Solfest.

They will be joined by cult electronica ambient dance band Banco De Gaia. Also lined up are festival favourites and Solfest old hands including some of the best of the UK's punk, roots, ska and singer-songwriter scenes including The Baghdaddies, Pikey Beatz, The Skints, Bombskare, Young Rebel Set, Holy Moly And The Crackers, Emma And The Professor, Stark, The Talks, Bridie Jackson And The Arbour and of course many, many more.

Also Solfest's famed Love Shack and Electric Village will host the very best in dance, dub-step, trance, reggae, electronic and a whole range of experimental sounds with 8:58, DJ Templehead, RoomFull Of Mirrors, Radioactive Man (live), The Hobo (aka DJ TurtleWax), Age Of Glass, Werkha, Shocon, Silverclub, Gella, Projekt Dataline,

Gemma Furbank and many, many more.

As ever Solfest offers a dazzling array of entertainment across practically every musical genre. If you don't hear something that you like move along to another venue and try another taste of the Solfest experience.

Multi-award-winning and Mercury Music Prize nominees The Unthanks are among the most highly-regarded of all traditional acts. Their reputation reaches far beyond the folk genre. Kathryn Tickell is the foremost exponent of the Northumbrian pipes, a composer, performer and successful recording artist whose work is deeply rooted in the landscape and people of Northumbria. Singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Sam Kelly was runner up in Britain's Got Talent in 2012 but has gone on to make a name for himself in folk and roots music. He forged his links with the music through the Gaelic songs that his Irish grandfather taught him. Peatbog Faeries have built a reputation over two decades with their dazzling and hugely infectious fusion of Celtic traditional music and dance music bringing elements of jazz, hip hop and reggae to their musical table. The Lancashire Hotpots return to Solfest by popular demand with their wonderfully self-deprecating blend of folk rock comedy

that lovingly pokes fun at their own culture and the modern world.

The organisers of Solfest wanted to "return to our roots" with a more intimate event, but retaining the key features that has made it so popular.

Solfest marketing officer Tom Kay explains: "We made a conscious decision to distance our festival from more commercial events, moving away from big headline names in order to put our resources into giving people the best festival experience over a full weekend rather than just a couple of hours each evening. As always we aim to keep prices down, avoiding hidden extras like over the top booking fees, extra charges for vehicles and camping. We'll still allow you to bring your own booze and still charge sensible prices at our bars, which means that you get a fantastic weekend without breaking the bank. This year's Solfest will look and feel different, we've made some big decisions like, losing what was the main stage in favour of more venues offering an even wider range of music to tantalise your ears."

Solfest takes place at Tarns, near Aspatria, over the bank holiday weekend August 28-30.

Ticket prices range from £10 for children's tickets to £110 for a full adult weekend. For full details see our website

Tickets will be available to purchase right on our very own website www.solfest.org.uk.

For more information, go to the Solfest Facebook page www.facebook.com/Solfest or www.solfest.org.uk.

Guns with a History

Report by: Geoff Bland

These 15" (381mm) guns are to be seen at the Imperial War Museum in London.

Made by Vickers Armstrong at Newcastle, they were taken by rail to Silloth-on-Solway for testing.

The testing area was south of the 5th green on Silloth golf course and near to Battery House, now demolished.

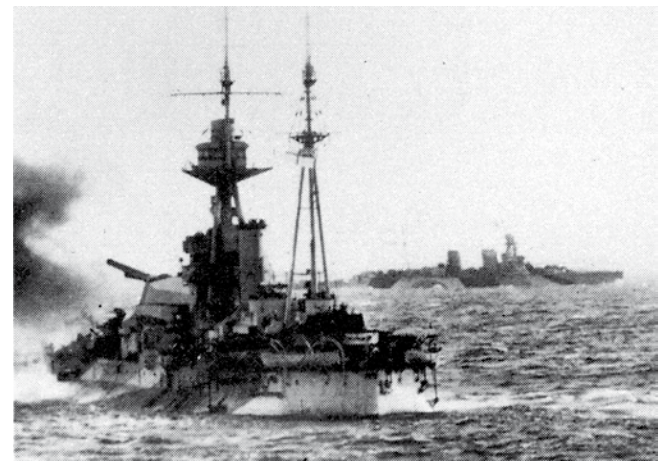
Occasionally, practice shells from this operation are exposed by the shifting sands on the beach down from Beckfoot.

Not used in WWI, they were fitted to HMS Roberts a monitor vessel for WWII. The monitors were flat bottomed to enable them to get closer to the shore for bombarding inland and the ship was in action following the D-Day landings.

The photo shows Russell Haynes and his son Alex. Russell's father was on the crew of HMS Roberts and having a game of golf recently they crossed the track where his fathers guns had gone to be tested many years before.



Russell Haynes and his son Alex



HMS Roberts bombarding beach defences

Thwaite U3A Group Fletchertown

Calling all retired or semi-retired folk in the Solway Plain, we need YOU.

A warm welcome and friendship awaits you when you come along and join the group at All Hallows Community Centre, Fletchertown, 2pm to 4pm on the third Tuesday of each month.

Join us on 21st July and enjoy a talk from John Mather, Chartered Civil Engineer, and hear about the life and achievements of local man Thomas Bouch, Civil Engineer and designer responsible for the Tay Bridge.

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Causewayhead WI

Report by: Pat Froggatt

At their monthly meeting on the 13th May, President Margaret Durham, welcomed Sarah Keaveney who gave us a cookery demonstration.

Sarah started by showing us how to make a few canapes. She used filo pastry for the base and topped them with tomatoes, basil, quark and a balsamic glaze to make the savoury ones. For the sweet ones she used raspberries, basil and quark.

All the time Sarah was demonstrating she was explaining what she

was doing and the various ingredients she was using and why. We were then given the opportunity to taste the canapes - they were delicious.

The whole evening was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A vote of thanks was given by the President.

After a short break the general business took place.

Competitions:

A Bon bon dish - 1st Pat Froggatt, 2nd Mona Kent.

Flower - 1st Mona Kent, 2nd Carol Knowles.

Raffle - Pat Froggatt, Marjorie Dockray, and Frances Jackson.

Silloth Scout Group

Report by: Angela Ellwood

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts made a visit to Silloth Lifeboat Station.

We were able to climb onto the lifeboat and listen to an informative talk about how the boat operates and the benefits of its design. We also enjoyed a presentation on the safety equipment the crew wear on a 'shout' The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts asked some really interesting questions which were handled marvellously by members of the crew.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Eddie and the Crew for giving up their Tuesday evening for us - it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for everyone. Who knows we may have some budding crew among the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts....

Silloth Beavers joined Wigton Beavers for a Beach Ramble. The Beavers started with a nature hunt within the dunes and finished the

session doing 'beach art'. There were some fantastic creations. Well done to all the Beavers and also to all our helpers especially Brian, Ashley and Gary.

Green Day saw us run our first fund raising event. We ran a 'tombola' along with 'Guess the Teddys Name'. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes and to everyone who entered. We can announce the Teddy was called 'George' and was won by a young man called Jacob. We raised an amazing £574, this was beyond our expectations, so thanks again to everyone who made this possible.

If you'd like to join Beavers, Cubs or Scouts please let us know. We expect to have space in each section in September. Contact us as soon as possible to be entered onto the waiting list. You can contact Tania Irwin, Jen Henderson, Andrew Stanley or Angela Ellwood.



Dragon Bee
by
Jasmin Irwin
from
Silloth Primary
School

Rainbows 21st Birthday Party!



Report & Photo by: Adele Wood

Silloth Rainbows turned 21 on the 18th of May 2015. To celebrate turning 21 the girls decided to have a Princess Party! They all dressed up and we had a variety of Elsa's and

Cinderella's! As a treat we had a little tea party followed by a princess cake and party games.

Munchkins 21st Birthday Party!

Report by: Becky Molyneux

Munchkins started in 1994 in the church hall at Holme St Cuthbert. It was started by local families to let there children play and mix with others.

Then four years ago we moved to Culterham Hall, Mawbray where we held our 21st birthday party it was great to see some of the first families and first nana there who came along to celebrate this massive achievement. We could not have done it without all the support and continuing support to keep it running.

A big thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun and provided food and to Helen Faulder for a wonderful cake.

We meet up every Thursday morning from 10am to 11:30am for just £2 per family including cuppas and snacks. This is the perfect place and time for the children to have fun and enjoyment while mixing with other children and improving their social skills.



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Silloth Vintage Rally 2015



After nine months of preparation, the sixteenth Silloth Vintage Rally took place over the weekend of 13th and 14th June.

We were extremely lucky with the weather, with Saturday being rather better than the slightly chilly start on Sunday morning. The sun did manage to show its face eventually and the rain stayed away.

This year a new committee was formed, alongside some of the original members. The new Chairman Tony Markley would like to thank the dedication given by this new committee. The committee must also thank the last Chairman Deb (Eric Davenport) and his dedicated committee for the excellent job they have done over the last 15 years, establishing this Vintage Rally as one of the best.

Everywhere you looked there were Vintage vehicles and machinery on display. 280 exhibitors took up residency on Silloth Green for the weekend, including Vintage steam engines, Stationary engines, Commercials, Buses, Military vehicles, Classic and Vintage cars, Motorbikes, Push Bikes and a varied arrangement of spectacular Vintage tractors and agricultural machinery.

This year we included displays of new vehicles, with tractors from C.T. Hayton

from Wigton, and the North West Tractor Pullers Club based in Kirkbride displaying their high powered machines, Lloyds from Carlisle displayed a range of new Volvo cars.

Judging this year was done by the exhibitors, with each exhibitor choosing their 1st 2nd and 3rd choices from within their own category. The results were collated and the Mayor of Allerdale, Cllr. Len Davies presented the winners with their rosettes. The Overall winner was chosen by the Mayor of Allerdale and a Shield was presented to the winner.

The Overall winner was an Albion Chieftain 7500cc 1957, owned by G Parkinson from Whitehaven.

Entertainment was provided by Greg Chapman who gave an enjoyable entertaining display of escapology, juggling, unicycling, storytelling and witty banter in the main arena. There were marvellous performances by the Belfagan Women's Morris Dancers from Cockermouth and Phil Saunders did various spots of busking around the Green. In the evening, entertainment was provided by Denis Westmorland who performed at the Rafa club.

The younger generation were well catered for with donkey rides, Fletcher's fairground rides, mobile Clip 'n' Climb wall, and a

bungee ride. Various stalls and auto jumble were also on site. Saturday was rounded off with a tractor and vehicle run venturing up to Skinburness, across the marsh, along Causewayhead and back into Silloth, with a shorter run out by the steam engines.

A number of charities benefited, with various stands being in attendance, included the RSPB, Gurkha Welfare Trust, Air Ambulance, etc.

Thanks go to Carr's Flour, Silloth for having a Museum Open Day on Saturday in support of the Vintage Rally, with all profits being split between the Silloth First Responders and the RNLI. This was a rare opportunity to investigate the rare 'Carel' steam engine with giant flywheel that once powered the giant flour mill.

A big thank you to our sponsors and programme advertisers and also the valuable grants and support received from Silloth-on-

Solway Town Council, Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Community Foundation, Silloth-on-Solway Charity Shop, Silloth Tourism Action Group & Lloyd of Carlisle. Thanks also to those who popped along to our tent and gave a donation or bought the programme. We can't charge for admission to the event, so any financial assistance we receive is appreciated.

Within the new committee, we have established an enthusiastic team who have worked really well together. A few changes were made this year and there will be more changes to come for future events. There was lots of positive feedback from members of the public and exhibitors attending this year's rally which is brilliant.

We look forward to seeing you all next year at the 2016 Vintage Rally, on Sat 11th & Sun 12th June 2016 on Silloth Green.

www.vintagerally.co.uk



Silloth & District Chamber of Trade

A new group has been launched to help boost trade and promote local businesses in Silloth and its inaugural meeting was attended by nearly 25% of the businesses in the town.

Business owners and members of the community have joined forces to launch a Chamber of Trade.

The objective is to use their experience and expertise to increase trading opportunities and pull more income and visitors into the town.

Don Graham is temporary Chair of the group. He said "One of the obvious roles of a Chamber of Trade is to improve the overall profitability; that has to be a core objective. It is also about promoting loyalty to local businesses."

Initially the idea to form such a group came from the Silloth Tourism Action Group with a view to getting the businesses engaged in working more in partnership with other businesses to increase the local economy.

Its main focus will be to give the businesses

community some representation, to give them a voice. There are a lot of changes going on and a recent Government initiative is the creation of coastal community teams. There is funding available for projects that could benefit a coastal town such as ours. However, as always, such funding is dependent on being able to demonstrate the involvement and support of all elements of the local community.

The Chamber of Trade wants to become a point of promotion for business in the town with its own website. One aim identified is to re-establish a manned tourist information centre.

Those who attended the meeting resolved to encourage other businesses in the town and surrounding district to become involved in the group.

Meetings will take place on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Centre at 7pm.

Further information can be obtained from Don Graham on 016973 31698 or dgraham1@btinternet.com.

Fairydust Bee
by
Taylor Hope
from
Silloth
Primary
School



Princess Bee
by
Tirrell Tuffley
from
Holme Cultram
Abbey
School



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Strawberry Teas

Saturday 11th July

and

Sunday 12th July

2.00pm - 5.00pm

at

Holme Cultram
Abbey,
Abbeytown

Raffle and Various Stalls
All Welcome

Craft Trail



Report by: Jennifer Bailey

A new idea for Silloth, initially suggested by Patchwork Heaven's Brenda Dowdell and implemented by S.T.A.G. and Anna Malina, the Silloth Craft Trail held it's first event on Saturday 16th May.

There were crafts in The Space, Christ Church, The Golf Hotel, The Fairydust Emporium, The Evangelical Church and The Methodist Church Hall.

My day with Silloth Sewing Circle in the

Methodist Church Hall began with a meeting with Isabel Scott of Knoxwood Wildlife Rescue Trust, who came to deliver an Elizabethan wedding dress made for her collection by the sewing circle members. This was to be part of the display along with other items made by the group. Also in the church hall was Barbara Rachell who was demonstrating the art of egg carving and who had a very varied and exquisite display of her work which generated

a lot of interest.

At the lunch break I went to visit as many of the other trail venues as I could before resuming duty at the hall and apologies to those I didn't manage to get around in the time allowed.

The Solway Woodcarvers were demonstrating in The Space, along with Fly-tying (John Dunn), Model Train Construction (Bob Hetherington) and Silloth Patchwork Heaven group, all with displays of their work and very busy with visitors.

Aerial View of Abbeytown



Another wonderful aerial view by James Smith (www.jamesmithphotography.com)



Molly Lomas and Liz Telford had an amazing display of their wide variety of sewing skills in Christ Church, including Embroidery, Goldwork, Stumpwork and Doll Making. Whilst there were displays in the Golf Hotel by Solway Plain Artists group and China Painting Group and Linda McCormick was representing the Silloth Craft Group, demonstrating her Knitting skills in the Fairydust Emporium surrounded by yummy stuff and which is where I plan to be next year!

Judith Beeby, Fay

Heilly and Averil Hodgson displayed and demonstrated the art of Beadwork and Feltwork and reported 52 visitors all showing considerable interest in the skills on show.

The crafts were on display from 10am to 4pm

and everyone who attended agreed that Silloth has a wealth of interests suitable for all ages and abilities, so anyone who'd like to try their hand at a new skill, will be very welcome at any of the groups. There's just so much to do in beautiful Silloth.



Silloth CARNIVAL

Monday 31st August 2015

Event times 11am-4pm - Carival Parade at 1pm
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Contact Numbers:
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Aspatia CC - 016973 22777
Wigton CC - 016973 49555

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Group meet on
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Silloth Tots & Toddlers meet in
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Dates for the Diary

June

28th Open Garden
afternoon in aid of RNLI at
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1pm to 4pm. Entry £5 includes
refreshments, children free

30th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

July

4th Strawberry Tea in the
Recreation Hall at 2pm with
Silloth & District Pensioners

4th Country & Western
Night in St Andrews Church Hall
with singing, games, and lots of
American food, tickets £6 from
SOSCS

5th Guided Shore Walks
meet at 8:45am, must be
booked, tel Ann 016973 21967

6th Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

8th Causewayhead WI
meeting in Methodist School
Hall at 7:15pm with talk by
June Gerrard about Belly
Dancing

10th Silloth Mens Choir
Summer Concert in Christ
Church Hall at 7pm, light
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welcome

11th Community BBQ and
Fun Day at Holm Cultram Abbey
School from 11am to 3pm.
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11th Strawberry Teas at
Holme Cultram Abbey 2 to 5pm

12th Strawberry Teas at
Holme Cultram Abbey 2 to 5pm

13th Guided Shore Walks
meet at 4:30pm, must be
booked, tel Ann 016973 21967

14th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

18th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

18th Silloth Golf Club
Barbeque at 7pm, live
entertainment with Carlos,
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25th Abbeytown Carnival

26th Theatre on the Green
presents Shakespeare’s THE
TEMPEST at 3pm by ‘The Rain
or Shine Theatre Company’

28th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

31st Allonby Art Exhibition
ArtEX in Allonby Village hall
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August

1st Allonby Art Exhibition
ArtEX in Allonby Village hall
10am to 8pm, admission £1

2nd Allonby Art Exhibition
ArtEX in Allonby Village hall
10am to 8pm, admission £1

3rd Allonby Art Exhibition
ArtEX in Allonby Village hall
10am to 4pm, admission £1

8th Charity Night in
aid of Children’s Heart Unit
Newcastle in Silloth Bowling
Club at 8pm, tickets £5 from
Winters Newsagents

9th Fairy Day Goes to the
Seaside on Silloth Green
from 11am to 4pm

11th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

11th Holme Low Parish
Council Meeting at 7:30pm in
Community Hall, Silloth

15th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

15th Coffee Morning in
Our Lady of the assumption
Catholic Church, Solway Street,
Silloth in the Church Hall 10am
to 11:30am

23rd Silloth Half Marathon
+ 10k races

25th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

31st Guided Shore Walks
meet at 7:45am, must be
booked, tel Ann 016973 21967

28th Solfest

29th Solfest

30th Solfest

31st Silloth Carnival
featuring Emma Jones Britains
Got Talent Semi-Finalist

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September

5th Coffee Morning in the
Recreation Hall at 10am with
Silloth & District Pensioners

6th Silloth Community
Craft Show in Christ Church
Hall from noon to 4pm

7th Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

8th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

8th Tour of Britain comes
through Silloth, come and see
it

9th Causewayhead WI
meeting in Methodist School
Hall at 7:15pm with talk by
Pauline Mole about Poems and
Rhymes

10th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival

11th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival

12th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival with The Jam

13th Silloth Music & Beer
Festival

15th Blencogo & District
Village Hall Produce Show

19th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

22nd Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

25th Ukulele Band in the
Abbey, everyone welcome

October

3rd Coffee Morning in the
Recreation Hall at 10am with
Silloth & District Pensioners

5th Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

6th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

10th Cumbrian Dialect
Competition in the Golf Hotel

14th Causewayhead WI
meeting in Methodist School
Hall at 7:15pm with talk by
Paul Heslop about The Jacobite
Rebellions of 1715, 1745 and
Bonnie Prince Charlie

17th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

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October cont’d

18th Kathhleen Ferrier
Whattalife performed by Lucy
Stevens in Culterham Hall,
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20th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

24th Bonfire Night on
Silloth Airfield

November

2nd Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

3rd Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

7th Coffee Morning in the
Recreation Hall at 10am with
Silloth & District Pensioners

12th Causewayhead WI
meeting in Methodist School
Hall at 2pm with talk by Mona
Kent about Ideas for Christmas

14th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

17th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973 51603

28th Christmas Party with
Silloth & District Pensioners,
time and venue to be confirmed

December

1st Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973
51603

7th Silloth Town Council
meet, 7pm in Community Hall

12th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

12th Causewayhead WI
meeting in Methodist School
Hall at 2pm for AGM

15th Solway Tea Dance
in Westnewton Village Hall
1:45-3:45pm, Tel: 016973
51603

January 2016

14th Causewayhead WI
meeting in Methodist School
Hall at 2pm for members
afternoon

16th Crunch Service in
Skinburness Road Car Park
from 8am to 9:45am

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‘Our Doors Open’ meets in St
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lunch with good fellowship for a
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Buzzing Letters

Dear Buzz,

Silloth Social Club
On behalf of several of the former members of our beloved club. It is felt a vote of thanks should be given to the past President, Secretary/Treasurer, Rob Lauder and Will Robinson for the work undertaken following the closure of the club. There have been many legal formalities to go through plus dealing with utilities companies, arranging the disconnection of services and finalising the accounts. It was a big shame when the club had to close due to lack of patronage by not only the residents of Silloth but the many holiday makers who used to frequent our beloved watering hole. The past Steward Mick Humphries tried his best to rally support but to no avail.

Yet another case of use it or lose it, lets hope we don't lose any more watering holes in the town.

Graham Wilkinson

Dear Buzz,

Firstly, a thank you to you and your team for the Solway Buzz, over the last 12 months we have received just under 400 calls from the Solway Buzz advertisement alone. We are able to track these calls via the trackable number that is advertised in the paper. This has proven more successful than a similarly priced one off advertisement in the Times & Star.

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Whitehaven



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from Holm Cultram Abbey School



Hairdresser Bee
by Lexi Hagan
from Silloth Primary School

Poems

A Great Big Thank You
by Joan Bennett

*I did it, I made it, I walked the three miles,
Reaching the finish line I'm greeted by smiles,
More than three hundred pounds I've managed to raise,
Thanks to your generosity, you all deserve praise.*

*I was joined by others, friends and colleagues took part,
Some of them walked and some rode in a cart,
We had a nice time, it was quite a nice day,
The event had been organised by the charity Age UK.*

*So to all you generous people that sponsored me,
I say a big thank you and I'd like you to see,
That although at my age I find it too hard to run,
Walking for charity was really good fun.*

Just Imagine...
by Mrs Jennifer Bailey

*If the worst that could happen couldn't get any worse
And they carted me off in a shiny black hearse,
With my bits parts and pieces all cut off or peeled
And placed in containers hermetically sealed,
Awaiting the moment of transplant to come,
And all that they needed for you was - A THUMB!*

*But confusion and tragedy fatefully struck
When the surgeon, who's famed for such ops, said "No
luck!"
We've got hearts, lungs and livers stacked up on the
floor,
Kidneys and corneal grafts by the score,
But the digit you need to say, pick up a cup,
Has been left on the bod, so thumbs OFF, not
THUMBS UP!*



Princess Bee
by Libby Hagan
from Silloth Primary School

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Bailey's Women's prize for fiction

The Baileys Women's Prize is one of the most prestigious literary awards in the world, celebrating excellence, originality and accessibility in women's writing throughout the world.

2015 Shortlist titles are:

Rachel Cusk – Outline
Laline Paull – The Bees
Kamila Shamsie – A God in Every Stone
Ali Smith – How to be Both
Anne Tyler – A Spool of Blue Thread
Sarah Waters – The Paying Guests

The Bees
by Laline Paull

Born into the lowest class of her society, Flora 717 is a sanitation bee, only fit to clean her orchard hive. Living to accept, obey and serve, she is prepared to sacrifice everything for her beloved holy mother, the Queen.

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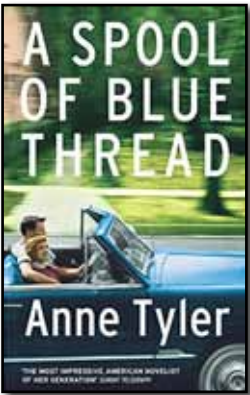
Enemies roam everywhere, from the fearsome fertility



police to the high priestesses who jealously guard the Hive Mind. But Flora cannot help but break the most sacred law of all, and her instinct to serve is overshadowed by a desire, as overwhelming as it is forbidden...

A Spool of Blue Thread
by Anne Tyler

It was a beautiful, breezy, yellow-and-green afternoon... This is the way Abby Whitshank always begins the story of how she and Red fell in love that day in July 1959. The whole family sits on the porch, relaxed, half-listening as their mother tells the same tale they have heard so many times before. And yet this gathering is different. Abby and Red are getting older, and decisions must be made about how best to look after them and their beloved family home. They've all come - even Denny, who can usually be relied on only to please himself. From that porch the story



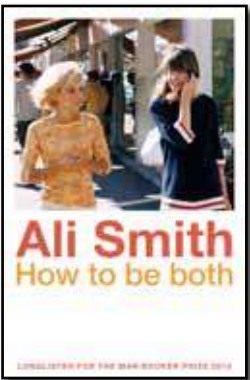
spools back through three generations of the Whitshanks, and their secrets and unguarded moments that have come to define who and what they are...

And - the winner is

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by Ali Smith

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fictional gets real - and all life's givens get given a second chance.

2015 Petrona Award for the Best Scandinavian Crime Novel of the Year....

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Masthead Winner

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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. Pick up a form from Silloth Tourist Information and return it there or send it to us, our address on page 10.

This month the winner is Freddie Parslow from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee drawing called "Mr Lazy Grumpy Bee and Mrs Giant Bee".

Well done!



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In port.

**The Rise and Fall of
Silloth Pier**

Parliamentary approval to
build a railway to Silloth Bay
and there to construct a dock
and a pier, or jetty, extending
into the Bay on the south side
of the said dock entrance,
was given in 'The Silloth
Dock Act', dated 16th July
1855. The Act stated that all
construction work had to be
completed within seven years
of the passing of the 'Act'. In
fact, this was achieved well
within the allocated time,
taking just four years and one
month!

Work on constructing the
new 11 mile branch railway
began almost immediately,
starting from Drumburgh on
the Carlisle to Port Carlisle
line on 31st August 1855,
crossing two rivers (Wampool
and Waver) and reaching the
coast at Silloth Bay on 28th
August 1856.

The completed railway
brought heavy machinery
and materials to the coast,
allowing construction work
to begin on the pier and the
dock.

Without delay, work
then commenced on building
the 20 feet wide, open pile,
timber pier, which when
completed, would reach
out 1,000 feet into the fast
flowing waters of Silloth
Bay. The large, heavy piles
supporting the timber decked
pier were made of pitch pine,
a slow growing timber native



Silloth Pier



Pier Head Lighthouse



Sightseeing and Fishing

to North America, favoured
at that time for shipbuilding,
mine working and railway
sleepers, because of its high
resin content, which greatly
slowed the decaying process.

The pier was sufficiently
complete by May 1857, to
allow ships to berth alongside
to transfer passengers and
cargo. It was fully completed
in August 1857, for a total
cost of £24,027. A railway
side-line extended along the
pier to facilitate movement
of cargo and an attractive
pagoda-shaped lighthouse
was established at the pier
head. The dock itself, would
not be completed and ready
to accept ships for a further
two years.

For the next 50 years or
so the pier stood firm, despite
the occasional damage from
wayward and unwieldy ships,
attempting to enter the dock.

But from around 1909,
photographs suggest that
the outer 100 feet was
beginning to subside. This
became more evident in the
1920's and was probably due
to the deep water channel
moving gradually towards
the shore, loosening the pile
foundations. Access to the
subsiding area was prohibited
and a new light beacon was
established at the outer end
of the safe structure.

The outer 100 feet of the
pier was accidentally burnt
down around 1942. It was
suggested that an overturned

oil lamp
in a hut



Silloth Dock, Town & Pier in 1860



Silloth Docks & Pier in 1901



Silloth Pier 1959



Silloth Pier damaged by shipping



Silloth Pier in the 1960's

used by RAF air-sea rescue
crews caused the fire,
although no evidence has
been uncovered to support
this claim. A further 80 feet
collapsed sometime shortly
afterwards, leaving a pier of
approximately 820 feet in
length.

A catastrophic failure
occurred on the evening
of 26th and during 27th
March 1959, when a central
140ft long section of the
pier collapsed and tilted
northwards. By 29th March,
this section had collapsed
completely into the sea and
drifted with the ebb tide,
south for about 5 miles. On
the following flood tide it was

carried north, past Silloth,
almost to Annan Waterfoot.
A maritime navigational
warning was broadcasted,
warning of this mobile hazard
to shipping in the area. Once
again, this destruction is
thought to have been caused
by the moving deep-water
channel.

This sudden structural
failure in March 1959, was
the first of several other
major collapses through to
the end of July that year,
which resulted in the pier
being shortened to just 300ft.
By 1968 it had been reduced
by more minor collapses, to
approximately 180ft long.

By 1971, the remaining
pier decking was removed
and it was in 1973, that the
last sad remains of the once
magnificent Silloth Pier were
demolished. It had been a
structure which afforded
sightseers a fantastic view
from seaward, of the town
and harbour of Silloth, along
with wide panoramic views
of the Solway Firth and the
surrounding countryside.



Silloth Pier 1959

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This exciting new project has been funded by a grant from the Big Lottery Fund, and we are thrilled that their generosity will enable us to reach out and help even more people.



Cumbrian Fisheries Initiative

It seems that most people who either live in or visit Cumbria are not able to recognise when they are eating Cumbrian caught fish. The vast majority the fish caught and landed along the coast of Cumbria leaves for foreign markets, or is transported out of the county to be processed before some is sold back into Cumbria. As a result the local fishing story is lost before it reaches our plate.

Now, thanks to a project funded by The North and West Cumbrian Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG), consumers throughout Cumbria and the Lake District will be able to choose locally caught seafood wherever they see the 'Cumbrian Fisheries' seafood brand displayed.

Paul Crooks, Programme Manager at North & West Cumbria FLAG said; "As the Lake District hosts the densest proportion of top rated restaurants in the UK, the 'Cumbrian Fisheries' brand provides a much needed opportunity for customers to support our local fishermen by choosing sustainable locally caught fresh fish and seafood."

Local fishermen John McAvoy, Fishmonger and Wholesaler, John Heron from Fyne Fish, and James Briggs from The Trout Hotel, all met at Maryport Harbour and signed to become official Cumbrian Fisheries Brand Champions.

Local fishermen, John McAvoy has been fishing Cumbria's coastal waters for over 50 years.

"Local fishermen care passionately about the coastal environment. For us, fishing is not just a job; it is



a way of life that has shaped our families and our local communities.

"Being able to sell using the 'Cumbrian Fisheries' brand provides local fishermen with the opportunity to put more locally caught fish on local dinner plates.

"We are delighted to be working with fishmongers, wholesalers, hotels and restaurants who are supporting us by becoming 'Cumbrian Fisheries Brand Champions'.

"By working with Brand Champions in the supply chain, buyers and consumers can have confidence that the fish they are buying and eating has been locally caught and can be traced back to local fishermen."

Award winning local Fishmonger, John Heron from Fyne Fish said; "We are delighted to be able to clearly promote and sell locally caught, fresh fish to our customers.

"Local hotels and restaurants can now buy locally caught fish through us before it leaves Cumbria. That means their customers can enjoy the freshest local fish too."

James Briggs, Assistant Manager at The Trout Hotel in Cockermouth said; "Fish is becoming increasingly popular with our diners. Being able to clearly promote locally caught fish on our restaurant specials board is an attractive option."

The brand provides a huge boost to the local fishing fleet which is made up of smaller vessels and not big industrial trawlers. It also enhances the price paid to the fishermen for their high-quality product.

The great news is that



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All Change at Silloth Tigers



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Silloth Tigers celebrating winning the Cumbria Cup at Cockermouth

Cumbria League and Cup double winners Silloth Tigers have announced a change in coaching staff in preparation for the 2015/16 season.

The Tigers won promotion to the North Lancs Cumbria league under head coach Mark Orchard who has now taken on the role of Director of Rugby at the club.

A new coaching team, made up of Rodney Morton, Phillip Scott, Darren Irwin and Jamie Baxter will now work under the guidance of Orchard.

Orchard is also working closely with his former coach at Netherhall, Carl Phillips, whose knowledge will be passed on in an advisory role to help setup specialist coaching sessions in preparations for the Tigers' season-opening game away to Ashton-under-Lyme.

"There's a lot going on behind the scenes at the moment and we're doing

what we think is best to move the club forward," Orchard said. "There is a limited number of experienced coaches in the county, so we're doing the same as a lot of other clubs have done and working with our own experienced

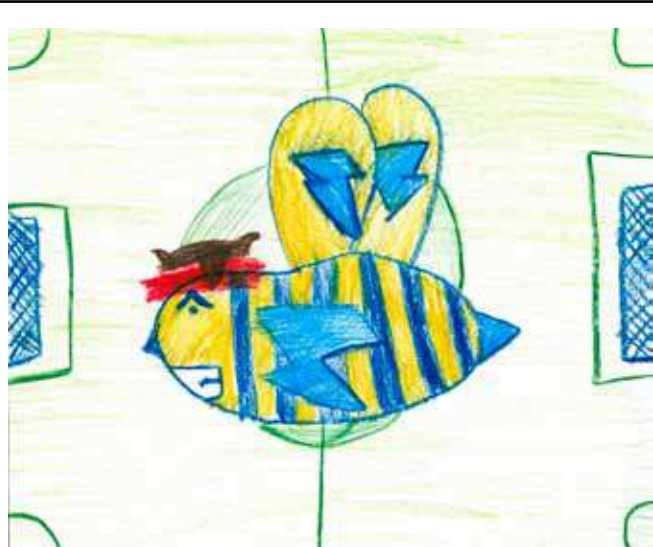
players to form a coaching team. Wigton are doing a similar thing this season, as did Aspatria with Mike Scott and Workington with Dan Bowman in previous years. Irwin and Morton are very experienced and will be working with forwards

and backs respectively while Scott and Baxter have a great understanding of the modern game and will take the lead on match days. We have also called on the services of ex-Silloth player Carl Phillips who, I believe, is the best technical coach this county has. He will be advising and working on specialist coaching sessions in pre-season. Recruitment has also started and we have added two new players to our squad with more to come, all players old and new are always welcome"



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