

## Silloth Playgroup



Silloth Playgroup held their Christmas party on the last day of term where Santa came to visit. A sponsored Christmas collect by the children raised £270. Thanks to all who supported us, Mary Hillhouse, Playgroup Leader.

## Silloth W.I.

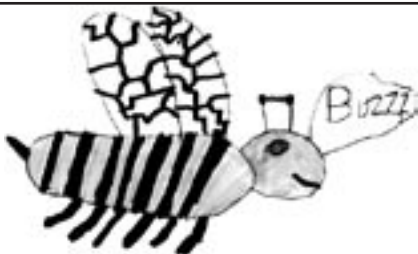
The president, Mrs Margaret Durham, opened the February meeting by welcoming a new member Mrs Brenda Evans. The new Secretary Mrs Carol Haines read the minutes of the last meeting.

The president read from the County News. The Annual County Meeting will be held at Greenhills on Saturday 12th April, the speaker will be Mr. James White. It is proposed the summer outing will be to Alnwick Castle in June and a visit to Hayes Garden Centre later in the year. The Treasurer Minnie Richardson collected the yearly subscriptions. The speaker for the evening was unfortunately unable to reach Silloth as he was snowed in, his talk was to be Yesterday's Shopping. Instead we had the pleasure of Jean Darling reading her own story and a poem, this was entitled 'Fifty Years On', Jean wrote her story in the Queens Jubilee Year hence the title. It was a look back at how we coped then and now, Jean came second in the competition in the County, it was very interesting and enjoyable.

The competition was for an old bill or letterhead or tin, there were many beautiful tins, only one bill dated 1907 which was from – Drug Merchants and Packers of Chemist Specialities in Bradford.

The reply was for a request for a recipe for Herb Beer some of the ingredients were as follows: 1oz Hops, Horehound (cut) this is a herb with bitter aromatic juice, Elecampane root, Liquorice root (cut) brewer's balm, nine gallons of water and so on, it ends with, "brew according to knowledge". One can only guess at the taste and would it do you any good? Many thanks Jean for showing us this interesting bill.

The Competition results were 1st M. Connor, 2nd M. Durham, 3rd B. Evans.



Buzzer – Buzzer  
by  
Callum Beattie  
aged 9  
from  
Silloth Primary School

## Causewayhead W.I.

President Pat Bell welcomed visitors Mrs Ruth Byrom and her mum Mrs Doris Fell. A wide variety of the group's activities were discussed including the success of the darts team in getting through to the next round of the cup.

Members continue to be involved in the community volunteering to help with the upkeep of gardens outside the Heritage Centre in Silloth. More information was requested on the hazards caused by chemicals used around the world, a subject raised at the Earth Summit. Many members also agreed to fill in a questionnaire for a national survey on osteoporosis.

Mr Des Oliver then spoke of the work of the Mountain Rescue Association. As a member of the Keswick team for many years he has first hand experience of their development from people becoming involved by chance in helping climbers in difficulty, to organised groups with very basic equipment, to the modern service with purpose built premises and specialist equipment and clothing. Their importance had very recently been demonstrated when two women had been lost in thick fog on the fells.

His slides of photographs of early groups in trilbys, raincoats

and hobnail boots were amusing and one of an aircraft which crashed at Latrigg in 1938 included himself as a young boy. The number of incidents has grown tremendously from 10 incidents a year between 1900 and 1930 to 300 incidents last year in the Lake District alone. Keswick itself was the first team to become an organised committee and the first to have it's own purpose built premises.

Today Border collies are used for search and rescue missions and helicopters can be called upon to carry casualties to hospital. Mobile phones have meant that people can summon help easily where as before many miles were covered to call for help. Mr Oliver stressed that all the advanced equipment was possible because of very generous donations from the public. In her vote of thanks Jean Graham said that everyone was thankful to know that such skilled help was available when they were out in the hills.

The competition for a landscape photograph was won by Pat Bell with Jean Vorley second and the flower competition was won by Dorothy Wallis. Drawing prizes went to Marjorie Dockery and Margaret Wise and the grocery parcels to Margaret Wise and Jean Wilson.

## Morris Dancing

After a successful first six months, the Morris Dancing practice continues at Waverton Village Hall and is being held every Wednesday up to the end of April. Beginners and experienced, dancers and musicians, men

and women of all ages, are welcome to join. Full instruction will be given to beginners.

This is a good opportunity to be part of a living English tradition, meet new people, and keep fit ! So if you like music and dance and want to be involved why not come along!

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