

## Causewayhead WI

President Pat Bell welcomed members and visitors from Welton WI and Holme St Cuthberts WI to a packed St Andrews Church Hall for a culinary evening with Chef John Crouch at the March meeting.

John put on his embroidered cap, threw a vivid sequined sari over the table and unpacked his boxes of spices and cooking pots and immediately introduced us to the sights and smells of India. John frequently visits India with his wife where they stay with her parents. The spice boxes were hand painted by local artists in India, though one artist when putting John's name on one of the boxes left the 'O' out of Crouch! We admired the ethnic jewellery and exquisite little shell scent bottle and box that he passed around for us to see. John then heated up his cooking pots and the hall filled with the scent of cardamon, cloves and cassia bark, some of the ingredients of the coconut pullao. He then cooked a Balti dish, incorporating salmon and a cabbage and coconut Kusuman stir fry.

Everyone had the opportunity to taste the dishes and collect recipes so that Silloth will soon fill with the smell of John's Indian dishes.

Margaret Peach thanked John for an enjoyable evening.

A buffet was enjoyed by all followed by judging of the competitions. Carol Haines won the flower competition with her Hellebore and Molly Lomas came second with a multi flower amaryllis. Frances Jackson won the competition for an old cookery book with an 1891 book of Indian Cookery. Pat Bell was second. Raffle prizes were won by Cathie Baty, Gladys Tyson, Margery Dockray and Mrs Bond. The grocery parcels were taken home by Carol Haines and Yvonne Annall.

The visiting WI's thanked Causewayhead for inviting them to John Crouch's demonstration.

Names were taken for Thursby WI birthday party and for a trip to Ripley Castle with Kirkbride WI.

Our own birthday party on May 11th will be a visit to the Gincase where we will have a buffet supper.

Margaret Durham is to be our representative for the Spring Council Meeting at the Shepherds Inn. Pat read excerpts from the County News and then congratulated Darts Team B on winning the first round when they played at Kirkbride Bowling and Tennis Club.





Buzza Bee  
by  
Joshua Davison  
aged 6  
from  
Silloth  
Primary  
School

## Abbeytown Carnival

A disco was held on Saturday 22nd January 2005 to choose the Abbeytown Carnival Royalty for this years carnival which is being held on Saturday 30th July 2005.

This years Royalty will be:

-  Carnival Queen - Bethan Kendall
-  Carnival King - Nicki Graham
-  Carnival Herald - Lewis Lightfoot
-  Attendants (Girls) - Jodie Simpson, Tanya Andrews, Megan Kendall, Ellie Pattinson
-  Attendants (Boys) - Robbie Girdler, Joseph Fogg



Trixy Bee  
by  
Charlotte Hetherington  
aged 6 from  
Holm Cultram Abbey School



Quick Flyer  
by  
Annabelle Grace Brown  
aged 8 from  
Holme St. Cuthbert School

## Skinburness Hotel



Adrian & Vanessa Moore are the new owners of the Skinburness Hotel. The hotel was sold through Christie First where the asking price was £725,000.

This is a new venture for the couple and to add to the adventure, they are being filmed for a Channel 4 documentary on people undertaking a complete life change.

Vanessa said "It has been a hectic and at times, stressful transition from our old life to the new. If you think of moving house and multiply the upheaval by twenty, you may just get an idea of how things have been". Adrian said "I am loving it! It was my dream to own our own hotel and now that dream is a reality. We wish to make a success of the business and are prepared to work hard for it. We are looking forward to meeting the people of Skinburness".

Adrian is a North East lad and this is his first move out of the region, Vanessa is originally from Wiltshire.

## Changes at Bank Mill Nursery

After years of planning and much hard work the major developments to create a 'Family Experience' are nearly complete.

The Nursery is now fully stocked with an extensive selection of plants for all situations, and an outstanding selection of basket and bedding plants to create exceptional summer displays. There is a large selection of ready made up containers and hanging baskets ready to buy or if you would like your own baskets or containers made up professionally please ask.

The Dunes Coffee Shop is a must when you visit Bank Mill, it is open from 9am-4:30pm. Our glass fronted mirrored conservatory offers speciality coffee's, home-made soup, paninnis and delicious big breakfast baguettes. For something lighter why not choose from a selection of cakes, pastries and freshly baked scones complemented with our own traditional Rum Butter. You can either relax in our comfortable friendly environment or in the warmer weather head out for the picnic tables overlooking the

main pond with the Lakeland Mountains in the distance.

The Nature Reserve is maturing nicely. The ponds were excavated last autumn, and sowings and plantings are in hand. Ducks are nesting elsewhere at the moment and will be introduced to the main pond later in the year.

Wildlife has been investigating the scrape and other ponds and several varieties of waterfowl, waders and other birds have started to nest in the reserve.

The sub tropical Butterfly house is now completed and Butterflies are emerging from their pupae and flying around.

The Reptilia is now stocked with the larger exhibits the smaller spiders and tree frogs will be introduced later in the year.

Bank Mill is open from 9am-6:30 pm all week. Last entry to the Nature Reserve one hour before closing. Admission to the reserve, Reptilia and Butterfly House: Adults £2.50, Children £1.50, OAP's £1.50.

See the Bank Mill advert on this page.

# Fletcher's Fun Fair



## Variety of Rides for all ages

Open every weekend Easter to September also Bank Holidays & School Holidays and every day from mid July to end of August from 1pm 'till late

On Silloth sea-front next to the Lifeboat Station  
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## The Bank Mill Experience



Bill & Staff welcome you to the nursery



40 years of growing and still growing

Lots of choice

Quality plants

Competitive prices

Alpines

Shrubs

etc

## Sub Tropical Butterfly House & Reptilia

Butterflies & Reptiles from around the world in a landscaped greenhouse



## The Dunes Coffee House

Delicious in-house Baking, Scones, Cakes & Savouries

Speciality Coffee's & Teas



## Cumbria's Best Kept Gardening Secret

Midway between Beckfoot & Mawbray on the Maryport Road  
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The Dunes open 9am-4:30pm  
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