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Rugby Club Gurners



Winner - Kenny Ostle



Judge Gazzer (left) presenting second prize to Martin Graham

The winner of this years gurning competition was odds-on favourite Kenny 'the King' Ostle.

Kenny won by a mile, the way he twists his mouth around his nose is astounding and left the judges with no other option than to declare him the winner for the second time in a row, well done Kenny. The biggest shock of the day was the judges had voted Martin (Bob) Graham into second place. He wasn't entered in the competition, but his face just stuck out in the crowd, and a funny one at that...

Abbeytown Flower Club

Ruth Pinguey welcomed everyone to the May Meeting. Ruth then introduced Mrs Lyndsey Thoms from Cockermouth who did some wonderful flower displays.

First was created with holidays in mind and was in a bamboo box with bright pink drapes and exotic flowers. Next she showed how to do a hand-tied bouquet in green and white suitable for a wedding. This was followed by a lovely little pink rose buttonhole decorated with beads, a small glass vase decorated with white ribbon and white beads with greenery and small pink carnations dipped in glitter, suitable for a table decoration. The last display was for VE Day with blue drapes and ribbons, lots of

different shades of green with large red carnations finished off with two small Union Jack flags. She was thanked by Audrey Harrison.

Phyllis Dockeray, Barbara Hurst and Lesley Evans served the refreshments while Margaret Moore sold raffle tickets. The winners of the garden ornament competition were 1st Audrey Harrison, 2nd Freda Archer, 3rd Gladys Temple. The winners of the flower displays were 1st Angela Garner, 2nd Barbara Hurst, 3rd Mary Mattinson, 4th Noeline Foster and 5th Olive Reed. Arrangements were then made for a visit to Greenfield Gardens, Brampton on 16th June when a flowery brooch is to be worn for the competition.

Police Report

Report by: Inspector Dave Barr

There has been a general up-turn in criminal activity in Silloth over the past few weeks. There have been a number of incidents where cars have had their windows smashed or their tyres slashed. Three arrests have been made to date.

This up-turn has been seen on the various caravan parks. In recent weeks contractors' vehicles have had windows smashed, a guest reported having a mobile phone stolen and in another incident a £3,000 trials type motorcycle was stolen.

On a more positive note a man has been charged with the 13 break-ins at caravans that took place during the month of April. He was resident in Silloth at the time of the offences.

Moving down to Allonby, there have been



incidents of damage to the public toilets. Anyone witnessing such acts is asked to contact the police. Tel 01900 602422 or 999 if an emergency.

On the evening of the 13th June, there was a Neighbourhood Forum meeting in Allonby Village Hall. The principal topic was road safety. It was highlighted that a number of cars exceed the 30 m.p.h. limit. It is suspected that the majority are people local to the area. If using this road then please abide by the limit.

Local police will be stepping up speed gun operations in the village!

Community Bus AGM

The Silloth & District Community Transport AGM was held on 12/05/05.

The meeting held in the Community Hall heard from the chairmans' report that bookings were down by 54 journeys in 2004. Partly due to mechanical problems but predominately due to lack of drivers who volunteer their services.

We urgently need volunteers, male or female, who are willing to train, dependant on their ability as to how much training is required, and who have held a full driving licence since 1996. Please come forward and be available for occasional trips for members of our community, contact Rachel on 016973 32679.

Tribute was paid to one of our drivers who registered about eighty journeys last year. This is not what we expect but was a very exceptional contribution to our commitment to the community. We are extremely grateful to Lawrence for his continued efforts.

The report from our auditors showed that our finances are in a fairly healthy position. Looking to the future means we will always require reserves and all donations will be wisely invested. One new person agreed to serve on our committee, we are happy and grateful for the offer of his services. Apart from the shortage of drivers the meeting ended in a satisfactory mood from all present.

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