

Abbeytown WI

President Audrey Harrison welcomed Averil Dawson and Mana Pookang from Whitehaven Beacon Museum to talk about 'A woman's Place is in the home' at the June meeting.

They had brought lots of items from the museum and showed a beautiful wedding dress from the 1840's which had been mainly hand stitched and covered in lovely hand-crafted lace down the front and sides. There was a very tiny christening bonnet and we were reminded that many babies died young so were christened soon after birth, the christening gown was also very small. In Victorian Britain the working class women had a very hard life with little chance of being educated and so were very dependant on their husbands. Many of the artifacts shown were from homes in Whitehaven but were recognised by many members from their grandma's home. The 'Gentry Ladies' were not expected to work but really had no rights and were dictated to by their husbands and fathers, so we realised how well off we were now and how we should appreciate the freedom we have to vote and speak out for

our rights. Mana was also from the Tourist Information Office and gave out leaflets about the Maritime Festival in Whitehaven.

They were thanked by Margaret Brown. Refreshments were served by Margery Blacklock and Elsie Donald. Audrey then thanked Joyce Wilson for the lovely flower arrangement on the Presidents table. Freda Garner read the record of the May meeting and several of the many events in the County News were commented on. Gladys Temple gave a report on her visit to the Royal Albert Hall for the AGM of the NFWI. Last minute details for the elderly peoples tea were worked out and several invitations given out.

As the talk by the Beacon ladies had been so fascinating and so many questions asked the social time was cut so Mrs Dargies group gave out presents to everyone. The winner of the String of Beads competition was 1st Audrey Harrison, 2nd Margaret Mynes, while Margaret Ackerley was 1st with her poppy and Audrey Harrison 2nd with her lupin. Raffle winners were 1st Audrey Harrison, 2nd Margaret Todd, 3rd Margaret Brown, 4th Mary Briggs.

Tip for the Top

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Or you could buy a big hat.

Be safe in the sun.

Sammy at Peter Josef

Visitors to Silloth



Turnstones on the steps in front of the Lifeboat Station

These small birds were brought to my attention first by Eric Stanwix who said that he had never seen them before in Silloth. I then received a letter and photograph from Mr N.M. Graham of Thursby also asking about these attractive birds, He had been advised they might have been ringed plovers, which would have been a rare sighting.

They are in fact Turnstones, they follow the waters edge as the tide goes in and out, turning over stones and tide-line debris in search of sand hoppers.

They are quite common in the UK but not previously so in Silloth. Most birds over-winter here and leave around April, so these visitors may have decided Silloth was too good to leave and become permanent and attractive visitors.

Dance Superstars



Back L-R: Stephanie Farish, Lucy Harrison, Aimee Gray, Hannah Story, Dawn Graham. Centre L-R: Sarah Barwise, Sophie Harrison, Dionne Blake, Rachel Wright, Emily Harrison. Front R-L: Rebecca Markley, Rachel Harrison, Sophie Markley, Erin Tilley, Lauren Roper

Report by: K. Markley and Y. Tilley

Pictured are the girls from Silloth and Abbeytown who took great pleasure in performing in the Wendy Allen School of Dance show in Nelson Thomlinson School at

the end of June.

Children aged from just 3 years upwards from this area took part in a terrific performance. Their dance classes are every Wednesday night during term time at Nelson Thomlinson School.

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