

Causewayhead WI

President Pat Bell welcomed members and Jane Miller who had been our delegate at the WI national AGM in the Albert Hall in June, to the July Meeting in the Methodist Sunday School Hall in Silloth. She reminded us of the house to house collection for the Hospice from Aug 29th to Sept 10th.

Jane Miller then gave us an interesting account of the AGM which she thoroughly enjoyed.

We then watched with amazement as our speaker for the evening, Elizabeth Gill, unpacked her handiwork and proceeded to show us examples of canvas work, ribbon embroidery, stump work, hand dyed silk, machine embroidery, smocking and much, much more. Elizabeth showed us how she threaded beads to make her exquisite purses, necklaces, bracelets and beaded tassels. She was thanked by Margaret Durham.

After supper, a version of "This is Your Life" was presented to Eileen Chambers who

is sadly leaving us in August to live near her daughter in Wales. Eileen's husband Roger was hidden at the back of the hall and then introduced as a 'wish', a 'WI supportive husband'. This was a well kept secret and Eileen's face was a picture when she saw him.

What a busy WI life Eileen led over the years since she joined in 1977. She was on the committee for 17 years and President from 1993 to 2000 and before that had been Vice-President and Secretary.

During that time she has given talks on Well Dressing in Derbyshire, her life in nursing, and her tours in this country and abroad with the Abbey Singers.

Pat Bell, Margaret Durham, Jean Graham and Frances Jackson took turns in reading all that Eileen had done, including winning the annual competition cup on several occasions and taking part in many Causewayhead productions. Her parts in "That's Entertainment

which she produced, Dolly Parton singing 'Jolene', Joyce Grenfell, "Don't do that George" and playing one of the three tenors will remain with us always. Pat presented Eileen with a picture of the Solway by a local artist and Roger was given a 'W.I.S.H' mug.

After thanking us, Eileen spoke of a concert on 18th August when a group of Rumanian Children will give a concert in aid of the Hospice Jigsaw appeal. This is 'Children helping Children'.

The flower competition was won by Margaret Durham's rose and Janice Wilkinson's dahlia came second. Grocer Parcels were taken home by Margaret Peach and Edith Kerr.

There is no meeting in August and we meet again on Sept 14th when Capt. Mel Robinson will talk about The Salvation Army.

The day following our meeting, members had an outing to Hutton in the Forest, where we met up with four members from Waverton WI and

Dangers of Swimming in the Docks

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Associated British Ports (ABP), the UK's largest and leading ports group, has launched a summer safety-awareness campaign to warn children of the dangers they face if they swim in the Company's docks and harbours.

leaflets that warn of the hazards of this activity before they broke up for the summer holiday. The information was provided to some 150 schools within a five-mile radius of the Company's ports.

Bo Lerenius, ABP's Group Chief Executive, explains: "We are trying to prevent behaviour that is a serious cause of concern for everyone involved, not just for parents, but also for everyone working at the port."

He added: "The children must understand that swimming in the dock is acutely dangerous - the water is deep, cold and unpredictable. It is not like a swimming pool, with lifeguards and safety systems in place and it is potentially contaminated with discharges from ships and industrial processes, and Weil's disease from rats in the water. The only way to be safe is to avoid it altogether."

enjoyed a tour of the historic house and a walk around the gardens. The borders in the walled garden were ablaze with colour, with an amazing variety of roses. At 4pm we left for High Head Sculpture Park, where after wandering around the art gallery, we sat down to a delicious meal. It was a very enjoyable outing, especially as we were able to share it with our friends from Waverton.

Out of concern for the communities that surround its ports, ABP is spreading the message that, not only is swimming in the docks illegal, it can also result in serious injury or even death.

As the heatwave during the summer holidays inevitably heralds an increase in children attempting to swim wherever they can, ABP decided to provide local schools with 'hard-hitting' posters and

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