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Maria Frances Dance School

Maria Frances School of Dance pupils participated in the scholarships organised by the Association of American Dancing (AAD) at the Buxton Opera House. There were 120 juniors, 80 intermediates and 45 seniors from all around the country who were all competing for a place in the top five.

Our girls danced their hearts out all day, they wowed the panel of judges and made it through round after round. It was both Katie Moorhead & Imogen Bell's birthday's and it was definitely one they will never forget. Katie went on to win the intermediate section and Imogen came second. Katie was also awarded a bursary from the 'Claudia Jones memorial Fund' towards a years training. Emma Pattinson also danced her way to a 2nd placing in the senior section.



L-R:
Katie Moorhead (winner intermediate),
Maria Pattinson (Dance Teacher) and
Imogen Bell (2nd place intermediate)

A 1st and two 2nds is an amazing achievement for a local dance school and all the girls did us very proud, their dedication and determination certainly paid off!

Skinburness Hotel

Halloween Weekend was a little special this year for The Skinburness Leisure Hotel.

New owners Adrian and Vanessa Moore have introduced a programme of new events since taking over the hotel in April, one of which was Ladies Night on October 29th. Ladies came to a night of hilarious entertainment and fun with a serious twist.

All profits from the evening were donated to Breast Cancer Campaign and a whopping £905.66 was raised through the generosity of all who attended.

Everyone was encouraged to arrive in pink or fancy dress and they didn't disappoint. 'The costumes people wore were amazing' said Vanessa. 'Everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion, with witches, clowns and cow girls mingling together - it was a fantastic sight'. One very poignant

part of the evening was the releasing of pink balloons, donated by Balloon Mania and Breast Cancer Campaign, into the darkening skies. Each balloon was tagged with pink labels, carrying the name of someone being celebrated by those attending; sisters, friends, nieces or mum's. A few tears were shed as each balloon was released. However, the mood soon lifted again as Lee Best Connection provided dance music and the crowd laughed at the antics of those 'put under' by the hypnotist. A very beautiful man provided hilarity when he undressed, but it was all in 'the best possible taste!'

All in all it was a great night; one of many great nights scheduled over the next 12 months by Adrian and Vanessa and they send a huge 'thank you' to all who made it such a success.

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UFO'ers

Silloth lad David Wallace is looking for members to join his new UFO spotters club, David has been a UFO nut for years, but only now has plucked up courage to invite would be spotters into his club. He has also set up his own website www.IamaNutter.co.uk.

The club would most likely meet once a month unless a UFO was spotted in between times and there would be a special meeting to talk about the sighting. I'm sure there are people with the same interests David out there, if interested please contact the website.

Picture is of David with one of his sightings captured last summer whilst at a convention of UFO'ers. er, ??? maybe....

Causewayhead WI

Oct 2005

The President Mrs Pat Bell, thanked members for the Get Well card and the bunch of flowers sent while she was unwell. There were two visitors; Christine Worrall, and Grace McIlveen. Apologies were received from the speaker for the night Mrs Bibby of Bolton Gate, Wigton. She was one of the unlucky ones during the heavy rains whose home was flooded. Our heartfelt sympathies went out to her.

After the business of the meeting, we went on to receive reports from the Group and Autumn Council meetings, our representatives to both these meetings expressed the wonderful feeling of fellowship that was shared by all who attended.

Although we were all

disappointed by the lack of a speaker, we enjoyed a Beetle Drive, which was arranged by Diana Shaw, Pat Bell and Jean Wilson. Dorothy Ross, Jean Day and Dorothy Maxwell won prizes. Jean Wilson and Dorothy Maxwell also won raffle prizes. The Hostesses served tea and Cakes and a lovely evening was brought to a close.

Nov 2005

Nomination forms for the committee were filled in ready for the election of ten committee members at next months AGM. We were reminded to bring plates, cutlery and a cup for the supper which precedes the business meeting.

Our Christmas Dinner will be at the Golf Hotel on December 19th.

Three members, Margaret Durham, Eileen Barton and Jean Darling, who took part in the Spoken Word Competition, were congratulated.

We were then delighted to welcome our speaker, Belinda Artingstall, a Radio Cumbria presenter. The concept of BBC local radio was started by Frank Gillard in the 1960's. There are now 39 local radio stations. Belinda is at the moment

the presenter on the Breakfast Programme which is on the air from 7am to 9am, Monday to Friday. Belinda begins the day at 6am and works to prepare the program with a team of six people which includes the producer, Will and "Snakehips" who answers the telephone.

It was obvious from the many questions which Belinda patiently answered that most of those present were regular listeners to Radio Cumbria. The broadcasting during the foot and mouth epidemic and the recent flooding was greatly appreciated.

After supper, Molly Lomas won the flower competition with a very unseasonable narcissus. Anne Harrison's rose was second. The competition for a pen was won by Mavis Walker and Pat Bell was second. Dot Holliday and Margaret Wise won raffle prizes. Margaret Durham and Joan Darling took home the grocery parcels.

A quiz on radio programmes dating from the 1940's set by Marjorie Dockeray and Jean Vorley gave the older members a trip down memory lane.

Our AGM is at our next meeting on Dec 14th.



Lizzie Bee
by Matthew Pearson
aged 5 from
Silloth Primary School