Report by: Gladys Temple

Abbeytown WI

October 2005
President Audrey
Harrison welcomed
visitors from Newton
Arlosh and Waverton as
well as members from
Abbeytown.

An invite was received from Rosley for 9th November. Marjory Dargie had written a note to thank members for the beautiful flowers she received following a spell in hospital.

Audrey then introduced Susan Denholm-Smith, who gave an illustrated talk "Sledging across Ireland". She built a sledge on wheels and loaded it with everything she might need to travel from Cork in the South to Mizzen Head then north to Malin Head. She had expected the journey to be much quieter than it was, there were many characters wanting to talk to her, some were very kind allowing her to sleep "wild" on their land. It was a long journey through beautiful places and took 25 days. She finished only 12 hours behind the scheduled

time she had allowed. Elizabeth Donald thanked Susan saying she was very brave.

Susan then judged the competitions - A Winter Photo was won by Elsie Donald, 2nd Noeline Foster. A flower 1st Audrey Harrison 2nd Margaret Ackerley. The Visitors Winter Photo was 1st Eleanor Hodgson (Newton Arlosh) 2nd Eileen Bell (Newton Arlosh). A flower 1st Jean Mann (Waverton) 2nd Eileen Bell (Newton Arlosh).

After a lovely buffet super the raffle was drawn, the winners were Eileen Bell & Denise Frizzel (Newton Arlosh), Mavis Graham & Irene Irving (Abbeytown), Anne Hodgson (Newton Arlosh) and Margory Blacklock (Abbeytown).

A quiz was held with lots of prizes and Mavis Graham's group organised card bingo with lots more prizes.

On behalf of all the visitors Eileen Bell thanked the Abbeytown members for a lovely evening. November 2005 President Audrey Harrison opened the meeting by welcoming Margorie Dargie back after her stay in hospital.

One Team has been entered in the Team Darts. Nominations were asked for the Committee next year. The Christmas Dinner will be at the Golf Hotel on 6th December and the Menu was passed round. Ann Parry has been booked for the Party in March and tickets will be £6. The Statesman Harmony Group will provide the entertainment.

Audrey then introduced Lynda Fraser who gave a wonderful Flower Demonstration with a Christmas Theme.

The first was on The Story of Narnia in a Large Urn with Bear Grass Greenery Copper Beech, Red Carnations and Poinsettia the music was Santa Claus is coming to town. Next was a woven Wreath to hang up with greenery Silver Bow and baubles poinsettia, dried orange and lemon slices. Next came a Snow Scene with

gerbera, fir cones and silver leaves dressed with icicles while Sleigh Ride was played. She then in true Blue Peter style produced one made earlier to complement this one. A Fire Grate decoration was then made with Eucalyptus leaves Ivy green candles variegated holly with yellow lilies pink roses and red carnations fir cones and white fern leaves. Cliff Richard sang On The Saviours Day. Lynda was thanked by Elsie Foster.

Muriel Mattinson and Isobel Hurst then served refreshments. The raffle winners for the flowers were Margaret Brown, Elsie Donald, Margaret Ackerley, Gladys Temple and Freda Garner. The Flower Competition 1st Elinor Roper, 2nd Audrey Harrison. Christmas Bauble 1st Freda Garner, 2nd Audrey Harrison. The Social Time was organised by Elinor Ropers Group. Next month will be the AGM and members were reminded to bring festive food.

Arthritis Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

October meeting
As Age Concern
were on holiday this
month several of our
Members were missing.
Fortunately we had
several guests to make up
the deficit.

Gladys then

introduced Mrs Elizabeth Wishart from Earl Street Mobility, Cleator Moor. She went on to show and explain many of the gadgets she had brought with her. She had a vast range of walking aids of various colours and pointed out that as not everyone is the same height you should always be measured before buying a walking stick you fancy. She showed how the electric chair worked and explained that there are various chairs available so you should go to see her and try them out before buying. There were lots of small gadgets available, from bendy forks and spoons to various cushions for car or wheelchair. She could only show a small range of things and we were invited to go to Earl Street to see many more things.

Lists were sent around for the January Dinner at the Joiners Arms Newton Arlosh and also what they could supply for the American Tea in December. Anne Graham sold raffle tickets and as Liz had supplied two prizes the winners were Mary Thompson, Gladys Temple and Olive Allen.

November meeting Edna Marper welcomed 19 members and introduced Mr Geoff Prestwich who gave a beautiful slide show of Flowers followed by Lakeland Scenery. June Watson and Lillian Doherty served refreshments helped by Jack Bray while Edna pointed out several items of interest from The Arthritis Magazine.

The raffle was won by Mrs Hilda Miller then everyone settled down to listen to a tape of relaxing music. The next meeting will be on 2nd Dec when Leo Holden will give a talk and slide show on Old Wigton



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