

Causewayhead WI

Report by: Carol Haines

Once again the Ladies of Causeway Head WI got together for their first meeting of the New Year. The President Pat Bell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone especially new member Jane Cutts, with her wish for a Happy New Year to all. Our group has been very fortunate to receive a Grant from the A.O.N.B. to help with our Beach Cleaning Project. We bought our first set of equipment and went on a Beach Clean on West Beach on Thursday 12th January.

Two of our members gave a very interesting talk and demonstration, Molly Lomas on Embroidery and Bead work, and Liz Telford on Corn Dollies, some of the ladies tried their hand at making the dollies.

Jane Graham who took both 1st and 2nd place won the competition for the Smallest Christmas Card.

Olga Hetherington took 1st place and Frances Jackson 2nd in the Flower Competition

Jean Wilson and Janice Wilkinson took home the Grocery Parcel.

Supper was served by the Hostesses, what a lovely spread. Thank you Ladies.



Buzzy
by
Corrie Natrass
aged 5 from
Holme St. Cuthberts
School

Report by: Frances Jackson

Causewayhead WI will from now on be litter picking on West Beach Silloth on a regular basis.

The first litter pick was on January 12th when eight ladies filled eight large bin sacks with litter. This consisted mainly of plastic bottles, drinks cans and pieces of plastic which included supermarket bags. All the litter was recorded for the Marine Conservation Society to which Causewayhead WI are now affiliated through the 'Adopt a Beach' scheme.

We hope in the long term that the part of West Beach we are litter picking will be improved for both Silloth residents and visitors.

Abbeytown Carnival

Abbeytown Carnival Committee held a disco in The Village Hall on Saturday 28th January to select the Royalty for Abbeytown Carnival 2006 and the Committee would like to thank all the children who attended!

Abbeytown Carnival will be held on Saturday 29th July 2006 and this years Royalty will be:

Carnival Queen:
Bronwyn Kendall
Attendants:
Amy Hetherington,
Charlotte Hetherington,
Jessica Gilroy, Kirsty Girdler, Robbie Girdler
Herald:
Joseph Fogg
Retiring Queen:
Bethan Kendall

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Report by: Gladys Temple

President Audrey Harrison wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcome to our first meeting of 2006.

After the singing of Jerusalem she expressed our sympathy to Margaret Moore of the loss of her husband. Freda Garner read a record of the December Meeting and asked for someone to bake the Birthday Cake for the March Party. Joyce Wilson was voted for and agreed to decorate it as well. Our newest member Margaret Mynes agreed to cut the cake.

The letter from NFWI telling us that we will get a new Magazine for every member next year was discussed and several members expressed reservations.

Audrey Harrison then introduced Norman Godfrey with his slides 'The Tale of Two Rivers'. The moods of the Rivers were set to the mood of the beautiful music. Beginning at the Solway we followed the 10 Benchmarks on the River Eden. We stopped off at Carlisle where we were shown The City in Bloom and were reminded what a beautiful City Carlisle is. We then went upstream past the various sculptures and on to the lovely town



Brainy Bees
by
Aimee Fish
aged 9
from
Holm Cultram Abbey
School

of Appleby. The Eden got slightly smaller as we continued as far as Mallerstang where the water falls were spectacular. The river Ure begins its journey just 100 yards from where the river Eden begins but one goes north while the other goes south so we then went to Wensleydale where we saw Bolton Castle, Jersvaux Abbey and Middleton Castle as well as Aysgarth Falls and several other spectacular falls on the way back up the river Ure.

Freda Garner thanked Norman for a wonderful soothing evening where everyone could relax after the busy season of Christmas and New Year. The competition winners were Christmas Card: 1st Phyllis Dockeray, 2nd Gladys Temple, Christmas Cake: 1st Phyllis Dockeray, 2nd Joyce Wilson, Flower: 1st Elinor Roper, 2nd Audrey Harrison. Raffle: 1st Neoline Foster, 2nd Elsie Foster, 3rd Irene Irving. There followed Bingo organized by Elinor Ropers Group. The February Speaker will be Rev. Peter Stretfield on his life in India and the competition is an old family photo. There will also be a Gift Stall.

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Older Persons' Forum

It is nearing the time when we "oldies" get informed of any Pensions Increases we are likely to get in April 2006. The letter you receive can be used as identification to prove you are a pensioner when you apply for bus passes. It is a useful piece of documentation when a lot of us have our pensions paid directly into the bank. So don't throw it away!

We now have a link on the Community Empowerment Network website, so why not have a look, we post notices which need your comments: www.westcumbriacn.org.uk/older/forum/index.php.

We all have worries over the loss of Community Hospitals so please let us know of your concerns; we can then pass them on to the relevant authorities. Contact us on 01946 693903 or email us on: peter.johnstone5@virgin.net. These contacts are for any other issues/worries you may have; let us know we may be able to help.

We normally meet monthly on the 3rd Friday, ring to find out where the meeting is to be held as we hold them in different parts of West Cumbria

Silloth Tourist Information Centre

For the first time Silloth Tourist Information Centre has been open every day during the winter (except for the Christmas & New Year break).

We are open from 10am-4pm every day. On Friday, Saturday & Sunday we close for lunch from 1pm-2pm.

The 2006 holiday guides are now arriving for the U.K. as well as local, so call in for ideas for your holidays and days out.

In addition to Tourist Information you can also watch a free short film about the area, choose a gift, view the Art Gallery, or for a small charge visit the Discovery Exhibition. You can also collect the Solway Buzz to send to a friend.

EVENT ORGANISERS - whatever your event we will display your posters and include the event in our listings free of charge. You will be surprised how many people see these posters and contact us to ask 'what's on?'. If we do not know about your event we cannot promote it.

Pop-in to see us soon, both Susan and Pauline will be delighted to hear from you or see you soon.