

Abbeytown Flower Club

Report by: Gladys Temple



24 Members of Abbeytown Flower Club went to visit Mrs Brenda Dowding at Heads Nook. They were all welcomed with a glass of mulled wine while they looked around all the wonderful decorations on show all over the house. Roast Turkey and all the trimmings was served with Trifle and wine then Coffee with Mince Pies.

Brenda then did seven flower arrangements including fresh and silk flowers. These were all beautifully simple and artistic so that she made them all look easy but the winners were proud to take them home.

The competition for a Christmas Bauble was won by Ruth Pinguey, 2nd Gladys Temple, 3rd Angela Garner.

The menu for the New Year Party was passed around and everyone made their choices so all are looking forward to going to The New Inn, Blencogo on Thursday 18th January, 2007.

Wigton Arthritis Group

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Chairman Edna Marper welcomed everyone to the October Meeting.

Edna introduced Mr Roy Ellis from 'Cumbria Fair Trade Network'.

They are a Commercial Enterprise and receive no help from Government sources, but each year their trade increases by 10% because they provide the producers with a fair price for their products, and that means that they can then educate their children and feed their family. The villagers who produce

Fair Trade products are also given a 10% Social Premium to spend on community projects such as clean water or building a school. They are also encouraged to produce their goods in an environmentally friendly way.

There are over 1,500 different Fair Trade products sold in local shops and now the large Supermarkets also.

Several Towns in Cumbria are now Fair Trade Towns and many shops, cafes and organizations in Wigton use Fair Trade produce. We only need the backing of Wigton Town Council to join them. Allerdale has produced a Fair Trade Directory so you can find which shops or coffee shops sell or use Fair Trade Products, you can support people in Third World Countries.

Jack Bray thanked Roy for a very interesting talk.

The drawing was won by Muriel Foster. Mary Harrison has very kindly volunteered to take over.

Christine Smithson reported that the Hydro Pool is still not open but members are attending the Water Street Gym on Monday mornings from 11am to 12 noon.

Johnstone's Private Hire

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all customers that have supported us in the first six months of us starting our new business, it is really nice to find that we have regular custom every week.

It hasn't been the easiest six months as we have had some upsets along the way, we must apologise to everyone for the inconvenience that was caused by our telephone line going down in October, we tried to get it sorted as fast as we could but it was out of our control.

To all those that had left messages on our answering machine, booking taxi's and not getting one we must apologise, and hopefully if this is to happen again we have been told it will be rectified that same day. If you can't get through on the land line please try the mobile number.

We also would like to inform everyone about hours we are working over Christmas and New Year.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE WE ARE WORKING UNTIL 1am IN THE MORNING, then we all need to get to bed for father Christmas coming. **ON CHRISTMAS DAY WE ARE CLOSED**, apologies to anyone that hoped we were working.

The fares for taxi's will increase over the festive season and New Year so please ask if you are unsure about the prices. We now have two 8 seater minibuses and a car. If you require a quote, please phone.

We would like to say a big thank you to our drivers as they have helped us out when we needed it. A big thank you also to Judith Hayston, and Chantelle Saterthwaite for being there for the kids and sitting up till early ours of the morning until the phone stops ringing.

Once again thank you to all our customers and everyone that has given us support when we've needed it

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Johnstone, Hayley and kids.

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Mayor's Report

The Town Council welcomed Sharla Burns of Skinburness as a co-opted member.

P.C. Andy Robertson discussed the proposed trial use of a speed indication device.

Correspondence: Letters were read from Lieutenant JCR Rider introducing himself as the new officer in charge of HMS Biter, from Silloth Carnival Committee thanking the Town Council for their help and from Mr & Mrs Allan.

The question of all the North West Regeneration monies being concentrated in the west of the borough was discussed.

A request has been made to Cumbria Highways/Capita for the supply of a map showing which back lanes within the town are classed as adopted roads.

Following the success of our team working on the Green it was felt we should look to tender the further work in adjoining parishes.

In reply to the letter in the last Buzz, the Silloth Street Markets petitions referred to are believed to have originated via the three Charity Shops in town, however no address is given. 322 signatures were received consisting of locals and visitors.

These petitions were forwarded to Allerdale Borough Council as they are the Market Charter holders, the market is actually operated by a management company for Allerdale.

In a letter of reply from which is still on

show in the window of SOSCS shop, it was anticipated to re-start both the Thursday and Sunday markets as from Easter. However both are wholly dependant on the market traders wanting to be there, no one can force them to attend.

The Town Council are in regular contact with Allerdale re the market, when last winter it ended with

one small stall and that the restriction signs are never opened and signs have never been erected to inform motorists that they should not park on the street on market days and that no proper barriers are erected to stop cars driving through the market. These matters always seem to fall on deaf ears.



Skateboarding Bee and his Pals by Joshua Davison aged 8 from Silloth Primary School



The Bank Mill Experience

Bill & Staff welcome you to the nursery



The Dunes Coffee House

Christmas Fayre: Orders being taken for Christmas Cakes & Mince Pies Xmas Dinners every Weekend

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The Ducks in the Nature Reserve are now showing their winter colours.



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Autumn Concert

Report by: Elizabeth Lowther

By popular demand, Patricia Pictor and friends made a return visit to the Methodist Chapel in Silloth on Friday 22nd September for an Autumn Concert in their "Short but Sweet" concert series.

Pat was joined by Stuart Stockell who was highly entertaining with his hilarious rendition of "The Road to Mandalay". Also taking part were 3 of Pat's Pupils, Luke Wilkinson, Kimberley Brough, and Danielle O'Hare - what talent.

This most enjoyable evening was drawn to a close with Patricia singing "Bless this House" a truly magnificent performance.

Refreshments were provided and served by Chapel members. The proceeds of £270 were given to Macmillan Nurses.

Wigton Choral Society

Come and join us, we'd love to hear from prospective tenors and sopranos in particular.

If anyone wants to join us we'd welcome them at our practices on Thursday nights at 7:30pm in the Methodist Church in High Street, Wigton.

There are more details on the Wigton Choral website at www.wigtonchoral.org.uk. Singing is good for you!

Town Carols

Silloth Town Carol Service will take place this year on Friday December 15th at 7pm in Christ Church.

As usual local organizations have been invited and there should be a contribution from the schools. Special guests will be Carlisle Salvation Army band who will be playing on the Green and perhaps through the streets before the service.

Christmas Fayre

There will be a Christmas Fayre in Christ Church Hall on Saturday December 9th from 2pm. Stalls and a bran tub. Result of childrens' craft competition.

Entry is only £1 and includes tea or coffee and a mince pie.

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