

Abbeytown WI

Gladys Temple welcomed everyone to the November meeting and expressed sympathy to the Harrison Family.

The Christmas Dinner at the Wheatsheaf was discussed.

The Darts Pairs was held at Aspatria and though none of our Members got through we had a very enjoyable evening. The 80th Birthday Party was discussed and Gwen Atkinson from Aspatria has been booked to provide a Buffet Supper and Caldew Accordion Band will provide the entertainment. Joyce Wilson agreed to bake and ice the Birthday Cake.

A letter from Cumdivock W.I. thanking Abbeytown for a very pleasant evening last month was read out and an invitation from Crosby & District W.I., there was also a letter to all W.I.'s about the Milk Debate. Margaret Moore gave details of the Finances and was pleased we had made money on the Sponsored Walk. Freda has finished the 2007 programme and asked which months Visitors should be invited. It was agreed April and September were the most convenient.

Please return any

Causewayhead WI

Report by: Frances Jackson

President Pat Bell welcomed members and new member Judith Beeby to the November meeting and then introduced the speaker, Pax Garabedian.

On a cold November evening, we were transported to the sights and sounds of Peru. Starting in Lima, which

Trophies in time for the AGM next month. As there is no Flower Show there are now extra Trophies to allocate for the Competitions and it was agreed that the monthly Competition winners over the year should have a 1st 2nd and 3rd Trophy while the other two should be used as Best Trier for the people who had entered most Competitions without winning.

Gladys then introduced Mrs Rosmarie Hilton from Mawbray whose talk was Titled 'Skin to Leather' She gave a very interesting insight into the processes the skins go through to become leather or suede from the raw skin at the Abattoir to the finished products.

The Competition for an umbrella was won by Noline Foster, 2nd Joan Graham and the Flower Competition 1st Elinor Roper, 2nd Margaret Moore. Raffle winners 1st Margaret Brown, 2nd Margaret Ackerley.

was humid until the afternoon sun burnt off the moisture, Pax travelled via Naza, Arequipa and Lake Tikicaca to the ruined Inca city of Machy Pichu. On the way we saw flocks of Llamas and Vicunas, exotic flowers and cacti, while condors soared above canyons deeper than the Colorado Grand Canyon. At Nazca are the famous and mysterious straight lines, hundreds of metres long along with figures of birds, humans, trees not to mention a monkey and a spider. In a remote village, high in the Andes, Pax visited the local market, and we marvelled at the colours of the adobe houses, the colourful costumes and hats of the villagers as well as the vegetable and spices set out on their stalls. Out of the communal ovens came trays of baked potatoes and roasted guinea pigs eaten in Peru like we eat chicken! The Inca trail leads to the ruins of Machu Pichu that were discovered in 1911. Accompanying all these wonderful pictures was the haunting native music of Peru. Frances Jackson warmly thanked Pax for sharing his experiences with us.

Thanks to the loan of a microphone and speakers from Christ Church, we were able to hear clearly the Secretary's report, the

details of the AGM, the date of the Christmas Dinner (18th Dec at the Golf Hotel) and a report on the Neighbourhood Forum meeting attended by three members.

Sarah Hansford told us about "Open Door" which provides free lunches and a social time at St Andrews Hall every Tuesday. She told us about the Christmas Cakes she makes with all profits going to charities.

Dianne gave details of our 80th Birthday Party next May. A letter of thanks was received from the Carnival Committee for the help given by members at the Carnival in August. A report was given on the work being done in the garden at the Discovery Centre and the previous week's beach clean. Six members and Ivan Lomas filled 11 sacks of rubbish plus two buckets and a fish box. Competitions; Flower: Jean Wilson. Fancy candle: 1st Rosemary Brooks, 2nd Mary Johnson. Grocery parcels: 1st Sarah Hansford, 2nd Christine Waddel. Raffle prizes: 1st Jean Day 2nd Margaret Wise.

Our next meeting is the AGM on December 13th. Please bring a dinner plate, cutlery, bowl for dessert and a plastic bag to take home the used dishes and cutlery.

RAFA Leek Club



Back Row: Some of the Sponsors
Front row Prize winners L-R: Mrs C Caulfield, Mr B Todd, Mr S Hankin, Mrs J Atkinson, Mr J Robinson, Mr F Toase

Report by: Ian Caulfield

This years show was held on Saturday 9th September in the R.A.F.A club. 14 members showed leeks. Entries in the open section were down on last year because of difficult growing conditions. The show was judged by Mr Colin Johnston. The leek club is grateful for the support of the sponsors also for the help given by Mrs Sheona Nichol and the R.A.F.A club.

The main prize winners in the sections were
1st Mr Stuart Hankin
2nd Mrs Jenny Atkinson
3rd Mr M Pickering
Best leek in the show Mr S Hankin
Highest placed lady Mrs J Atkinson
Robin Smith Trophy for trench leek won by Mr S Hankin
Wooden spoon Mr J Robinson
Most improved member Mr F Toase
Most points in show, Open pot leek (Brian Atkinson memorial trophy) Mr S Hankin
Best exhibit in show (6 shallots) won by Mrs C Caulfield.
Barry Johnston memorial trophy for 6 shallots won by Mrs C Caulfield.
Joyce Simpson memorial trophy for cut flowers won by Mr B Todd.

Next years show will be on Saturday 8th September 2007. If you are interested in joining the club please contact Mr Ian Caulfield as soon as possible on telephone number: 016973 31531.

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