

Abbeytown Flower Club

February Report by:
Gladys Temple

Chairman Ruth Pinguey welcomed everyone to the first Meeting of the New Year and introduced Margaret Pattinson with her beadwork.

Margaret had lots of items she had made to show us and pass around. She began working with beads after a trip to Denman College in 2004 and it has since taken over her life. She went to Denman again and joined the Guild at Carlisle which meets once a month and gives her more ideas to create different things. She has won prizes at The Cumberland Show, Skelton and Penrith Shows. Everyone had enjoyed the talk so much they arranged a Learning Day when Margaret would come and teach us how to do beading.

After refreshments provided by the Members were served by Angela Middleton the AGM

began. Ruth read a record of the Meetings during 2006 and the 2007 New Year Dinner. The year had been successful with various speakers and meals enjoyed by all. Lesley Evans and Phyllis Dockeray were thanked for organizing the programme. Angela Middleton gave the Treasurers Report and we are of sufficient funds that the Subs will remain at £7. Ruth agreed to stay as Chairman and Angela as Treasurer while Olive Reed was not able to be at the Meeting she has agreed to continue as Secretary. Lesley and Phyllis after much persuasion agreed to stay on as Programme Secretaries for another year.

Competition winners for a Trinket Box were 1st Phyllis Dockeray, 2nd Mary Mattinson, 3rd Barbara Hurst. The Draw was won by Phyllis Dockeray, 2nd Gladys Temple. 3rd Janice Scoggins.

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L-R: Jenny Wright being welcomed by Mandy Salkeld

Mandy Salkeld, co-founder of Explore Lake District, an exciting new online website for Accommodation and Attraction providers, welcomes Jenny Wright back into tourism.

Jenny, formerly of Western Lake District Tourism, has been appointed Promotional Co-ordinator for Explore Lake District. "Jenny brings with her a wealth of experience and will be a real asset to this team, its great to see her back where she belongs bursting with enthusiasm and renewing contacts throughout the tourism industry".

Jenny says "This is an exciting time to re-join tourism with an estimated 16 million annual visitors to the area, this new exclusive website will be a great asset to accommodation and attraction providers.

With premier listing on search engines such as Google www.explorelakedistrict.co.uk provides an exceptional opportunity for advertisers to promote themselves globally, and with only sixteen entries per category providers are guaranteed to appear on that all important 'first page'."

The new website will go live in April 2007, one of its biggest selling point is that only 16 entries are available in each category which mean potential customers will never have to scroll through hundreds of entries and pages to find the providers property - they will always be on the 'first page'! However limiting the numbers to 16 means limiting the availability and already a great deal of interest has been shown and many places taken.

Silloth & District Pensioners

Report by: Diana Shaw

On Saturday 3rd March the Silloth and District Pensioners held their Coffee morning in the Recreation Hall.

A busy and enjoyable Morning was had, it was a lovely sunny morning and it was nice to see some new faces and some visitors. The kitchen helpers were busy serving hot milky coffee. On the tables were scones and jam, drop scones and biscuits all for 75p.

Working in the kitchen were Carol Haines, Pat Bell, Isabelle Tomlinson, Margaret Durham, Dorothy Holiday and Maureen Irving. Manning the Cake Stall were Dorothy Maxwell and Joan Carey. The Bric A Brac Stall was in the capable hands of Nan Crook (who modelled some of the clothes in her usual manner). On the door was Diana Shaw and the raffle was organised by Irene Denard which had six lucky winners.

The profit for the Organisation was approx. £128, thanks to all who brought raffle prizes, baked cakes and brought Bric-a-Brac.

The next Coffee Morning will be on 31st March.

The Annual Trip will be on Saturday 2nd June and will be to Kendal calling at Keswick on the return Journey. The Buses will leave Silloth Coop at 9am, prior to which pick-ups will be made at Skinburness and Blitterlees. Two buses will go this year as many people were disappointed not being able to purchase a ticket last year. The tickets will be £3 for Silloth Pensioners and £5 for non Pensioners and children. Tickets will be on sale in Judith Jamieson's Shop, Station Road and the Community Charity Shop, Criffel Street.

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