

Causewayhead WI

February Report by:
Carol Haines

The Ladies of the WI met for their monthly meeting presided over by Mrs. Pat Bell.

A letter has been received from Pat Ackred of the Neighbourhood Forum giving a Grant of £498; this is to assist in acquiring a public address system.

Also presented to the meeting was the new tablecloth made by those very talented ladies Molly Lomas and Liz Telford, to celebrate our 80th anniversary, the embroidery is absolutely beautiful.

The speaker for the evening, Mr Charlie Harrison of the Silloth Rotary Club, spoke on his trip to Uganda to build a children's dormitory, which was attached to a vocational college. They stayed for two weeks in the Headmaster's house. This was not furnished and they slept on the floor in sleeping bags covered by mosquito netting and used a marquee for an office and relaxing. He remarked on the pride the children took in their appearance, washing their uniforms and cleaning their shoes every evening, their diligence in their studies

and their willingness to give whatever assistance they could.

The talk was illustrated by a slide show and we enjoyed the look of happiness on the faces of the children during and after the building of their dormitory. The talk ended with questions from the ladies, who wanted to know about the ages of the children, the curriculum, which was wider than we thought, and what their meals consist of. We were surprised to learn that they had only millet and beans; they are replanting vegetable gardens as they have quite fertile soil.

A vote of thanks was given by Margaret Wise and supper was served by the hostesses for the evening during which the competitions were judged by Mr Harrison.

Competition results:
Walking Sticks:
1st Jean Day, 2nd Rosemary Brooks
Most Original:
1st Olga Hetherington
Flower: 1st Audrey Dunbar, 2nd Jean Day
Grocery Parcel: 1st J. Beely, 2nd M. Dockeray
Raffle Winners: F. Jackson, D. Shaw, M. Lomas, O. Hetherington, M. Irving & R. Brooks.

Abbeytown WI

February Report by:
Gladys Temple

President Audrey Harrison welcomed everyone and introduced Mr Prestwich from Blencogo, with his slide presentation of 'Flowers and Insects'. This was followed by 'Landscapes and Trees'. Everyone had enjoyed the show so much he asked would we like more and the answer was yes to 'A Winters Day in the Lake District'. The photography was brilliant and the music fitted in with the mood of the slides. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show and Audrey thanked Mr Prestwich for a very enjoyable evening.

Audrey thanked Gladys Temple for the

flowers on her table. She welcomed two members; Christina rejoining and Glynis as a new member. Freda Garner then read an invitation to Ivegill WI's 59th Birthday Party on 18th April.

Refreshments were served by Phyllis Dockery, Margaret Todd and Gladys Temple while Elinor Roper did a brisk trade on the Gift Stall.

Mrs Isobel Hurst's Group then organized Card Bingo ensuring that everyone received a prize. The Competition winners for a Flower were 1st Noeline Foster, 2nd Phyllis Dockery, An Egg Cup 1st Joyce Wilson, 2nd Joan Graham. Raffle Prizes went to Elinor Roper and Noeline Foster.

Activity in the Docks

HMS "Biter", Silloth's affiliated Royal Naval patrol craft will be arriving for a courtesy visit on Sunday 25th March at 5:30pm. She will be open to visitors during Monday 26th March, sailing at 7am on Tuesday 27th March.

The heritage trawler "Jacinta" will be calling at Silloth on Thursday 7th June for a week long visit during which time she will be open to the public. "Jacinta", normally based at Fleetwood, is one of the few remaining examples of Britain's past deep-sea trawling fleet. She spent a lot of time in Icelandic waters, breaking records for tonnages landed during the 1970-1990's, and has now been specially modified to accept public and educational visits.

Here Comes the Sun

Allerdale Borough Council will be one of the first authorities in the north west of England to install solar powered car park ticket machines shortly!

Allerdale plans to replace 32 of its 42 machines with solar powered models. The move is seen as beneficial to both the environment and the Council's finances as they will cut electricity bills currently incurred by mains-powered models.

Councillor Joe Milburn, Allerdale Borough Council Executive member with responsibility for car parking, said: "The new machines will be more efficient, more user friendly and better for the environment. In the same way that we use dual fuel vehicles, this is seen as part of our parking services' contribution to the green agenda."

Tony Smith, Allerdale Borough Council's Parking Services Manager, added: "The environmental benefits of the new machines is one of the reasons that Council gave us the go ahead to buy the equipment. Our existing machines are quite old and starting to fail and cost a lot of money in electricity bills. These new machines will not only make a valuable contribution in environmental terms but will give us a saving on power costs."

A small solar panel on the machine charges batteries that power the unit.

Ten machines operated by Allerdale Borough Council will be replaced by mains-powered models. All of the new machines are expected to be installed by the end of April.

Unlicensed Taxi Driver

An unlicensed and uninsured taxi driver was fined £200 and received 12 penalty points at West Allerdale Magistrates Court.

At an earlier hearing in December 2006, Robert Tinnion, 45, of Frizington, formerly of Pica Cottages, Pica, pleaded guilty to the charges of driving a hackney carriage when not a licensed driver and without insurance on 24th and 25th April 2006.

Mr Tinnion received six penalty points and

was fined £100 for each of the two dates. Mr Tinnion was also ordered to pay costs of £50.

The proprietor of Select Cabs, Stanley Glover, 56, of Pica Cottages, Pica, pleaded guilty in court on 5th September 2006 to charges of aiding and abetting Mr Tinnion to drive a hackney carriage when not a licensed driver and without insurance. Mr Glover was fined £200, received twelve penalty points and was ordered to pay costs of £75.

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