

Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

President Audrey Harrison welcomed guest from Causewayhead and Westward but unfortunately Plumbland visitors were unable to come.

Mrs Elsie Foster was thanked for the flowers on the Presidents Table and Elinor Roper gave out the bulb leaflets which had been brought from the Spring Council Meeting by Phyllis Dockeraay.

Mary Watson was introduced to give a flower demonstration of "Contrasts". The first 'A Hint of Spring' was built around driftwood and finished off with a pair of chicks and a rabbit. Next was a purple and white arrangement in a glass dish, this was followed by a very modern arrangement called 'pulling out the stops' in contrasting shapes with white arium lilies and green carnations. A tall vase containing white spirea, peach roses and carnations with flexy grass finished off the demonstration.

Isobel Hurst thanked Mary for a lovely

demonstration enjoyed by everyone.

A delicious supper provided by the members was followed by card bingo when everyone received a small prize.

The competitions organized by Elinor Roper were for a flower won by guest Florence Brogdon (Westward) and for a Garden Photo by Mary Johnson (Causewayhead).

The members competition for a Flower was won by Elinor Roper, 2nd Freda Garner and a Garden Photo was 1st Elsie Donald, 2nd Freda Garner.

The Drawing Prizes were won by Florence Brogdon, Eunice Hanley (Westward), Dorethy Holliday, Mary Johnson, Margaret Durham (Causewayhead), Margaret Ackerley, Irene Irving and Margaret Mynes (Abbeytown).

The next Meeting will be on Tuesday 8th May with An Introduction to Oil Painting by Mrs Beddison, with competitions being a small piece of pottery and a flower.

Causewayhead WI Litter Pick

The ladies of Causewayhead WI were delighted to have the help of eleven Brownies and their leaders, Maureen Irving and Angela Hoodless, for their April litter pick on West Beach Silloth.

We were also joined by Mums and Dads, small brothers and sisters, Jean Oliver and two grandsons and two very excited West Highland terriers.

Graham Proud, the AONB Ranger kindly let us borrow some child size yellow waistcoats and gloves and Causewayhead WI provided litter picks with bin sacks courtesy

of Allerdale waste management.

West Beach was soon being scoured from the dunes to the tide line by small yellow waistcoat clad figures eagerly picking up litter. Altogether twelve large bin sacks were filled, plus heavier items such as tyres and ropes were gathered up.

After juice and cake for the Brownies and coffee and biscuits for the grown ups, group photographs were taken.

Well done Brownies and everyone who took part. We look forward to having your help again, and hopefully on a warmer day.

Puncher Bee by Jake Nichol aged 8 from Silloth Primary School



The Hulk Bee by Charlie George Hyde aged 3 from Silloth Nursery School

Hellrigg Wind Turbines

The visitors have started to arrive again and it was most interesting to hear that most had read the Buzz. They all agreed that Silloth was a delightful place and would like it to stay that way, that is why they were pleased to sign objections letters for the proposed Hellrigg Windfarm.

Unfortunately, as well as having to live with the wind turbines our television reception is going to be effected. As indicated by the BBC, the area of the interference is a sector with a radius up to 5km. Silloth is approximately 3½km from the proposed Windfarm site. It is likely that approximately 1,100 homes will be affected, plus an unknown number of caravans. We would hope the Planning Officer would require an on-site survey and an undertaking from the developer that any problems likely to be experienced by the local community would be rectified before planning permission is even considered.

Consider the large

numbers of heavy goods vehicles transporting construction materials, for period of eight months. One of the preferred routes for the construction traffic is the B5302 Wigton to Silloth turning left at the cross roads after Kingside Hill, this stretch of road and junction is notorious for accidents. The other preferred route is the B5301 Aspatria to Silloth. This road is already used by a large volume of traffic. It is proposed that the turbines and blades will arrive at Silloth Docks and then to the site. The B5302 Silloth to Wigton road will be closed and parking restrictions will be in place. It is up to us all to make sure that the planning officer is aware of these possible problems before the application is allowed to proceed.

Write a letter to: Mr R Outhwaite, Planning and Development, Allerdale Borough Council, Allerdale House, Workington, CA14 3YJ.

Or use SOSAC printed letters which are available in most shops.

JOHNSTONE'S PRIVATE HIRE Is Now One Year Old



Johnstone's Private Hire now have two 8 seater mini-buses, plus a car. The new silver '07' mini-bus is on a Hackney plate which means it can be flagged down or pre-booked.

It will be at Workington on Thursday and Friday nights for those party-goers who need to get home.

There is on-board TV and refreshments for long journeys, airport transfers, hen nights and stag parties.

It makes all the difference when the customers are kept happy.

I would like to thank West Silloth Motors who service all our buses and cars, often at a moments notice. We are recruiting new staff for the busy summer months



to keep up with increasing demand for our 24 hour 7 day a week promise. Thanks must go to our existing drivers Ian Cannon, Peter Fearon and Mick Satterthwaite who have

worked for us in our first year. We now have three fully trained escorts, my wife Hayley, Jackie Carruthers and Judith Hayston. They all attended a two day course at

Grange-over-Sands, so we now do School runs for Cumbria County Council.

Thank-you also to Tony and Denise Markley for their help and guidance in our first year!

Our accountant Rachel Robson has kept us right with the books, etc. and has been really helpful, I would recommend her if anyone needs an accountant.

I would, however, like to apologise to anyone who was unable to book a taxi due to our 'phone problem, and would stress that if you can't reach us on the land-line 016973 31557 please call the mobile number: 079999 34555.

Johnstone Forster & Family thank you all for your support

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