

Causewayhead WI

The June meeting of Causeway Head WI was held on the 13th.

President Mrs Pat Bell welcomed everyone and introduced the Speaker for the evening who was Mr Alan Norman. He gave a talk and demonstration on Oil Painting. His many anecdotes and demonstrations enthralled the members. He delighted the non-painters and inspired those who already paint. Mr Norman was thanked by Mrs Olga Hetherington.

The Business part of the meeting began with reading of the previous minutes, which were approved. The grant from the Neighbourhood Forum was acknowledged in the sum of £498 and we were pleased to report that the Public Address System was up and running. The members were delighted with the result.

The 80th Birthday Party was held on May 2nd and the theme of the Roaring Twenties was a huge success with visitors and members all dressing for the occasion. A Coffee Evening following the same theme was held on Friday 5th of May and as a result of this donations were made to the Northern Air Ambulance "Pride of Cumbria", Silloth Life Boat Station and funds

were also raised for bulbs and plants for the Heritage Centre garden which is looked after by Causeway Head WI.

Final arrangements were made for the outing to Floors Castle on June 30th.

The County News was read by the President, and various matters were discussed.

Mrs Olga Hetherington reported on her visit to the National Conference on 6th June at the Royal Albert Hall. The National Conference voted on the motion that "the WI urges Her Majesty's Government to cease the closure of Community Hospitals". The motion was carried virtually unanimously. She gave details of the various speakers for the day. The predominant theme being "reducing the Carbon footprint". Two special motions were passed unanimously concerning Sanitary protection for girls and women in Zimbabwe and Closure of Rural Post Offices. Letters are to be sent to the Government asking for action on the matter.

The Competition results were;
Best Jam and Preserve Label: 1. J. Wilson,
2. F. Jackson
Flower Comp: 1. J. Vorley,
2. A. Harrison
Grocery Parcels: 1. D. Ross,

Arthritis Group

Report by: Gladys Temple

Chair Edna Marper welcomed everyone to the July Meeting and gave apologies from Anne Graham and Christine Smithson. She also welcomed a new member, Mr. Michael Riseley. Paul Gibson, a rheumatology nurse from North Cumbria Health Authority, was our Speaker for the afternoon. Paul is one of four nurses covering Cumberland Infirmary and West Cumberland Hospital. He has been a nurse for 19 years and has been in Cumbria for 6 years. The population covered by the Clinic is approximately 300,000 and of these 1,500 to 2,000 are affected by one of the 200 different types of arthritis bad enough to be referred for help. 70% of people over 70 years of age are affected by arthritis but only about 10% of these are badly affected enough to need specialist help however 1/3rd of days off work are caused by some form of bone pain. Part of Paul's job is to try and educate sufferers to keep as active as possible, to use pain

relief effectively and how to protect joints from damage, coping with pain and advice on attachments in the home to keep independence. The sooner patients are referred to the clinic the easier it is to help them before the damage is worse. He gave advice about various 'cures', which are available, and as there are so many different types of arthritis so one thing, which helps one sufferer, will not be suitable for another. Research is ongoing and it is hoped that a programme being looked into now will help to regenerate joints within the next 5-10 years and stem cell technology may help in the future. Gladys Temple thanked Paul for a very informative and helpful talk. Mary Harrison and Gladys Temple served refreshments and Norma Jamieson won the raffle. Everyone then settled down to listen to a relaxation tape. Residents of Loveday House were thanked for the use of their sitting room. The next meeting on 3rd August is an outing to Gretna Gateway and Blacksmiths Shop.

2. O. Hetherington
Raffle: J. Vorley,
J. Wilson, J. Graham,
M. Johnstone,
D. Maxwell, P. Froggart,
J. Davis.

The Queen Bee
by Ayesha Wise
aged 8 from
Holme St. Cuthbert School

Fined for Illegal Taxi

A brother and sister from Wigton have been prosecuted by Allerdale Borough Council for running an illegal taxi.

Carlisle Magistrates Court heard how Craig Thomason, 36, of Station Road, the proprietor of Thomason Travel of Wigton, was licensed to operate passenger carrying vehicles (PCV). However the removal of four seats in one of the minibuses meant that the vehicle was classed as a private hire vehicle. Mr Thomason was not licensed to operate private hire vehicles.

Mr Thomason's sister, Deborah Thomason, 44,

was witnessed driving the vehicle on three occasions. She admitted to Allerdale Borough Council officers to driving an unlicensed vehicle as a taxi on a Cumbria County Council contract and that she did not hold a private hire vehicle licence.

Mr and Ms Thomason both pleaded guilty to various offences in connection with the operation and driving of unlicensed vehicles. Mr Thomason was fined £1100 and ordered to pay £100 costs. Miss Thomason was fined £450 and ordered to pay £100 costs.

Prize Bingo Raises £121

Tots N Toddlers would like to thank local business for their support in our prize bingo, which raised £121.

Big thank you to the Golf Hotel, Huntsman, The Albion, Forget me Nots Flowers, Silloth Café, Winters, Essentials, Hendersons Heating,

Passion 4 Fashion, Bankmill Nurseries, Bouncing Babies Childminding, Maryport Aquarium, Salon Di Moda, Peter Josefs, Top 2 Toe Beauty Salon, Stanwix Park, Lowther Arms, Rookies and AONB. Also every one else who donated prizes.



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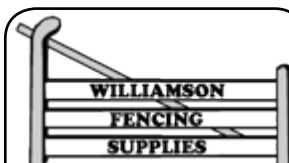
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