

## Abbeytown WI

At the February meeting of Abbeytown WI, Vice-President Gladys Temple welcomed members from Dundraw, Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh.

Margaret Moore had the 2008 programmes. Muriel Mattinson has organized the transport to go to Aspatria for the Dart Match. Members who had promised to provide crockery for the birthday party were reminded to check with Freda.

Gladys introduced Mr John Cowen from Cranston Butchers. John began as a Saturday boy when he was 16 and

is now Sales Manager having worked his way through many departments. The firm was begun in 1914 and is still owned by the same family. They buy all their products locally and make all their cooked products at Penrith, their ethos is for top class fresh food. He had brought several cuts of meat to show the differences and explained how to cook each. A side of lamb was cut up showing the differences between various roasts, chops, etc. Cranstons go through approximately 20 cows, 40 pigs and 120 lambs each week. Four

tonnes of Cumberland Sausage and 25,000 pies are also produced. Gladys Temple thanked John for a very interesting and informative talk.

Freda read a dialect poem while John judged the competitions. Margaret Moore passed three parcels round to guess the contents and Gladys gave everyone a quiz to think about while they ate delicious buffet supper. Elsie Donald read several funny dialect stories which everyone enjoyed. On behalf of the visitors Jane Miller thanked Abbeytown for a very traditional friendly evening.

## Abbeytown Mothers Union

Report by: Gladys Temple

Rev. David Tembey lead the service to begin the 2008 programme of Abbeytown M.U.

He spoke about Thomas Aquinas and asked us to pray for our members who could not be with us. The M.U. theme of the year is Time for Relationships so we were encouraged to pray for family and friends but also think about praying for the people we do not like or who do not like us.

After the service David took over the chair for the AGM. We had several good speakers and several visits to other Churches. We had

meals out and a trip to Durham. She thanked Maureen Skivvington for the beautiful new banner made for us in time for Lynne's induction as Provincial President of The Diocese of York. This was the highlight of our year. Lynne thanked everyone for the love and support all members give to her and to David when she is away. David echoed his thanks to all members for their support.

Maureen Gibson agreed to be Branch Leader for another three year period taking over the chair from David and Noeline Foster as secretary with Freda Garner as treasurer.

Press correspondent and overseas prayer member is Gladys Temple. Freda will organise the raffles and Brenda Sim the literature. Gladys and Mary Mattinson both resigned from the

committee while Elaine Atkinson and Joan Winter agreed to join Elsie Donald on the new committee.

Freda collected the subs of £11.25 and Maureen reminded members we are invited to Flimby Branch on 1st May and Westward on 7th May. Lent lunches begin on 7th February and are held each week on Thursday at noon.

Mothers Day sponsorship forms were distributed then Noeline read the minutes of the November meeting reminding members we have visitors from Ireby, Uldale & Boltons M.U. and also Wigton M.U. in May.

Birthdays celebrated in January were Freda, Gladys and Elaine while Lynne has hers in February so all were wished many happy returns.

## Bee a Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered sports shirt to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and £5 Gift Voucher.

So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Send them in to the address on this page and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered sports shirt from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.



Masthead Bee Winner

This month the winner is Kiara Orchard from Silloth Primary School with a bee called "Pretty Princess!". Well done Kiara!

## Track & Field Events

Ron Ablewhite's exhibition of Track and Field events at The Gincase is a delightful, authentic study, not of sports, but of familiar Lakeland farm scenes, and a rare opportunity to see and buy original works of art.

Timeless, atmospheric and nostalgic, Ron has captured images of country lanes, livestock, tractors, and farmsteads that explore the effect of light across the seasons at different times of day and night.

Based in Penrith, Ron has built up a wonderful

collection of work, and this exhibition features over forty original paintings and a dozen open edition prints.

"Around half of the work in the exhibition is traditional watercolour and the remainder is line and washes paintings", says Ron. "With the line and wash, I start by producing a very detailed pen and ink drawing, on watercolour paper, which I then colour with watercolours. The end result retains the transparent glow and subtleties of a traditional watercolour, yet has an

## Old Silloth

**Remember when Silloth was a town of shopkeepers?**

Those days are long gone, but I am compiling a list of the small shops and businesses we used to have and would appreciate any memories of the way things were prior to the Spar and Co-op.

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underlying "crispness" from the pen work.

"One of the things that distinguishes my work from my contemporaries is the amount of detail I create. Whereas many watercolourists will spend two to four hours on a painting, my work usually takes between two and four days."

Ron Ablewhite's exhibition at The Gincase runs from Saturday 15 March until Friday 25 April.

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