

## Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

President Audrey Harrison welcomed members back after the summer break. Elinor Roper was thanked for the beautiful arrangement of flowers on the table.

Congratulations were sent to Mary & Billy Briggs on their recent Golden Wedding. Volunteers were asked to help at the Autumn Fair in aid of Hall Funds which is to be held on Friday 3rd October at 7pm. Adults £1 and children free. Freda read a record of the July meeting and Audrey brought attention to several items from the County News. Freda agreed to be delegate at Greenhill Autumn Council Meeting.

The Group meeting is to be held at Aspatria Rugby Club on Wednesday 17th September with the Cantonelle Singers entertaining. Invites had been received from Bothel & Kirkland, Dundraw and Kirkbride WI's to their next meetings and lists were passed around. The Christmas Dinner has been arranged for 2nd

December at Wheyrigg Hall. Margaret Moore gave her financial report. Unfortunately the Bowls competition had to be cancelled but we have three teams entered for the Darts Pairs at Aspatria on Monday 13th October. Several suggestions for the Birthday Party in March were discussed but no decisions were made.

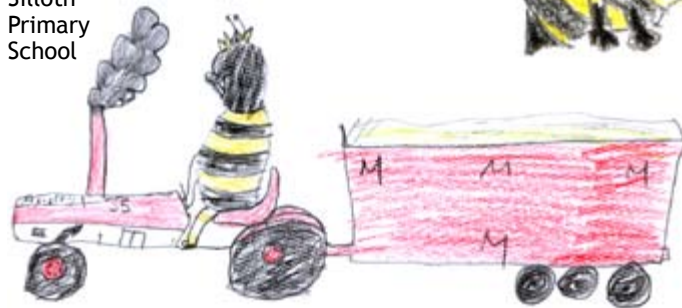
Everyone received a sample of Tetley Green Tea. Audrey introduced Pac Garebedian with his slides and talk 'Pandav up the Mekong'. The journey began in Vietnam and went on to Cambodia it was a package holiday but unknown to them it was the first time the boat had been on this journey so it was a learning experience for everyone. It was 40' wide and three tiers high so caused quite a wake for the other small boats to ride out. The journey took us from Phnom Peng to Kompong Cham then back to Phnom Peng and up to the Takie Sap Lake to Angkor Wat Complex, which is a world heritage Site. We saw temples, palaces and Pol Pots torture camp on the way. The journey was eventful

and at one point part of the funnel had to be removed to allow the boat to pass under a bridge. The return journey was made by plane. Audrey Harrison thanked Pac for a very interesting and informative show.

Margaret Mynes and Elsie Donald served refreshments. Irene Irving, Noeline Foster and Elsie Donald were raffle winners while Elsie also won the Flower competition with Margaret Ackerley second. Margaret Mynes and Noeline Foster won the competition for a foreign souvenir. Muriel Mattinson's Group organised the card bingo ensuring everyone received a prize.

There will be a Gift Stall at the October Meeting and the talk will be on Foot care by Valerie Stewart. The competitions will be a paper knife and a flower.

Farmer Bee  
by Bradley Whitfield  
from Silloth  
Primary School



## WI & Brownies go Litter picking

Report by: Frances Jackson

The Summer of 2008 has been an extremely difficult one in which to organise a clean up on West Beach. Intrepid as us WI ladies are, heavy rain and wind have kept us off the beach.

However on Saturday August 30th, the weather was kind to us (it did not rain). We were joined by the Silloth Brownies and their Brown Owl, Tawny Owl, Snowy Owl, and Brown Owl plus mums and dads, brothers and sisters, a grandad, and a three year old.

Equipped with bright green waistcoats provided by the



organisers of the 'The Big Tidy Up' campaign, plus pick up sticks, gloves and big plastic bin sacks, we gathered round Silloth Mayor, Graham Wilkinson who set us off on our litter pick. We are very grateful to our Mayor who supports us on these occasions and helps to pick up the litter. Two boys who joined

us did a great job pulling a large fish box full of the bin sacks we had filled back to the car park.

Altogether twelve sacks of titter were picked up, a great achievement by all who helped.

Everyone enjoyed drinks and biscuits after all the hard work, and photographs were taken.



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by Ellie Hill  
from Upperby Primary School



Dancing Bee  
by Dee Vevers from Caldeu Lea School

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