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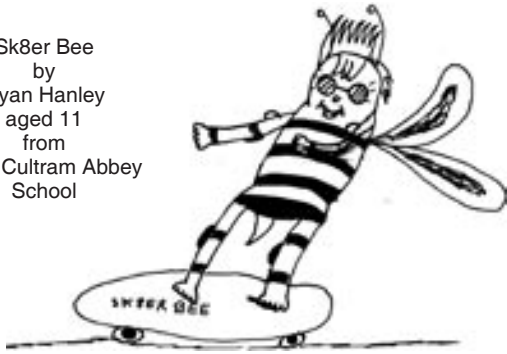


The latest edition of the printed guide to local businesses and organisations is at the printers and will be delivered to every household in this area over the next few weeks.

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Sk8er Bee  
by  
Ryan Hanley  
aged 11  
from  
Holm Cultram Abbey  
School



## Memories of Days Gone Bye

The "Yarrow" was sold before the war, when she went for her annual refit, her sister ships used to take her place, they were the "Teviot" and the "Ettrick", like the Yarrow they were all named after Scottish rivers. They were owned by Sloans of Glasgow, the Yarrow was sold to Palgrave Murphy of

Dublin and stopped trading here after the war started, she was renamed the Assaroe.

The old lairage was scrapped and a new one built by a company, it seemed to be a good business for quite a while. A Dutch firm brought the cattle from Ireland and then it all went when the big fiddle was found to be

getting more than his share of the profits and the firm went bust.

Another bit of news before the first war was the "Florence" hitting the dock wall when entering the dock and it sank in the dock, it was said that the eels were floating on the top of the water, drunk with wheat they had eaten.

Another piece of news was The "Tilling" going on the sand bank, between the Scottish channel and ours into Silloth. A buoy had broken adrift and the skipper missed his way because of it. The "Tilling" was loaded with sheets of tin for Hudson Scotts of Carlisle and was stranded for two weeks, the salvage ship and two tug boats got her off and brought her to Silloth with a list on, after dumping part of her cargo while she was aground. Two tugs the "Vanguard" and the "Strong Bow" towed her away to Liverpool after some days being patched up.

The only cargoes loaded out now are the cement boats, at least I think the cement is the only cargoes loaded out now. Fisons closed down and took most of their staff with them to Immingham about 30 years ago. Apart from the mill there is nothing left, its pleasing to know they are doing so well since the mill was modernised.

## Causewayhead WI.

### Jan 2004 meeting report

President Pat Bell welcomed members along with visitors from Silloth WI to the first meeting of 2004.

It is the turn of Causewayhead WI to send a delegate to the meeting in Sheffield in June.

We are invited to send a team of four to the Christ Church Quiz night on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> and names were collected for this event.

The Darts Team will compete at Wigton on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.

Five committee members then presented a five minute straight faced presentation of 'Cinderella' which was received with much laughter.

This was followed by a panel game organised by Diana Shaw. Four members were asked to share their most embarrassing moment, list the three women they most admire and what they would like to change about themselves. They were also asked to name three things to put in a time capsule to be opened in 100 years time. This produced a great variety of answers including present day coins, a local newspaper, an aerial photo of Silloth, credit cards, and a list of current bird species. This last item in case that by 2104, parakeets and humming birds would appear in Silloth gardens, and flamingoes would be found wading about on Skinburness marsh.

The hostesses served supper, and Margaret Durham thanked CauseWay Head WI on behalf of the visitors for a very enjoyable evening.

The cup for the biggest mug was won by Diana Shaw with Jean Wilson coming second. Eileen Chambers won the flower competition with a snowdrop and Rosemary Brooks came second with a primula.

Mary Johnson and Margaret Wise took home the grocery parcels. Barbara Donald and Mavis Walker won raffle prizes.

Pat Bell rounded off a happy and light hearted evening by telling us the contents of two e-mails she had received from Australia, one of these was 'How Forrest Gump got to heaven.'

### Feb 2004 meeting report

President Pat Bell welcomed members and two guests to the February meeting.

We were reminded that items for the Grocery Parcel must be up to date. It was hoped to arrange a coach trip on Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> to the Holker Hall Garden Festival and more details would be given next month.

The next Darts Match will be held at Wigton Bowling Club on Friday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> and members are asked to support the Causewayhead team at this event.

The Taylors of Harrogate bursary of £100 awarded for the work on the Heritage Centre Garden has been spent on trees and mulch.

Gifts of light mayonnaise and Dolphin friendly Tuna have been received from Hellmans and members will be able to sample these at the March meeting.

Mavis Walker then read the County News.

The speaker for the meeting was Mrs Barbara Hinde who has been involved for 14 years in the work of Tradecraft.

She showed us videos of coffee producers, tea pickers and women making beautiful jute hammocks. Working with Tradecraft meant that these people received a fair wage for the work they did where previously workers might earn only the equivalent of 9 pence an hour making T-shirts that retailed for £30 and tea pickers worked for 34 pence a day. Tradecraft provides advice on business practices and the suitability of products for the European Market. Reading and

writing are taught. Loans are arranged for bicycles enabling workers to get to work more easily than on foot.

Supermarkets are increasingly stocking Fairtrade products and Mrs Hinde was glad to see Silloth had a Co-op as they are major stockists.

The video of the women jute workers showed the women making hammocks of jute and taking them to be inspected by a Quality Controller. The journey began in a bullock cart, then by bus and finally by bicycle cart. These workers were told they needed to diversify and are now making gift cards from recycled materials.

Margaret Peach thanked Mrs Hinde for a fascinating talk. Members then had an opportunity to buy some of the items Mrs Hinde had brought along. Chocolate and sweets were very popular.

After supper, Member's brains were exercised in answering the questions in a Quiz set by Jean Wilson and Rosemary Brooks.

Jean Graham told us about the CDC Courses at Silloth Primary School and the Business Advice Day on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Flower Competition was won by Pauline Nixon with a beautiful hellebore. Jean Wilson was second.

Mavis Walker and Margaret Wise won the raffle while Elsie Doughty and Frances Jackson had the prettiest lace doilies.

The grocery parcels were taken home by Jean Vorley and Maureen Irvine.

Mrs Ruddick will give a talk on making jewellery at the next meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>.



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