

Causewayhead WI

April 2005 Report
President Pat Bell welcomed 35 members and two visitors. She warmly thanked every one who supported the Coffee Morning on April 9th (and despite being a cold wet and windy morning) raised £222 for funds.

The Treasurer collected money for the Birthday visit to the Gincase in May when Link Legate, Joan Miller will join us.

All who went to the Thursby WI Birthday Party had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Members are looking forward to the visit to Ripley Castle on 13th May and Jean Vorley has donated one of her decorated eggs for the Tombola.

The Group Meeting will be held in Aspatria Rugby Club on 28th September when Causewayhead will provide the press report.

Margaret Durham reported on the recent Group Meeting and said that everyone was in good voice for the singing of Jerusalem. A fireman spoke about those in the community most vulnerable to fires in the home. There was a talk about life in the Land Army and Mrs Ann Thomson spoke about the remarkable life of Florence Nightingale.

We had no speaker as Mr John Hogarth was unfortunately ill and could not come to give his demonstration of animal portraits. However, it provided a good opportunity for us to talk to each other and to get to know the two visitors.

Eileen Chambers who is directing the entertainment Causewayhead WI intends to present in November ran through the programme and some members were surprised to find themselves with a starring role in a "version" of Calendar Girls or high kicking in a chorus line!

Three hostesses served supper. The winner of the competition for an animal ornament was Margery Dockeray with a beautiful model of a calf and Mary Johnson came second with a model of a tiny pig with attached piglets. The two visitors, Edith Kerr and Sarah Hansford judged the competitions

and then joined as new members. Janice Wilkinson and Jean Hill took home the grocery parcels. Frances Jackson's pulsillata won the flower competition and Eileen Chamber's flower came second. Mary Johnson and Frances Jackson won raffle prizes.

We are sorry that Mr Hogarth is ill and hope he will soon recover and come to give us his talk on another occasion. Despite not having a speaker, we had a lively and enjoyable meeting.



May 2005 Report
Causewayhead WI went to the Gincase at Mawbray for their Birthday Party.

President Pat Bell welcomed members and two visitors and we then tucked into a delicious meal of cold meats, salads and a selection of deserts including a new one to all of us-Stepmother's tart.

Our link delegate to the London AGM in June, Jane Miller explained two resolutions. The first was that a fairer proportion of profit on the sale of milk should go to the Dairy Farmer, and the second was about care of the environment with an emphasis on the need for a reduction in packaging. These resolutions were supported unanimously at our meeting.

The 85th WI Anniversary will be held at Greenhill Hotel on Wed 10th June from 2pm to 8pm. Contributions of bottles are needed for tombola.

Four lucky ladies won raffle prizes.

Sylvia and Jennifer then entertained us with songs that ranged from Country and Western through hits of the 60's and 70's to songs from the shows of Andrew Lloyd -Webber. Sylvia read two dialect poems with an explanation for non-Cumbrian members.

As we went out into the cold starry night, we all agreed our Birthday party had been a great success.

Our next meeting will be in the Methodist Church Hall, Silloth on June 9th at 7:10 pm when Jackie Moffat will talk on "Life on and beyond the Funny Farm"

Why not come and join us?

Dog Fouling Prosecution

A Workington man has been prosecuted by Allerdale Borough Council for failing to clean up after his dog fouled.

David Birkett, of Cumberland Street, Workington, was fined £150 and £50 costs by West Allerdale Magistrates on Monday 18 April 2004 after he failed to pay a fixed penalty fine of £50.

The Court heard that, on the morning of Wednesday 8 December 2004, Allerdale's Environmental Wardens witnessed Mr Birkett's springer spaniel fouling beside a bush at Vulcans Park, Workington. Mr Birkett failed to clean up after his dog.

When questioned by the Wardens at the scene, Mr Birkett initially provided a false name and address. However, subsequent enquiries revealed the information to be false and Mr Birkett admitted his true identity and address.

A fixed penalty notice was hand delivered to Mr Birkett's home but was not paid by the due date of 22 December. Despite a reminder letter being sent to Mr Birkett on 23 December, the fixed penalty remained unpaid.

Mr Birkett was not present at the hearing.

Cheeky Fairy Bee
by Bethany O'Neill
aged 11 from
Silloth Primary School

Older Persons Forum

Don't forget the "Freedom of Information Act" is now up and running. Look on www.foi.gov.uk for more details. Also you can send for leaflets to "Department of Constitutional Affairs, Information Rights Division, Selborne House, 54 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QW. Or, give me a ring and I will send one to you. Christine Johnstone 01946 693903.

Just a word of warning we have been asked to issue: Please do be careful if you are befriending a young person. A trusting old lady had money stolen from her credit card account and was too upset to follow it through and be a witness in criminal proceedings. Many young people are very trustworthy but unfortunately some are not. Just take care.



Abbeytown Idiot
by Anthony Williamson
aged 11 from
Holm Cultram Abbey School



National Seaside Awards

Allerdale beaches win National Seaside Awards
Three beaches in Allerdale are amongst those recognised in the national Seaside Award scheme. Beaches at Allonby, Saltpans and Silloth West have retained their awards and are acknowledged for excellent management and good water quality.

All the beaches have previously won the award, and receiving the award again proves the beaches have consistent high quality bathing water.

Councillor Maureen Rourke, Executive Member with responsibility for Housing and Environmental Health, said: "This is excellent news. The recognition by the Seaside Awards will hopefully attract more residents and visitors to the area."

To earn the yellow and blue Seaside Award flag the beaches passed the EU minimum legal water standards as well as the strict management criteria which includes: life-saving equipment; provision of local information; and the protection of the local environment including encouraging the disposal of litter and dog faeces.

Brian Irving, Manager of Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, said: "The award is fantastic news. We have once again proven that Solway has much improved over recent years. We are meeting a consistently high standard."

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