

Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

Audrey Harrison welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked Isobel Hurst for the festive arrangement on the President's table.

Freda Garner read the record of the November meeting and reported that the dinner at the Golf Hotel was enjoyed by everyone and the atmosphere was very friendly. The visit to Rosley WI was much enjoyed. Elsie Donald was not well but had sent the proposed programme for 2006. Audrey sent thanks for all her work setting this up. We are responsible for Flowers in WI House on 25th July together with Aikton WI, Margaret Moore gave a very comprehensive financial report.

Audrey gave a report of her first year as President and thanked everyone for helping her and thanked Margaret for organising the two very successful outings, and Muriel Mattinson for organising the Sports entries. Freda Garner gave a very detailed report of our activities over the last year thanking everyone who helped in any way.

The ballot took place and Audrey was voted back as President. The various Secretaries were asked to continue for another year and the receptionists Elsie Foster, Isobel Hurst and Elinor Roper will continue.

The competition for the Flower Cup for the most points for the year was won by Elinor Roper 16, Freda Garner 15, and Audrey Harrison 14. The most points in the other competitions were Freda 17, Elinor 13, and Audrey 11.

A discussion took place about the Annual Flower Show but it was felt that not enough people in the Village were interested so it was reluctantly voted not to have a Show in 2006.

A festive supper was served with wine and fruit juice which was enjoyed by all. Freda

International Football Match in Silloth

Report by:
Geoff Bland

Did you know that there was once an International game played at the Eden Street Soccer ground?

This is what happened.

The large Spanish ship 'SS Tirian' registered at Vigo, came into the docks with a cargo of pyrites, on 26th October 1956 before leaving for Newport.

To fill in the waiting time the crew would come up to the Soccer ground each evening for

practise.

A challenge game was arranged and in case of any language problems, the late John Trespaderne was asked to be interpreter.

At that time the Silloth Soccer team was all local - no star imports

from other towns.

All went well and Silloth won 10-1, International caps were not awarded for this game.

Thanks to Ken Winter at the Dock office for the ship information.



Silloth team L-R: Harold Graham, Ron Steel, Terry Lennon, Ron Blake, Bob Sutton, Joe Baxter, Geoff Bland, Ken Blake, Donald Strickland, Ken Johnston, Wilf Little

Causewayhead WI

Report by: Frances Jackson

While President Pat Bell read the County news, the committee prepared and served a supper of Cumberland sausage, mash and peas with fruit crumble for desert.

Mrs Dorothy Ross thanked the committee for the supper and their work during the year.

Then it was down to business with the secretary's, treasurer's, and President's reports.

Jean Hill left the committee and Dorothy Maxwell was elected

onto the committee.

Molly Lomas won the Flower cup, and Margaret Dockeray and Frances Jackson share the Competition Cup.

Liz Telford and Pat Bell took home grocery parcels.

We met again on December 19th for Christmas Dinner at the Golf Hotel. A delicious meal that we have not had to cook ourselves is really enjoyed by the busy ladies of Causewayhead WI (and no washing up afterwards!).

We were entertained by Scott on his keyboard and sang some carols to get us into the true spirit of Christmas. We departed into the frosty night clutching our gift from Santa's sack.

We meet again on January 11th when Moll Lomas and Liz Telford will demonstrate their craft work.

Garner then organized a Christmas Quiz with lots of prizes sent by Peggy Garner our oldest member.

The competition for a Christmas Serviette was won by Freda Garner, 2nd Gladys Temple, 3rd Margaret Moore, 4th Audrey Harrison. Muriel Mattinson won the raffle, 2nd Elsie Foster, 3rd Gladys Temple.

The January Meeting will be slides by Norman Godfrey and the competitions are: A Christmas Card, Christmas Cake and a Flower. Audrey then wished everyone a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year

Grants Awarded

Cumbria Community Foundation awarded over half a million pounds worth of grants to local voluntary and community groups at its Allerdale, Barrow Community Trust and Combined Grants Committee meetings in November and December.

Amounts varied from £149 to West Cumbria Crossroads Caring for Carers Ltd for a training day to £31,000 to the Kendal YWCA for a disabled access and emergency exit in a building used by many community groups.

Local grants awarded included: Silloth Community Development Centre Advisory Forum (CDC), to replace ageing IT equipment and operating system software. £5,862 awarded by Strengthening Rural Communities. Silloth Rugby Union Club, towards Newsletter. £850 awarded by Community Champions.

Flower Bee by Caitlyn Bonomy aged 7 from Silloth Primary School



Scott Wilson

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Digger Bee by James Hollick aged 6 from Holm Cultram Abbey School

