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Silloth's Record Breaking Cargo



Associated British Ports' (ABP) Port of Silloth handled its largest ever consignment of cargo recently, when some 3,420 tonnes of fertiliser were discharged from m.v. Antari for Carrs Fertilisers.

The previous record was 3,311 tonnes, which passed through the port in February 2003.

DA Harrison, discharged the cargo for Carrs in under 16 hours. The company achieved excellent productivity, as

a result of both flexible working arrangements and its recent investment in a state-of-the-art Sumitomo grab crane.

Tonnage through Silloth has risen steadily in recent years, while the port and its customer base continue to satisfy the agricultural and manufacturing requirements of the Cumbrian economy. Volumes in 2005 reached their highest level since the 1990's, when the port was heavily utilised

for cement exports to Northern Ireland and Eire.

Stan Denby, Managing Director, Carrs Fertilisers, said: "We are very pleased to have been the company to deliver Silloth's largest ever cargo, especially as Antari's arrival and discharge was fast and efficient. We hope to break this record again in the future."

Nick Ridehalgh, ABP Port Manager, North-

West Ports, added: "Breaking Silloth's cargo record is a fantastic achievement. Although Silloth is one of our short-sea or "medium-sized" ports, this new record demonstrates that it can punch above its weight and that it's more than capable of handling larger tonnages in a cost-effective and productive manner. The port plays an integral role in the regional economy and is a vital catalyst for local trade and commerce."

Abbeytown Flower Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

Chairman Ruth Pinguey welcomed everyone to the March meeting and Angela Middleton then read a letter from the Air Ambulance Team thanking us for our £80 donation.

Ruth introduced Elaine Forrester and June Fearon who came at short notice to give us a Flower Demonstration.

Elaine began with a display for the mantle place over the fire. It was made up of protea, carnations and orchids in pale pinks and mauves. A glass vase filled with coloured glass beads was the setting for the next display, pussy willow, canna lilies and roses in peach. A candle holder filled with white orchids and pink canna lilies made another lovely display. A black glass circle made a dramatic holder for purple orchids

and another display for over the fire was made from pink spray carnations and purple speckled carnations with arum lilies. A lovely silver shoe filled with purple orchids and carnations finished the demonstration. Joyce Wilson thanked Elaine and June for a very delightful evening.

Elsie and Noeline Foster then distributed the refreshments and Joyce Wilson sold the draw tickets. Winners of the flowers were 1st Jackie Cawood, 2nd Margaret Greenup, 3rd Jenny Scogins, 4th Mary Mattinson, 5th Phyllis Dockeray, 6th Margaret Garner.

The competition for 3 spring flowers was won by Jenny Scogins. 2nd Joyce Wilson, 3rd Lesley Evans.

At the April meeting Olive Reed read the minutes of the



March Meeting and arrangements were made for the outing next month to Irthington.

Audrey Harrison sold drawing tickets. The Speaker for July cancelled so Ruth asked for more suggestions. Ruth then introduced Shirley Warwick from 'Body Shop at Home'. Shirley began with a pass the parcel, which was won by Lesley Hope. She had given out numbers to everyone and Pam Taylor's number was pulled out so she sat at the front and everyone

watched as she was cleansed and made up, she was pleased with the result. Ruth Pinguey then volunteered to be made up and she too was delighted. Shirley talked about the different products she had as she went along and gave samples out for everyone to try. She spoke about how the Body Shop came to be set up and the charity work they do overseas. Olive Reed thanked her for a very interesting evening.

Audrey Harrison, Joyce Wilson and Cynthia Williamson served the refreshments while Shirley judged the pasche egg competition. 1st was Gladys Temple, 2nd Joyce Wilson, and 3rd Lesley Evans. The draw winners were Isobel Baird, Lesley Hope, Francis Drysdale, Margaret Greenup, Mary Mattinson and Elsie Foster.