Causewayhead WI

The April meeting began with the President welcoming new guests. The Birthday Party will be held and the Juncoes on Wednesday 6th May and Resolution night on 10th May.

Frances Jackson reported on the West Beach cleaning project, over fifty black bags of rubbish have been collected since January. The next cleaning collection will be held after Easter, when details will be recorded for the Marine Conservation Project.

Jean Graham, our delegate to the Spring Council meeting, gave a very detailed report and said that many of the questions, which concerned the members, had been answered.

President Mrs Pat Bell introduced the speakers for the evening, Margaret & Susan Hodgson. They gave a talk on quilting Old and New. They also showed the members a huge number of stunning quilts including a Durham quilt, a Wedding quilt and an example of an Amish quilt from America. Elizabeth Telford gave the vote of thanks After the talk a discussion took place about the knitting of Burundi Bears for the Charity Facilitude.

Winners of the competitions were as follows: Quilt: 1st Frances Jackson, 2nd Rosalita Wilson Grocery Parcel: 1st Audrey Dunbar, 2nd Jean Wilson Flower: 1st Audrey Dunbar, 2nd Jean Wilson Raffle: 1st Kathy Baty, 2nd Frances Jackson

President Pat Bell welcomed everyone to the May meeting, and a minutes silence was kept in respect of a past member of Silloth WI.

The Resolutions for the Annual General Meeting were discussed: 1. Renewable Energy, 2. Sports for a healthy nation. The discussion was lengthy and the resolutions were approved, our delegate Mrs J Vorley, will take our decision to the Annual General Meeting in Cardiff The

The Women's Speaker for the

evening was Mrs Evelyn Dougdale of the Friends of the Wigton Hospital campaigns for the Save the Wigton Hospital. We learned facts that were not previously known to us. They have talked to MP's to try to get across to the Government, that we are a rural area without proper reliable transport links, and have taken 69,000 signatures into the Primary Care Trust. Wigton Hospital has 17 clinics, and covers a very wide area. It was a most interesting talk and we are so grateful to Evelyn for keeping us so well informed. A vote of thanks was moved by President Mrs Pat Bell.

Supper was then served.

The flower

competition was won by: 1st C Haines and 2nd M Walker. President Audrey Harrison welcomed everyone to the March meeting and 79th Birthday Party in the Assembly Rooms. Margaret Mynes, our newest member, cut the cake.



Vice President Elsie Donald thanked Joyce Wilson for baking and decorating the cake. Elsie also thanked Ann Parry and her team for the supper. There was a free draw ticket under every plate and Freda Garner drew out tickets so that everyone received

a present. Audrey then organized the big draw. The Statesmen Harmony Group then entertained with songs and comic stories. There was

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something for everyone to enjoy, while the stories added laughter to the evening.

At the April meeting President Audrey Harrison thanked Elsie Foster for the beautiful basket of spring flowers. Gladys Temple gave a comprehensive report of the Spring Council Meeting.

A summer outing has been arranged to Bardon Mill and Towley Hall in Lancashire. A 53 seater coach has been ordered so please ask friends and neighbours to join us on Wednesday July 26th. An afternoon trip

to Muncaster Castle has also been arranged on 31st May just in time to see the flowers before they fade, leaving Abbeytown at 12:30pm, anyone wishing to join please give your name to Margaret Moore 61731. Muriel Mattinson is organizing teams to be entered for the County Bowls event at Caldbeck in June. The competitions are a Christmas tree decoration and three mince pies. The Group Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th September. Elsie Donald volunteered to buy the prizes for the monthly draws.

Audrey then introduced Marion Hayton from Penrith to give a talk on Cumbrian Dialect. Marion had her audience enthralled with songs, poems, stories and jokes in dialect. Many of her stories and poems were about farming so many of the ladies could appreciate the humour behind them and the jokes were of the kind even I could go home and remember them for my family.

The competition for an old book was won by Noeline Foster, 2nd Elinor Roper and the flower competition was won by Freda Garner, 2nd Elinor Roper. Raffle winners were Elsie Foster and Joyce Wilson.

The social time was organised by Margaret Moore's group.

