

Mayors Report

The Chairman has attended Civic Services at Harrington, Maryport and Cockermouth. Presented flowers at the Vintage Rally and welcomed the crew of the Grand Turk to Silloth. He gave notice of his Civic Service to be held at Christ Church on 6th August.

P.C. Andy Robertson's written report listed complaints and disturbances dealt with over the past month. WPC Yvonne Benson attended the meeting and introduced herself as the Community Liaison Officer for our area.

Correspondence dealt with this month included a document from Cumbria County Council headed Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework all 145 pages and requests comments by the end

of July. A letter from Allerdale Borough Council with regard to the policy for granting street trading licences within Silloth. Another letter from A.B.C. requested we reconsider the request for the Sunday market, to use the edge of the Green so as not to close the street to traffic. Councillors present rejected the proposal.

Other reports submitted this month included Primary School: the windows have been installed and the school has received a good Offstead Review. Joint Advisory: Sir Martin Doughty future chair of Natural England had recently attended a meeting of the A.O.N.B. in Silloth. Regeneration: The first step in the bidding process to the Heritage Lottery has been

submitted for evaluation. Allerdale Councillor Jefferson asked that it be noted he had not been sacked from A.B.C. and that the leader and Chief Executive could not do so as he is an elected member. County Council: A.J. Markley stated he was now Chair of the Allerdale Local Committee and although funding was very tight it was envisaged some amount of Highway work would be carried out in Silloth. Ken Wannop reported on work carried out and planned around the town, he also made a request for a small dumper for use on the green. This was agreed by all. The Town Clerk reported the accounts have been audited and submitted to the Audit Commission. It was also noted that there is still a vacancy on the council.

An Overview of the councils financial position after three months of the financial year shows we are on course.

Short but Sweet

Report by:
Elizabeth Lowther

Trinity Methodist Church was the venue for a Concert entitled "Short but Sweet" by Patricia Pictor and friends. An International opera Singer, Patricia was joined by Stuart Stowell and one of her young pupils, Mike Wilkinson.

The audience enjoyed solo's from each member of the party and the concert ended with a magnificent rendition of the Holy City by Patricia.

Following the Concert, church members served refreshments to the Concert Party and audience. Proceeds from the evening, which included the sale of home baking and fancy goods, amounted to £390 and was donated to McMillan Nurses.

Patricia and Friends will be making a return visit to the Church on Friday 22nd September at 7.30pm.

Causewayhead WI

President Pat Bell opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

We were asked by the Silloth Carnival Committee to help on Carnival day, by manning one of their stalls, as we have done previously.

The relatives of Iris Norman who passed away last month have generously made a donation to our group, and it was decided to use it for a Memorial in her name, i.e. an engraved President's Badge, or the renaming of the flower cup. Iris had been a past President of the Silloth Branch for 25 years.

A letter from the Eden Valley Hospice for their Tea Party on the 16th June arrived too late for us to take part, and it was decided to take up a collection instead.

A report on the Volunteer's Trip with the AONB in appreciation of the work done by all volunteers' was made by Francis Jackson. There was also a report by Diana Shaw on the plans for our 80th Birthday Celebration in May 2007.

Our President introduced the speaker for the evening, Mrs Hine of the Citizens Advice Bureau.

In her talk Mrs Hine told us a bit of the History of the C.A.B., that it was started at the end of the 2nd World War to assist returning soldiers and their families, with housing, food, money and jobs.

Their first office was in a horsebox, (the type used by the railways for transporting horses), open and free to all, as it is up to this present time.

Their offices are manned by volunteer's, who are trained for six to nine months, confidentiality is one important factor in their training. The C.A.B. started helping and still

deal with a whole range of problems, the largest being debt. They now have contracts for legal services, and are also able to offer advice and support to disadvantaged people to the conclusion of their problem. Over the years they have been able to bring about changes in regulations, due to information gathered from branches all over the country, which can then be passed to the relevant department of the Government Ministry. At the end of her talk Mrs Hine had quite a few questions to answer. One being - How did the C.A.B. cope with the load from Legal Aid, and Benefit Contracts, and did you feel it was a cheap way of dealing with this problem?

Yes! It was made a scapegoat; too much was put on volunteers who had to work a set number of hours in the offices under great pressure. The system was being abused.

2. Do you have any specialist on staff? Yes! The speaker specialised in Debt and Benefits. Everyone starts from the same point, but later after training, may want to specialise in a particular field.

3. What are your hours? 9- 5 in the Office, most times during lunchtime, and at home which made for longer working hours, which could be very stressful, and you could not speak about it because of confidentiality. Volunteers worked six hours per week.

C Haines made the vote of thanks. The Hostesses then served supper.

The competitions were won by; FLOWER: 1st Ann Harrison 2nd Jean Vorley FANCY BIRO: 1st Frances Jackson 2nd Jean Wilson

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Blackpool Trip

A coach has been booked for Mrs Olga Wood's annual trip to Blackpool on Sunday 17th September at 8:30am from Silloth, returning at 9:30pm.

The coach will pick

up at Abbeytown and Wigton, everyone is welcome, to ensure a seat please book as soon as possible. Contact Olga M. Wood at 1 Patteril Terrace, or phone 016973 31013.

Assembly Rooms

The committee organized a Quiz on 'When did it Happen'. There were 68 questions covering the years from 1922-1987 and each member of the committee arranged to sell copies. There were several correct answers returned and a draw was organized. Rev. David Tembey

as Vice Chairman of the Assembly Rooms Committee included the draw during The Family Service at St. Mary's Holm Cultram Abbey with the winners being 1st Jean Armstrong Abbeytown, 2nd Mary Spry Abbeytown and 3rd J. Dixon Wigton. Thanks to everyone who took part.

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