

## Causewayhead WI

Report by: Carole Haines

President Pat Bell opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Minutes arising out of the minutes: The long planned trip to Royal Air Force Spadeadam, took place on the 26th July. The committee's decision to use the donation given to the group by the family of Iris Norman, (past President in the now closed Silloth Branch) in memory of her 25 years service, for a Engraved President Badge, and Flower Cup, was approved.

The speaker for the evening Mrs Judith Pattinson, past Mayor of Carlisle, gave a talk, 'My Year as Mayor 2003'. She served for fourteen months instead of twelve and thoroughly enjoyed it. She is a patron of the Jigsaw Appeal. She is only the 10th lady out of 419 Mayors and, as a woman, found it easier to get about to talk to groups, as they mostly comprised of women. She introduced fair trade into the city by serving fair trade products in the Mayor's parlour. On her profile in the Cumberland News, the reporter who interviewed her wanted to know more about her clothes, hats and shoes, than anything else. Consequently, she gained the reputation for being the lady with over 100 pairs of shoes. This was not a true picture of

her. On one occasion, a retired county council worker, having seen the photograph in the newspaper, wanted to know about the brass fender in her sitting room. People picked up on the strangest things; one even wanted to know if her husband was a smoker, as they saw a pipe on the table in the photograph.

During the year she had three keepers, one chauffeur, and a beautiful gold chain that was too expensive to keep. Her first engagement was in Maryport and from there she was invited by a lady to give her first talk to a group of ladies (as usual). She was invited to promote the Cumberland Show and was asked to take part in the Celebrity Sheep Shearing. Her sheep was voted the best, but to her it looked like a poodle. She has met royalty, but spent the most amount of time with Princess Alexandra, who was very friendly and spoke to her about Waitrose Supermarket. She was invited to London after Cumbria came second in Britain in Bloom Competition, and met celebrity gardener Monty Don.

After several memorable lunches, teas and dinners she had during her year, in the run up to Christmas she had mince pies and mulled wine thirteen

times in December. She also raised £24,000 for charity while Mayor and her worst job was abseiling down the civic centre on her second attempt, as the rope proved to be too short on the first attempt. She opened a conference for the Rotarians at the Sands Centre and was invited to make the opening speech. In her speech she said, as Mayor she had sworn an oath to patrol the castle walls and keep out the invading Scots. Instead, she was welcoming over a thousand Scots into Carlisle.

Judith was a very entertaining speaker and had the ladies in stitches most of the time. She also judged our competitions for: Hats- 1st Pat Bell, 2nd Maureen Irving Flowers - 1st Jane Cutts, 2nd Jean Wilson

And an equally entertaining vote of thanks was made by Diana Shaw. The AGM report was made, and Francis Jackson reported on the Beach Clean of which a total of 70kg of litter has been collected.



Halloween Bee by Charlie Garner aged 5 from Silloth Primary

## Bogus Callers

Allerdale Borough Council is asking residents in the borough to beware of bogus salesmen following reports of unscrupulous so-called workmen offering to carry out household repairs.

On several occasions, members of the public were pressurised by these callers to have work done to their properties that they didn't want. The Council would advise all householders not to employ cold callers however plausible they may seem. The West Cumbria Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership advises to think Stop, Chain and Check:

Stop - Are you expecting anybody? Do they have an appointment?

Chain - Secure the door bar or chain before opening the door

Check - Ask for and double-check the caller's ID. And if you are in any doubt, don't let them in.

Silloth & District OAP's

### Weekly Whist & Domino Drives

Whist Drives:

Tuesday @ 2.00pm  
Thursday @ 7:30pm

in the Recreation Hall  
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Silloth - 50p entry

Everyone Welcome

## Community Fund Birthday

The Allerdale Community Fund reached its fifth birthday recently and has benefited over 26,000 people during that time!

The Allerdale Community Fund was launched in August 2001. It was initiated by Allerdale Borough Council and is administered by the Cumbria Community Foundation. Over five years the Allerdale Community Fund has grown to help many people. The statistics over the past five years are:  
Total value of grants: £411,375  
Number of grants made: 375, Average grant: £1,097  
Community groups supported: 719  
Volunteers supported: 4,297  
Participants / beneficiaries: 26,691  
People trained: 347, Jobs safeguarded: 45  
People employed: 87, Community events supported: 53  
Community facilities supported: 101

The Council wanted to create a grants fund which would be as accessible as possible to voluntary and community groups, and which would help deliver long term benefits to local communities. The Council's aim was to support small, grass roots volunteer based groups and so the Allerdale Community Fund was born.

The Allerdale Community Fund Panel, which awards the grants, meets regularly, so that groups are not delayed. Urgent and small grants (up to £500) can be made by the Chair and Grants Officer. The fastest grant was 58 minutes from enquiry to approval.

Applications for an Allerdale Community Fund grant should be made direct to Roger Hart at the Cumbria Community Foundation on 01900 825760 or visit [www.allerdale.gov.uk/allerdalecommunityfund](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/allerdalecommunityfund).

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