

Solfest 2006



This festival clearly embraces families and children as their own. With an area for babies to sleep and a children's play area that provides a climbing frame, trampoline, table football, stilts, plastic drums and walking puppets, that is to say: as much fun as a child can handle and a reason for the grown-ups to be jealous.

But we needn't worry there is an



abundance of distractions for us grown-ups to play with. The arts are embraced through story telling, enough workshops to shake a welly at and a diverse selection of music. From the perpetual providers of cheese, Disco Du Fromage, the dance tent rolling



out beats, the main stage and the Drystone stage. You'd think this would be enough but a wander into the Bar and your met with another stage. This is where we experienced The Fujji, a modern, edgy, folk band.

With only three years in the running Solfest is growing at a fast and beautiful rate ensured by the profit being plied back in to the festival to guarantee one thing... fun! With tickets selling

out months in advance, my advice is to get yours in time to avoid the pain of disappointment in missing out on one of the year's most beautiful and fun festivals.

Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

President Audrey Harrison welcomed everyone and expressed sympathy to the family of Clarice Harrison who was a loyal Member of Abbeytown WI for many years.

Freda agreed to be delegate for the Autumn Council Meeting at Greenhill. Elinor Roper has been busy knitting Birundi Bears to be taken to Greenhill and the Coins for Friendship collection was taken.

Muriel Mattinson reminded our Darts Members they will be playing at Aspatria Bowling Club on 16th October at 7:30pm. A letter of thanks was read from Gladys Temple for the lovely flowers she received after her spell in hospital.

Members were reminded about the Group Meeting to be held at Aspatria Rugby Club on Wednesday 27th September where we will be providing the biscuits and the competitions are a Christmas Tree Decoration and three Shortcrust Mince Pies.

Margaret Moore gave the Treasurers Report and pointed out we need the money from the Sponsored Walk so if you cannot

walk yourself please sponsor someone else to do it. The Christmas Meal was discussed but no date decided. Next March will be our 80th Birthday so plans were put in place to make it a special occasion. Audrey then introduced Susan Forrester to talk about 'Butter Making'. Susan made it a delightful evening with showing how butter was made but also talking of her family's reasons for going into butter making and baking. She told jokes and read poetry then offered several items of her baking for sale to members giving 10% of her sales to the WI. Isobel Hurst thanked her for a very enjoyable talk, which had brought back memories for many members.

Noeline and Elsie Foster served refreshments including delicious scones and fresh butter provided by Susan Forrester. Muriel Mattinson's group organized card bingo for the social time. The competition winners were Cream Jug: 1st Elinor Roper 2nd Phyllis Dockeray, Flower: 1st Freda Garner 2nd Elinor Roper. The Drawing Winners were 1st Noeline Foster 2nd Margery Dargie. Next month we have visitors so extra food was requested and there will be a Gift Stall.

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