#### Mayors Report

I attended the opening of the Sports Hall and presented trophies at the finals night of the Darts League.

**PC** Robertson reported on a theft from the Co-op, damage to vehicles in the town, youths drinking in various locations around the town where it is an offence to consume alcohol, including the Rugby field and Green.

Correspondence: A request was made to use the old tennis hut as a cafe, which was deemed unsuitable. Allerdale BC wants permission to extend the re-cycling centre at North House, a site meeting is to be held. Concerns regarding the length of time of the road closure on the B5300 at Dubmill Point at high tide and the time taken to re-open the road. Consultations



on local government re organisation from both Allerdale and the County Council. Notification of the proposed works to extend the Lifeboat slipway. A letter seeking clarification on seven items within the council over the past year.

Outside bodies reports: Joint Advisory the AONB now have a storage area at the Heritage Centre and 40 schools are now using the centre regularly. STAG plans for the Grand Turk visit. Regeneration Partnership are moving ahead with funding bids to the Lottery, the result of the bid should be known by September, if approved the real work starts on the stage 1 bid.

Finally a plan is being prepared for the area of land between the Lifeboat Station and the dock entrance, a grant has already been secured

> of £80,000. The work has to be completed by March 2008.

X-der by Joelle Middleton aged 12 from Rhyddings School

### CCP Wheels

Cumbria Cerebral Palsy is pleased to announce the third annual CCP Wheels Event, part of the Great Cumbrian Run on 14th October 2007.

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If you would like to receive an entry pack, please call CCP on 01228 527796 or email douglas @cumbriacerebralpalsy.

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### **Abbeytown Mothers Union**

Report by: Gladys Temple

Freda Garner began the Meeting with prayers then introduced Nigel Wilson from Mission

Aviation Fellowship. Mission Aviation Fellowship began after the war when three ex RAF Pilots who were committed Christians wanted to use the skills they had learned to benefit needy people in the Third World. They raised enough money to buy an old RAF plane and flew it to Sudan where they flew anyone or anything to inaccessible places. Unfortunately their plane was destroyed in a violent sand storm so they returned to England where they set-to and raised enough to buy two more old planes. They now have 130 aircraft, mostly Cessna which are cheap to run and very reliable but as they get older they need to be replaced so it is an on-going expense to buy more. Each person who works for M.A.F. raises enough money to sponsor themselves for the time they are out in the field so none of them get salaries. All money raised goes on equipment and keeping the aircraft in the air. Now a world wide organization they work in Mongolia, Africa. Australia, Bangladesh, Sudan, India and South America. Air Taxis, Air

schedule operator in the world means that they charge at the point of delivery but at a reduced rate which can be afforded by the poorest people they serve, and they rely on donations to keep them going. They ferry goods from Bibles to parts for water pumps and anything else needed in places where it would be almost impossible to get to by road and places where there are no roads. They do medical safaris to get teams, equipment and drugs to places in good condition. Anything needed is carried by M.A.F. to

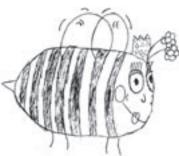


Skipping Queen Bee Alice Davison aged 7 from Silloth Primary School

where it is most needed. All pilots are fully qualified with commercial licenses and need to be dedicated Christians as they have to live with their families in the most inhospitable areas. An amphibian aircraft is used in Bangladesh as there are very few

landing strips. It is a Cessna Caravan which cost £1.8 million to buy and proved it worth during the floods saving many lives. M.A.F. are at the technical forefront of IT systems in Africa and sell their expertise to pay for equipment for their

We received a very detailed insight into the important work done by this very dedicated group of people who request that we remember them in our prayers. Elsie Foster thanked Nigel for a very inspiring talk. Refreshments were served by Mary Mattinson and Gladys Temple. Six members went to Westward last month where they enjoyed a lovely Service, good speaker and delicious supper. The next Meeting will be a trip to Whitehaven on 26th June leaving the Abbey at 12:45pm. Our September 1st Outing will be to Durham with a visit to Brancepeth Church on the way.



Queen B by
Emma Louise Paige Spark aged 4 from Holm Cultram Abbey School

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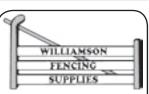
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