

## Wigton Theatre Club

Wigton Theatre Club's forthcoming production is "Playhouse Creatures".

This bawdy historical drama is set in Restoration London and the story tells the fortunes of five women, the first actresses to take to the stage legally, and is at times very funny, and others extremely moving.

The play runs from Tuesday 5th March to Saturday 9th March and starts at 7:30pm. Admission is £5.00/£4.50, tickets from Station Road Garage (opposite the Theatre), or call 016973 44620.

The AGM OF Abbeytown WI in December began with President Audrey Harrison thanking Isobel Hurst for the Christmas arrangement on her table.

Freda Garner reported that 19 members had enjoyed a lovely evening at Wheyrigg Hall for Christmas dinner. Seven members had visited Newton Arlosh and five West Newton, all having a warm welcome and a lovely supper.

Several items were read from the County News and the birthday party in March was discussed. Joyce Wilson agreed to bake and decorate the

cake while Elinor Roper agreed to cut it.

Freda gave an interesting report on our activities over the past year. We had several excellent speakers, celebrated our 85th birthday, visited seven different WIs, and sent a delegate to The Albert Hall. Our Bowlers came second at Caldbeck and members helped with the Road Run Teas, the Strawberry Teas at the Abbey and the Autumn Fair for the Hall.

Audrey thanked Freda for such an interesting programme, Margaret for keeping the financial affairs in order and the rest of the Committee for their support. The Flower Cup for the most points was won by Elsie Donald, 2nd was Freda Garner, 3rd Elinor Roper. Best Trier was Audrey Harrison. There was a tie for the General Competition Cup between Freda Garner and Gladys Temple, 2nd Elsie Donald, 3rd Joyce Wilson. Best Trier being Margaret Moore. Elsie Donald, Vice President took the chair while nomination papers were distributed to vote for a new President.

Mrs Harrison won the nominations and took over the chair again. Elsie Donald and Gladys Temple; Vice Presidents, Freda Garner; Secretary and Margaret Moore; Treasurer, Elsie Donald;

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Competition Secretary, Muriel Mattinson; Sport Secretary, Elinor Roper; Bulb Secretary and Margaret Mynes; Flower Secretary, Freda and Margaret; Outing Organisers and receptionists Elinor Roper, Elsie Foster and Isobel Hurst while Mavis Graham will continue to sell the raffle tickets. M.C.O. Irene Irvine.

Freda has made the programme for 2008 but a new programme secretary is required to organize the speakers for 2009.

The raffle was won by Margaret Ackerley and Elsie Foster while the competition for Christmas wrapping paper was won by Joyce Wilson and Freda Garner, Margaret Ackerley won the Flower competition with Freda Garner second.

At the January meeting President Audrey Harrison wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Margaret was kept busy taking the £27 subscriptions for 2008. Unfortunately the programmes for 2008 have still not arrived and we still need a Programme Secretary for next year.

A list was passed

Baggy Bee  
by  
Milly Henderson  
from  
Holme St. Cuthbert School

around for visitors to go to Kirkbampton in March and the Community Bus will be booked. Caldew Accordion Band will be the entertainers and the competition will be a musical ornament.

A letter of thanks was read out from Irene Irving she hopes to join us next month. A team has been entered for the Darts Competition at Silloth on March 25th.

Everyone was given draw tickets to sell for our annual large raffle to be drawn at the Birthday Party in March. The Craft Items in the Cupboard at WI House had not been ready for collection so everyone who had entered items was asked if they would be willing to leave them for another two months.

Audrey introduced Norman Godfrey with his slides 'The Splendour of Trees' showing us beautiful slides of trees beginning in Autumn with the variety of colours the leaves produce through Winter with bulbs producing carpets of flowers among the trees. The blossoms in

Spring were many and varied while in Summer the leaves were again of wonderful colours. Freda Garner thanked Norman for his usual splendid show, which had taken us from a dark, wet, windy miserable night to the delights in store throughout the coming year.

Norman judged the competitions organised by Margaret Brown.

Winner of the Christmas cake was Joyce Wilson, 2nd Muriel Mattinson while Gladys Temple won the Christmas Card, 2nd Margaret Moore. Freda Garner's flower was 1st and Elise Donald 2nd. The raffle winners were Mavis Graham and Gladys Temple. Joyce Wilson's group organised the social time. Next month we have visitors and Cranstons are the demonstrators and competitions are salt and pepper pot and a flower.

## Bee a Masthead Winner

Carlisle Embroidery are generously donating a Solway Buzz embroidered sports shirt to the winner. This is in addition to the usual Winners Certificate and £5 Gift Voucher.

So, come on kids, get drawing, the Buzz is always looking for more imaginative bees and yours might be the next winner. Send them in to the address on this page and a quality Solway Buzz embroidered sports shirt from Carlisle Embroidery could be yours.



Masthead Bee Winner

This month the winner is Megan Marie Kendall from Holm Cultram Abbey School with a bee called "Lover Bee". Well done Sadie!

## Arthritis Group

Chairman Edna Marper welcomed 21 members to the Annual Lunch.

Anne Graham organized a raffle ticket for everyone then we settled to enjoy a lovely meal pleasantly served. Anne drew out the tickets and everyone received a prize. Edna thanked the committee for all the help she had received over the past year she thanked Peggy Bray for arranging the meal and the staff of the Joiners Arms for serving it so pleasantly. The next meeting is on 1st March at Loveday House with Lyn Hardie from Age Concern North West giving advice on independent living.



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