

Abbeytown Flower Club

Report by: Gladys Temple

Twenty members of Abbeytown Flower Club gathered at 'Get Ahead Hats', Wood Close Farm near Skelton where Beverley Bargh welcomed us to her house.

We were made comfortable in the lounge and Beverley judged the competition for a necklace, which was won by Ruth Pinguey, Audrey Harrison and Phyllis Dockeray. Ruth thanked Beverley for a very entertaining and interesting evening.

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colour and shape, which we were welcome to try on. There were handbags, shoes and jewellery was also available to finish off the whole look and several members bought necklaces or bracelets.

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Rugby Club Food Fair

Another excellent turn out for the Silloth Rugby Club food fair.

There was loads of local produce, fine wines and ales and all those who attended were pleasantly surprised at the quality on offer.

Hopefully we can go on and make the day even bigger and better next year.



Mrs E Weightman sampling the locally caught fresh fish

CAMRA Pub of the Season - Lowther Arms

Village inn bucks trend for pub closures.

On Saturday 14th June the West Cumbria branch of CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, presented its Spring 2008 Pub of the Season award to the Lowther Arms at Mawbray.

The pub was closed for 18 months after the death of its last owner in 2005 to Christmas 2006, when it was re-opened by Dawn Lindsay and her mother Mary Ritson, from Maryport. With the help of family and friends the pub, which was falling into dereliction, has been transformed into a bright, homely place. The original flagstones had been revealed for the first time in decades, and a long-forgotten fireplace was re-opened.

Back in 2005, when the Lowther looked to be in danger of closing for ever, local residents



identified what they wanted from their village pub: quality pub grub; locally produced real ales; a beer garden; a venue for quiz and darts teams; a child friendly atmosphere; and above all a welcoming local pub for local people.

Dawn is delighted that their wishes fitted neatly with her vision for the

pub.

Now it's a thriving place at the heart of the local community, with a camping and caravan site attached.

There is a good selection of traditional home cooked food, and there are two hand pumps, usually dispensing beers from local West Cumbria breweries, in particular nearby Yates of Westnewton and Derwent, based at Silloth, but also from Hesketh Newmarket and Cockermouth's Jennings and Bitter End breweries.

'I'm so glad I didn't listen to the sceptics who said I would never sell real ale in Mawbray,'



says Dawn, 'it's one of the best things I did.' She is overjoyed to receive CAMRA's award. 'I couldn't believe it when

I was told - it took a couple of days to sink in,' she recalls.

Explaining the reason for the Pub of the Season award branch chairman Stephen Walker said, 'In an era when we hear of over 50 pub closures a month around the country, there could easily have no longer been a pub in Mawbray. It just shows that with imagination and hard work, even the smallest community can support a thriving local pub.'

SOSAC Windfarm Appeal

Buzz readers may be aware that an appeal has been made by Npower Renewables Ltd against the refusal to grant planning consent by the Development Panel of Allerdale Borough Council.

This was for 'Erection of four wind turbines and associated infrastructure and services including site road, crane pads, substation control building and temporary construction compound' Park Head Farm Silloth Wigton CA7 4PZ.

All who previously objected to the application will have received a letter from Allerdale Borough Council's Planning and Development Manager.

Although comments

you previously sent to Allerdale at the application stage will be forwarded to the Inspector it would be beneficial if you would now write personally. The Planning Inspectorate needs to know how out of character this development would be to the area so please make the Inspector aware of your views.

If you have not already written please write sending three copies to reach the address below by 8th July 2008.

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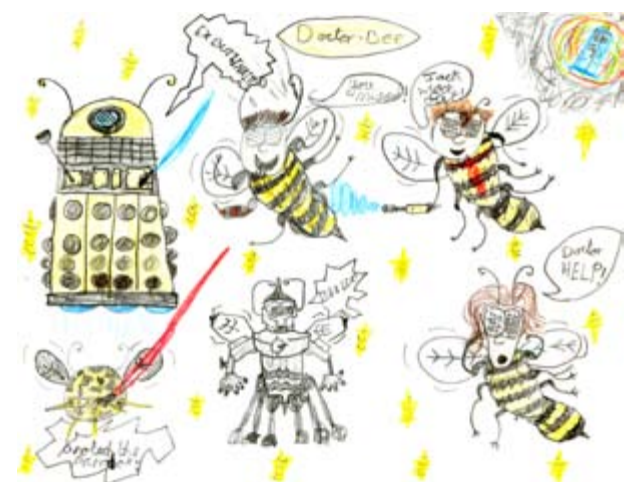
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