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No Admittance to U18's after 7pm

Abbeytown WI

Report by: Gladys Temple

President Audrey Harrison welcomed members to the May Meeting.

Freda Garner was thanked for the beautiful spring flower basket on the table. Freda then read a record of the April Meeting. The resolutions for the AGM, a ban on bottom trawling and inappropriate imprisonment of mental patients were discussed and it was decided that we were in favour but Jean Balfour our delegate from Dundraw be given the discretion to listen to the discussions and decide for us.

Mr Bert Richardson was our speaker for the evening talking of life as a village shopkeeper in Caldbeck. The Post Office was bought by his father in 1956 and sold everything needed by the villagers. Bert started in the shop when he left school and has never regretted it. Things were very different then when groceries were delivered to the shop in large amounts and the staff weighed things out in blue or brown bags. They had a special lard knife to cut the large blocks up into 1lb blocks and the bacon had to be boned. In the early 1960s they were snowed in for weeks and the farmers had to bring their milk churns to the Odd Fellows Arms as the road to Wigton was the only one open and the lorry collected the churns. The farmers brought the milk in and brought the weekly shopping list to be collected from the shop at the same time so it was a very busy time. Bert often likened their shop to the one in Open All Hours. He read a poem about being in the business 40 years. They moved with the times and introduced electronic tills to help

Silloth Pensioners Trip to Windermere



Report by: Diane Shaw

The Silloth and District Pensioners had their annual trip this year to Windermere. Two buses left Silloth at 9:30am on a lovely sunny morning making the wonderful scenery en route even more beautiful. Visits were made to Lakeland Plastics and Hayes Garden Centre, where everyone could walk around the stores and enjoy coffee.

The trip was most enjoyable and everyone had a lovely day, all back home safe and sound for approximately 6pm.

with the introduction of VAT then moved on to computers and scanners when self-service was started. They also had an in-store bakery. Bert played several Scottish and Irish tunes on his accordion, which had everyone's feet tapping. Audrey Harrison, thanked Bert for keeping

us entertained.

Margery Dargie
and Margaret Brown
served refreshments.
Raffle winners were
Mary Briggs and Elsie
Foster. Elsie Foster and
Gladys Temple won the
competition for an old tin.
Elsie Donald and Joyce
Wilson won the Flower
competition. Bingo was
organised by Freda's
Group.

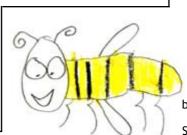
Next month we have visitors from Aikton, Crofton and Bothel so there was a request for extra food and items for the gift stall.

Golden Wedding



Margaret and Tom Wrathall celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 1st June at their home, Tomarabandy in Blitterlees. They were joined by their families and many friends who helped to make the day very special for them both.

As Donald Scott would have said of Tom "he always was and always will be sec a grand fella to deal with".



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