Kirkandrews- on- Eden WI April meeting.

Vice President Margaret Parkinson welcomed members and a guest to our April meeting in Beaumont Parish Hall. Apologies for absence were received and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Jean Wharton, approved and signed. The County News was read and names were taken for our summer outing to Holme Cultram Abbey. Margaret and Kathleen gave a report on the Spring Council meeting which they had attended. The Annual General Meeting in Liverpool was also discussed.

6 members had recently attended Cummersdale WI for their birthday party and greatly enjoyed the food and entertainment.

Margaret then introduced Glynis Milburn and her talk was called “No regrets” She was born in Aglionby Street in a house next door to a vet’s practice and jokingly wondered whether the doctor or a vet had delivered her! When she was 6 months old the family moved to Botcherby. She and her older sister had a strict upbringing and commented that her Welsh father had a temper! She enjoyed primary school but was devastated when she passed the 11 plus exam to go to the Carlisle and County High School because all she aspired to be was a commercial typist. At the age of 14 she transferred to Carlisle Technical College with a reputation for being a “rebel” She loved her first job at Simmons Furniture store but longed to go to London although her parents refused to give their permission. However at the age of 17 she was able to join the Air Force and spent a very happy 4 years there before working in London. She returned to Carlisle when her mother was unwell and worked in Binns Travel Agency and following a holiday in Canada planned to emigrate there. Circumstances changed when she met her future husband in the September and they were engaged in December. They moved to a house in the middle of a field and still live there. She never sits down and had several jobs which fitted in with her children but the important event of her life was when she became a Christian and eventually after 2 years of study and writing essays she became a licensed Reader. She has never regretted any part of her life and concluded by saying that she has led a varied life with nothing outstanding but God has led her and she wished that she had known Him when she was younger and stressed that we all have stories and we should write them down.

The story of her life was interesting, amusing and at times poignant with memories of earlier times and local places.

Glynis was thanked by Linda Beattie.

The competition for “3 Easter biscuits” was won by Kathleen Bowron and the drawing by Stella Hodgson.

The next meeting is on Friday 12th May in Beaumont Parish Hall at 7.30pm and we welcome Tracey Fawcett and her talk will be “Behind Every Great Man”.