Kirkandrews- on- Eden WI April 2019 meeting.

President Margaret McKenna welcomed members to our April meeting. A short business meeting followed when minutes were signed, apologies were noted and the County News was distributed and read.

Margaret then welcomed Eileen Cook to talk about “Life in Africa”. Eileen explained that she had been in the Salvation Army since the age of 5 and having attended Training College in London she was ordained in 1964 in the Albert Hall. Following this she worked in Yorkshire, Lancashire, South wales and London before being asked to go to Africa. Her talk was illustrated by interesting and colourful slides of the animals, flowers and houses where she lived. There were descriptions and slides of a school for handicapped children in Kenya. In Uganda, Tanzania and Zambia tales of the beautiful countryside and the wonderful hospitality and the contrast between living in a country and just going for a holiday. A school for the visually impaired and a home for physically disabled children were featured. Eileen showed us a lovely arrangement using flamingo feathers made in a factory where the boys from the school can go on to work and there were many other artefacts to examine and admire.

After returning from Africa her work for the Salvation Army took her to several places in this country until she and her husband retired to Carlisle.

She was thanked by Rosalind Bell for a very interesting talk.

The competition for an item from Africa was won by Rosalind Bell and second was Kathleen Bowron. The drawing was won by Judith Swinsco.

The May meeting is in Beaumont Parish Hall. All are welcome and the talk will be “The work of the Samaritans”.