



The Georgian Times

Newsletter for Friends of the Cockermouth Georgian Fair
Number 1



Welcome to this, the inaugural issue of The Georgian Times, our regular newsletter to be sent to all Friends of the Cockermouth Georgian Fair. This newsletter is intended to keep you informed about the activities of the Organising Group and the proposals for the next Georgian Fair, scheduled for 1 May 2010 - a date to note in your diaries. It will give you a line of communication to put your own ideas forward or to offer help should you choose to do so.

Anne Meeghan, Chair, GFOG

Georgian Fair 2008

The third and best to date Georgian Fair was held in 2008. We were considerably assisted in making the event so successful by the glorious weather, and the fact that we were able to hold the market and some of the entertainment events in the newly refurbished Market Place. We estimated that around 14,000 people came to visit and participate in the 2008 event, and it was an honour to think that we had put so much enjoyment into people's lives that day.

Inaugural lunch for the Georgian Fair 2010 - 3 May 2009

For the 2010 Georgian Fair we are trying to raise awareness of the Georgian Fair well in advance and decided to hold a lunch event - drinks and canapés in Wordsworth House, to the accompaniment of musicians on and around the harpsichord, followed by lunch in The Trout Hotel, with a menu with a very Georgian Theme, followed by a brief presentation of our plans, and an auction of promises kindly donated by local individuals and business, to help us with our fund-raising efforts. We do hope that all Friends who were able to attend the lunch enjoy the event.

We would like to thank, in particular, Sue Eccles of The Trout Hotel, who was the one who suggested the concept of the event to us.

We hope that this will be the first of a number of events at which we participate in some way, so that we can raise the town's awareness and anticipation of the 2010 Georgian Fair.

Maypole dancing

The Georgian Fair in 2010 will take place on 1 May, May Day. We thought that it would be fitting if we could arrange for there to be maypole dancing at the Georgian Fair as well as other forms of entertainment. We are pleased to say that we have been offered a maypole. We will therefore be arranging to inspect the maypole, the arrange for it to be transported and rehoused, as well as refurbished in good time before May 2010. We will also be liaising with local schools, dance clubs and after school clubs to see if they will be interested in learning maypole dancing, so that we can have a maypole display at the next Georgian Fair. If you know of any groups or teachers who would be interested, please contact Margaret Wiltshire on 01900 827809.

Crime and punishment

We are pleased to report that Cockermouth school have decided that the making of stocks for us would be an excellent technology project and we are very grateful to them for this kind offer. In fact, we have asked for a pillory, which means that we will be able to place it at different locations when we wish. This work should be ready for the Cockermouth lights switch-on in November this year and will certainly be an added attraction for the 2010 Georgian Fair.

Costumes

We have already started making more costumes in readiness for the 2010 event. In fact, some of us will be wearing our new costumes at the lunch event on 3 May. We have secured a supply of tricorne hats and having been increasing our stock of men's costumes, in particular. Particular thanks go to Beryl Stephenson, who has made many of the costumes the Organising Group are wearing to the lunch on 3 May.

We will always welcome any keen seamstresses (or seamsters (?)) to help us, and any supplies of fabric

which we can use for costumes.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the Georgian Fair Organising Group (details at the end of this newsletter) if you are able to help in any way.

The Georgian Fair 'Roadshow'

In order to raise awareness of the Cockermouth Georgian Fair, and to let those who may not have attended in the past know what they have missed, and what they will be able to see next year, we have put together a presentation of photographs of past events, which we are happy to

come and deliver to local groups, with or without costumed presenters and musicians. So if your local group, WI, evening class, children's group would like us to come, please contact any of the members of the Georgian Fair Organising Group, whose details are at the end of this newsletter.

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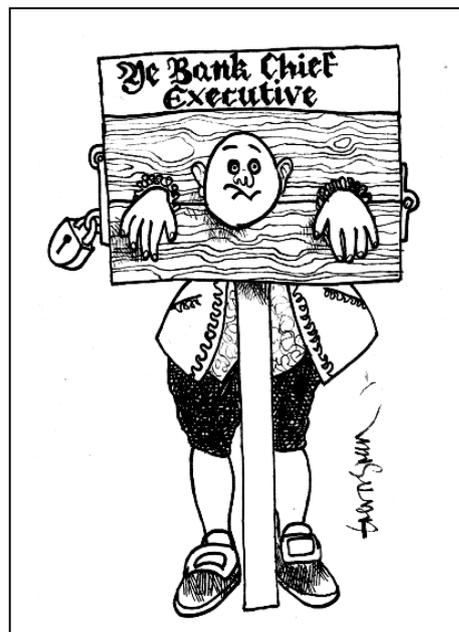
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We always welcome new members and supporters, so please feel free to contact any of us if you wish to join us or have any ideas that you think that we can put in place.