



The Georgian Times



Newsletter for Friends of the Cockermouth Georgian Fair
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Welcome again to The Georgian Times, our regular newsletter sent to all Friends of the Cockermouth Georgian Fair. This edition comes hot on the heels of edition 2 in July as we wanted to reassure all our Friends that the Georgian Fair in 2010 is intended to go ahead.

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 make sure you have noted 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

Recent publicity

We were disappointed that the Cockermouth Times & Star on the front page of its 31 July 2009 edition may have given the impression to some that there is a question mark as to whether next year's event will go ahead. For the avoidance of all possible doubt, it is the firm intention of the Organising Group to stage the event and to make it even bigger and better than previously. It is certainly true that we will welcome all offers of help and funding, because this is a big task for the Organising Group to undertake – we are all volunteers, and none of us is able to devote all our time to the Georgian Fair.

However, the Times & Star correctly stated that we were taking a stall at the Cockermouth Show on 1 August, and that's what we did. We were very pleased to see Friends and other people who had read the Times & Star article and welcomed the opportunity to

Speak to the people who were kind enough to come along to our stall and see us. In particular, we were pleased to welcome new Friends and to receive offers of help. Those of you who came along will have seen us handing out our publicity postcards, and doing quite a busy trade in our Georgian recipe cakes and biscuits, and our new Fair Trade shopping bags. The cakes had completely sold out by mid-afternoon, and we raised just over £166.10 on the day which will be put towards next year's Georgian Fair.

We also spoke to a number of the stall-holders at the Show, who expressed interest in attending next year's Georgian Fair.

The Times & Star did follow up on the original article, and you may well have seen the article on the front page of the 7 August edition which highlighted that we were delighted with the response received.

After the Cockermouth Show, we were delighted to be contacted by Gill Greenhalgh, the chairwoman of Voices Dot Com, who you probably know is a singing group based in and around Cockermouth.

Voices Dot Com would like part of the entertainment at next year's Georgian Fair, singing traditional English songs around the town in costume. We are very pleased to accept their offer.

Stop press!

There is good news for Friends! Wordsworth House have very kindly offered Friends of the Georgian Two for One entry for the rest of the season. We have vouchers for you to hand in to Wordsworth House to benefit from this offer, or they will honour the offer on production of your Friends membership card. (We appreciate that a number of you will not have received your membership

cards but, to save on postage, we would prefer to deliver them by hand, so it may take some time. If you wish to avail yourselves of the Wordsworth House offer before you have either your Friends membership card or a voucher, please contact either our Secretary, Margaret Green, or our Friends co-ordinator, Stephen Walker (contact details at the end) and they will arrange to send them to you.

Forthcoming event:

Heritage open day 12 September 2009

As you may have seen in the 7 August edition of the Times & Star, we will be participating in the Heritage Open Day activities on Saturday 12 September 2009. As you will appreciate, Cockermouth the town is already 'open' but we plan to lead two guided walks around the town's Civic Trust trail, giving particular emphasis to the town's Georgian history.. Our guides will, of course, be in Georgian costume and will provide an interesting commentary. The walks will start from and finish at the Kirkgate Centre, at 11.00 am and 2.00 pm and require no pre-booking. The walks will be free of charge, but donations to Georgian Fair funds at the end will be gratefully received. Why not come along and learn about the town's heritage?

You could perhaps combine the walk with a visit to

Wordsworth House, J B Banks, the Masonic Hall - see the English Heritage website for other Open Day events.

Wordsworth House Election Days - Wednesday 26 August and Saturday 24 October 2009

We let you know about these election days to be held at Wordsworth House in our last edition, but felt that a reminder that the first one is coming up shortly on 26 August 2009 would not go amiss. We have been pleased to be able to assist Wordsworth House with the loan of a number of our costumes.

Cockermouth Georgian Fair Organising Group - contact list

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

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