



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 newsletter is intended to keep you informed about the activities of the Organising Group and the proposals for the next Georgian Fair, scheduled for 5 May 2012. It will give you a line of communication to put your own ideas forward or to offer help should you choose to do so - and we very much hope that you will.

Anne Meeghan, Chair, GFOG

2010 Georgian Fair 1 May 2010

Yes - the culmination of two years' hard work and effort for us all finally came - and went. All in all, I think that it was probably the best Georgian Fair to date - even the rain didn't dampen our spirits.

There are some really good images on the internet - if you haven't seen them, please take a look:

www.ckermouth.org.uk/georgianfair

We received a great deal of support from the town in the run-up to the event, during it and afterwards, for which we are extremely grateful.

I think that we will all have taken away our own memories of the day (and the Friday evening and Sunday afternoon events), but some of the highlights for me were:

- The maypole dancing - the dancers were so enthusiastic that it was a joy to watch. The BBC producer who was in Cockermouth for the day told me that he still gets a lump in his throat when he thinks of the Brigham Brownies dancing.

- The pillory - made for us by pupils at Cockermouth School, and manned by them on the day - and what great fun they had!
- The number of people in Georgian costume this year. Our costume-making workshops proved both popular and effective. At the Friday evening events, there were more people in costume than not - a great achievement.
- And finally, but perhaps the best point - to see so many people in Cockermouth, joining in and enjoying themselves.

Annual Meeting

You should already have received notice of our AGM, to be held in the Kirkgate Centre on Tuesday 13 July 2010 at 7.30 pm. There will be presentation of the accounts, election of officers for the coming year, but we will also have a rolling show of images from this year's event. All are welcome.

The Georgian Fair Organising Group

We are looking for new members to join us to help us

organise future Georgian Fairs. We have found that, as the Georgian Fair becomes bigger and better-known, there is more for us to do. We are a small band of volunteers, many of whom have full-time jobs, and the success of the Georgian Fair has depended on us working very hard.

We would like to expand the group. So if you have skills that we could benefit from (administrative, accounts, media relations, to name just three areas) and/or time to help (distributing leaflets, collating documents and photocopying take up a great deal of our time), we would be really pleased to hear from you. Our contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

Other matters:

1. In the last issue I mentioned that we were planning an event for Friends after this year's Georgian Fair to celebrate the success of the event. We are proposing to hold one of our Georgian history of Cockermouth walks one evening in September, to be followed by tapas in 1761. More details will follow.

2. On a related note, you may have noticed that we are holding Georgian walks during the Cokermouth Midsummer Festival on Saturday 26 June - at 1100 and 1400 hrs - meet at Neo's. These walks proved very popular on the Heritage Open Day in September last year. This year, the route will be slightly different and will concentrate more on the town's Georgian history. It would be great if you could join us.
3. As you may know, Trevor Green, one of the Organising Group, was taken ill last November. It has been really good to see 'the old Trevor' back again and we are all so pleased that he continues to recover. He gave us some cartoons a while ago, and it seems fitting that we should publish another one in this edition of the Georgian Times.

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