



# 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. Our best wishes to you all for Christmas and the new year.

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. 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 events

I don't think that I need to tell you about the truly appalling flooding that has taken place in the town. Our thoughts are with all the people who have lost their homes and/or their business premises, and we wish them well for the future.

At this stage, we do not wish to dwell too much on the Georgian Fair - what needs to be done now is to get the homes and business premises reinstated as quickly as circumstances will allow, and to do our 'bit' by buying local wherever we can.

However, at this stage we can say that there will be a Georgian Fair in 2010, and that our intention is to hold it on 1 May 2010 if at all feasible, but as you will appreciate, at this stage there is uncertainty as to the state of Cockermouth by then. Once the picture becomes clearer, we will let you know.

Some of you will have seen Win Cornwall and I at the Christmas lights switch-on in Market Place last Friday evening. It was a little bit of relief for all who attended, and we hoped that our costumes cheered people up. We were selling our Georgian Fair Christmas cards

and shopping bags, and sold 31 packs of cards and 3 bags, the profit from which will be donated to the Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund.

As some of you may know, Trevor Green, one of our group, has recently been unwell, although we are delighted that he has now been able to return home. Our thoughts and best wishes are with him and his wife, Margaret, at this time.

## Other matters:

There's still time to buy Georgian Fair goods before Christmas (just contact any of the group):

- Christmas cards (a charming photograph from our Friends event on 3 May has been turned into an excellent Christmas card)
- Children's colouring books - great stocking fillers
- Shopping bags - again, stocking fillers, or just a simple way to show that you support the Georgian Fair

We're also thinking of holding costume-making sessions in the New Year, if there is sufficient interest. If you would be interested in participating, please contact Bridget Hilton in the first instance.

Finally, a date for your diaries - we will be packing bags in Sainsbury's on Easter Saturday, 3 April 2010, to raise funds for the Georgian Fair. We would be pleased to see you, and if you could spare us an hour or so to help, it would be much appreciated.

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