



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 Friends of the Cockermouth Georgian Fair. We want to make sure that our Friends are among the first to know what we are planning and this newsletter gives us that opportunity.

The newsletter is intended to keep you informed about the activities of the Organising Group and the proposals for the next Georgian Fair, which will take place on 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.

This will be the last edition before the Georgian Fair, as the Organising Group has rather a lot to achieve during April.

We all very much hope to see you all on 1 May. Remember:

Dress up, join in – be there!

Anne Meeghan, Chair, GFOG

The 2010 Georgian Fair

Since the last edition in January, we have been in contact with the new Town Centre Flood Recovery Co-ordinator, Les Tickner, to make sure that we knew where we could hold the various events involved in the Georgian Fair.

As you will understand, Memorial Gardens are not yet ready to take the sedan chair racing and the Cumberland wrestling demonstration, and we are therefore very grateful for permission to use Fairfield playing fields for the afternoon events.

The markets will take place in Market Place and on one half of Main Street by the Mayo statue. The dancing will take place at a number of venues around the town – in Bitter Beck car park, in Lowther Went, outside the United Reform Church – full details will be available on the day. The maypole will be sited in Bitterbeck car park, where

the children's circus skills workshops will also take place. A lot of the performers will be in and around Market Place, although as you are probably aware, a number of them can be found all around the town.

Our popular discovery walks will again take place this year, although the routes will be different from those in previous years. They will take in Cockermouth Castle, however.

Les Tickner is also ordering some new bunting, which he tells me will be ready for the Georgian Fair, so the town will look festive in time for the event. You will probably also have seen our new Georgian Fair signs which are on the entrances to the town and the vertical banners on Main Street. Posters are going up as well and will continue to do so, as we hope to ensure that everyone in Cockermouth will know about the Georgian Fair taking place and will come and join in.

Easter Saturday market

We attended the Made in Cumbria market on Easter Saturday as well as in March, dressed in our costumes and promoting the event again. We were selling programmes for the event, along with our Georgian Fair goodies – joined this time by notelets (with a photograph of the musicians in Wordsworth House) – very reasonably priced at £1.50 for 5. It was really good to see that Cockermouth had a number of visitors from 'away' over the weekend and we did our best to convince all of them that they should come back for the next bank holiday.

Costume-making workshops

In the last edition I mentioned these fortnightly workshops. I am delighted to say that these have proved extremely popular and are a hive of activity from start to finish, with many participants busily making costumes for themselves and their families in readiness for

