

## Theme Weekends at Stanwix Park

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March 2004... saw a double theme weekend at Stanwix Park, Silloth. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> began a 3-day Country and Western Festival. Top Country Duo's, Trios and Groups came and entertained in the Sunset Family Ballroom.

Featured were, The Duke Boys, Gibson Country Band, Stateline, Springfield, Steven James Band, Diesel Cowboys, Colt 45, Good



Ole Boys, McCulloch Boys, plus compere Andy Brown.

Throughout the weekend there were Western Trade Stalls, best dressed competitions, North and South American shoot-outs, Trilogy's Western Dancing and Line Dancing instruction. The visiting holiday folk were immaculately dressed in colourful ostentatious dresses and uniforms with a wonderful array of imitation weapons. The Stanwix Park Staff, also looked the part dressed in their western theme clothing. Some visitors had travelled from as far as Southern Counties and everyone enjoyed the entertaining weekend.



The following weekend, beginning Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March, began a "Seventies Music Weekender".

Keeping the audience on a high for the whole weekend was the very talented compare, from Morecambe Lancashire, Trevor Cook.

Main Attraction on Friday evening were Tribute Band "Abba



Status Quo tribute band - Status Clone



The brilliant - Abba Dream

the dance floor packed with Rock 'n' Rollers.

On Sunday there was a double feature, in the afternoon was the exciting super sound of "Status Clone", this group had travelled all the way from the Isle of Wight, the long journey to Silloth did not affect their magical performance.

In the evening after a Fancy Dress Competition, appeared the fabulous 70's Show Bank "Ballroom Glitz" who were absolutely fantastic, this was a double weekend of first class entertainment.

Aiding and abetting over this busy double, were, Graham and Audrey Brown, the resident Stanwix Park Entertainers, both are great favourites of the visitors and helped to make sure that the whole scenario was a great success. As like the Country and Western show Stanwix Park staff dressed in their 70's gear, they all looked terrific and flamboyant, blending in with the colourful crowd.

Quite a few Silloth people supported these terrific shows and some were so amazed by the facilities available, they never left the camp all weekend.

These truly successful themes have left everyone asking, when is the next one? Rumour has it, "Motown Sound" could be coming to Stanwix Park later this year, with some really big names, stay posted for information, because as you all know it pays to book early.

Dream", they were absolutely brilliant, a band of quintessential quality, who were stunningly dressed and musically superb.

Saturday Night, brought on the sensational sound of the famous "Showaddywaddy", they gave a faultless outstanding performance with



The Stars of the show - Showaddywaddy

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Fish Bee by Adele Wood aged 7 from Silloth Primary School



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The next Country and Western Theme Weekend will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2004 through Saturday and Sunday. All bands and groups are now fully booked by Eric Stanwix Jnr, the organiser.

The Country and Western weekend for 2005 is now a permanent date on the calendar and will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of March, followed by a 70's Theme weekend on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2005 and the bands for both these events are now being organised.