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ABBETOWN CARNIVAL

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The sun shone on Abbetown Carnival on Saturday 31st July and the large crowds lining the route were rewarded with 11 floats and numerous fancy dress entries. The recreation field was full of families enjoying the fun and later the marquee was full of parents enjoying a couple of shandies.

The Carnival Committee would like to publicly thank all the people who helped make the day so successful (there are too many to mention individually). We would also like to thank those who support our fundraising and hope to count on their continued support.

Finally thanks to all those who took part (start thinking about 2005 now) and to all those who came to watch - we hope everybody had a good day and will return next year. More on Page 5.



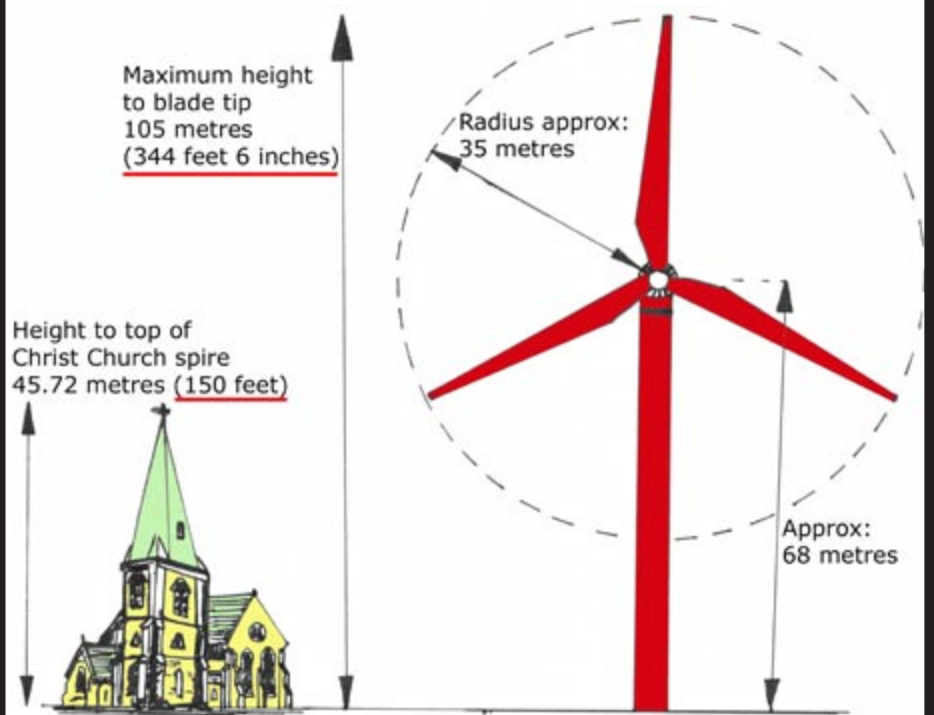
The Moonshiners



Below: Abba Can Can team Above: Steel Band



The End of Tourism?



The first six wind turbines are planned for Park Head Farm, just two miles from Silloth-on-Solway. These will be clearly visible from the whole area as they are not the same as the small ones at Workington - these are almost 350 feet high! They are also the first of a line of Wind Turbines which may well stretch all the way to Maryport.

We have to decide whether this area has a future in tourism, or whether we are to be blighted by enormous monstrosities like these.

Have you noticed? There are no wind farms in the more industrial areas of Lancashire, Greater Manchester or Merseyside. The developers will tell you that they have a different wind profile. Believe that if you want, however, the Thelwall Viaduct portion of the M6 always has warnings to beware of the high winds. Is it possible that we are a soft option because of our low population profile? The developers will not expect to receive more than a few dozen objections from here, whereas the more populous areas would generate hundreds of objections.

Show the developers that they are wrong!

We are not against Wind Power, let them put this industrial activity into industrial areas, not scenic areas which rely heavily on tourism. Whether you live here, or are holidaying in this area, help us in our fight, **read the article on page 3** and then take action, you can make a difference.

Silloth Beer Festival

has new attractions,
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