

## What a Fantastic Day

## Silloth Carnival 2006

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The long anticipated day arrived and thankfully the weather looked reasonably good, which is essential for the aircraft to entertain us all. Cones were placed by Cumbria Police and stalls and side-shows had arrived.

The programme of events got underway at 11am with the Cumberland and Westmorland Wrestling organised for us by Cyril and Doreen Bragg and their friends. This year an added attraction was eight French wrestlers from Brittany.

At the same time as the wrestling we had the children's sports, they had to be cancelled from the day before due to a downpour. It was good to have Margaret Palmer, who is the daughter of the late Bill Johnston, assisting with the organising of the sports. Bill sponsored the sports for many years and his presence is sadly missed.

The parade having assembled in Skinburness Road for judging started to wend its way through the town, led by Dearham Band. Heading the parade was our own Mayor Councillor Graham Wilkinson and Mayoress Mrs Wilkinson, Tony Cunningham MP and his wife and family and Allerdale Mayor Councillor Joe Mumberson and Mayoress Mrs Mumberson.

Returning to the green the crowning ceremony took place. Retiring Queen Stacey Frazer crowned Lesley Maddison the 2006 Queen. The Herald Luke Graham assisted by Matthew Oliver did an excellent job leading the various Queens and attendants round the



ring, an important part of any carnival.

We were now readying ourselves to receive the first of the aircraft, the Falcon parachute team. When they jumped they appeared to be halfway over the Solway Firth. The parachutists performed a spectacular descent to the green and landed spot on to the applause of the crowd.

We then had the helicopter of "Red 10" Ft. Lt. Andy Robins, the Red Arrows

commentator, landing on the green and remaining there until the end of the afternoon. Next on show was the RAF Spitfire of WWII fame which along with the Hurricane defended Britain in 1940 and led Prime Minister Winston Churchill to declare the famous words "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few". These aircraft and others flew in and out of 22MU Silloth during the war years. So the Spitfire brought back very vivid memories to many of us.

The Sea King helicopter then performed an air-sea rescue demonstration with the Silloth lifeboat and crew, this demonstration is always very entertaining and popular.

Finally it was the turn of the world famous Red Arrows. The numerous spectacular displays were



brilliant with a large crowd assembled on the promenade waving and gasping in disbelief. After completing his commentary "Red 10" returned to his helicopter leaving a very happy crowd behind.



And so ended a marvellous day and Carnival Committee chairman John Hope along with all the committee members were delighted and wish

to thank everyone who helped in any way to make Silloth Carnival 2006 one that will never be forgotten.



## Learn to Woodcarve with Clive



My name is Clive Firth, I've been living in the Silloth area now for about 16 months. I dare say that most of you would have seen me trundling around the area on my three wheel motorcycle.

While motorcycling or rather Trike-ing, is one of my first loves, I am also keenly interested and involved in Woodcarving and Wood sculpture, I have been practising and teaching the craft a good number of years. With this in mind I wondered if there were other people in Silloth and the surrounding area that might be interested in starting a Woodcarving/Wood sculpture group?

All abilities, from complete beginners upwards are welcome, please 'phone me on: 016973 31995.