Silloth Carnival 2007

Report by: Carnival Chairman John Hope

Once again we were favoured with fine weather for Silloth Carnival. A very big thanks must go to all who helped in any way. The large crowd who turned out made all the hard work over many months worthwhile. Thanks also to the many people who took part in the parade, without them there would not be a carnival.

May I welcome you all back again in 2008 when we will do our best to have another exciting day.

















Report by: Elaine Johnston

We started with the Cumberland and Westmorland wrestling. This year there was a larger entry due to a contingent of French wrestlers arriving. We are grateful to Cyril and Doreen Bragg for organising the wrestling.

As our carnival is the last in the season we gain with visiting floats coming along. We would love to see more floats from Silloth, this would help keep this event for

Silloth continuing.

Queen as well. Hannah, we hope you enjoy your year as Carnival Queen.

The first of two shows of the main event were the Rockin-Horse Equestrian Stunt Show, this was an excellent demonstration of speed, gymnastics and skill in handling up to six horses.

There were also two first class puppet shows. To add to the horse theme we had donkey rides and a heavy-horse wagon which led the parade and gave rides on the green.

The Air Ambulance helicopter landed on the green and stayed about

two hours but was called away to an emergency.

We had the crowning of the Carnival Queen Hannah Kent by retiring Queen Leslie Maddison. Dearham Band playing during the crowning ceremony. The Barrow St. Andrews pipe-band then played in the main arena for the enjoyment of the large crowd.

Other activities taking place on the day were Silloth RNLI who gave a demonstration off the promenade manned

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Radio Cumbria bus which was situated on the Green had a steady flow of visitors all day. The children's sports took place with the enthusiastic youngsters keen as ever to get into the action. At the side of the main arena the vintage engine and tractor people put on their usual display of equipment. At the other side of the arena five local bands played to a sizeable crowd.

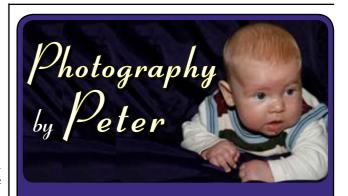
by local crew members.



Silloth Mayor Graham Wilkinson says: On behalf of the residents of Silloth and the many visitors, can I pass on a vote of thanks to the Carnival Committee and their small band of helpers who gave us a fine show.

My only wish is that more of the younger residents in the town would lend a hand and take an active part in the carnival. The way things are going the event may fold, surely some more help could come from within the town, everyone enjoys the day but it appears the younger generation only have time for the public house and clubs and are not really interested in what is happening on carnival day.

Surely some help could be given by more people if not, the event may soon vanish.



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The dignitaries this year were our Mayor Graham Wilkinson with his wife Marjorie, the deputy mayor of Allerdale Allan Caine and his wife, our local MP Mr Tony Cunningham accompanied by his wife and their son, Mr and Mrs Cyril Ostle and our Chairman John Hope. Thanks go to the Silloth Lifeboat Crew

Silloth Lifeboat Crew and families and friends for showing an excellent float and also to their Queen Hannah Kent for agreeing to be Carnival



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