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**– Councillor Anne Quilter**

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### **Carlisle Pageant Puppet Parade**

Approximately 150 people took part in Carlisle's first Pageant Puppet Parade on Saturday, 17 August. The Giant Puppet Parade left the Old Fire Station, Warwick Street at 11am and walked towards the city centre and the Old Town Hall. It included 35 giant puppets, costumes, flags, banners and music. With the support of Impecunious Arts Collective, community puppet making workshops were held on the build up to the event. These were a great success and included a wide variety of groups and individuals from all parts of the community.

We worked in partnership with Impecunious Arts Collective, alongside the Arts Council, Chester Midsummer Watch, the Heathlands Project and local artists Dawn Hurton and Ben Gates to deliver the event.

Impecunious was established in 2010 to create and deliver community arts events, including a wide range of art forms including Theatre, Puppetry, Music, Visual Arts and Digital Arts. It prides itself on inviting all members from the community to join in, regardless of age, background, ability or experience. Impecunious' work is supported by funding from the Northern Rock Foundation.

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## **Carlisle Pageant Programme**

Following sponsorship from Story Homes, we were able to extend the Pageant programme. Free activities were held in celebration of Carlisle's history and heritage and linked in with the ancient proclamation of the Great Fair, held on Saturday 24 August. The programme included 'Best of Carlisle' Market stalls between Sunday 18 August and Wednesday 21 August, followed by an international market between Thursday 22 and Monday 26 August.

The 'Best of Carlisle' open-air market was organised in partnership with Food Carlisle, in support of local businesses, producers and traders. As part of the event, English Heritage and United Biscuits UK (McVities) built a replica of the Castle using custard creams. They will be helped by The Sweet Dream Cake Company who also created a cake in celebration of the Old Town Hall restoration.

Local businesses supported the Pageant celebrations with money off vouchers, cut price offers and a wide variety of other incentives.

The Carlisle City Centre Business group also sponsored 'Buskin' in the City'. Buskers were based in various locations throughout the city centre, between 11am and 3pm, Monday, 18 August – Wednesday, 21 August. Free exhibitions were also held in various businesses and Bookcase held a Local History Day on Sunday, 18 August.

## **Institute of Historic Buildings Heritage Conference**

Between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Carlisle hosted the summer school of the Institute of Historic Building and Conservation (IHBC). Over 200 IHBC delegates from as far afield as Poland and Brazil, spent three days in the City with seminars and site visits that included Kirklington Hall, Warwick Bridge and Brampton. The City Council sponsored the reception held at Tullie House and delegates were addressed by the Mayor. The 2014 Summer school is to be held in Edinburgh.



## **Carlisle Sports Awards 2013**

An event celebrating the outstanding talent, commitment and success of Carlisle sportspeople will be held for the third year running this autumn. Following the success of previous events, Carlisle City Council and Carlisle Sports Council is holding the Carlisle Sports Awards on Saturday, 26 October and is asking residents to nominate local sporting stars who have contributed to a local sports club or achieved a high standard in their sport.

The nomination period for the 12 different categories is now open and should refer to sporting excellence between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013. The closing date for nominations is midnight on Sunday, 15 September.

Further information on the 12 categories and nomination forms are available by visiting [www.activecumbria.org/carlisle-sports-awards](http://www.activecumbria.org/carlisle-sports-awards) or from the Civic Centre, Carlisle.

## **Report to Carlisle City Council from Tullie House**

### **Victorian Summer Fair**

Tullie House was proud to be involved in the pageant and brought back the traditional Victorian Fair which was held over the bank holiday weekend and it was a huge success. Visitors were able to step back in time over two days of music, activities and games which included Punch and Judy performances, Jason the Jester, face-painting, ferret racing, Morris dancing, Tombola, Bran tub, Victorian lavender bag making, Craft activities, traditional sweets and drinks stall and much more. In total, Tullie House welcomed 1200 visitors across the two days and got a fantastic level of press coverage as well as very positive feedback from visitors.

### **George Howard, 9<sup>th</sup> Earl of Carlisle: Artist and Patron Exhibition**

The exhibition has received 2580 visitors including local, regional, national and international, since opening to the public on 20 July,. The Daily Telegraph and The Times have both reviewed the exhibition and the programme of free talks and tours have sold out. Repeat lectures and tours have had to be arranged to meet demand.



## **Arts Award**

Tullie House has won the Curious Minds' '**New Settings Award**' for the North West. This award was for their delivery and commitment to the **Arts Award**, and in particular for the way that this has been **embedded across their education programme**. The Arts Award is a new national arts qualification for young people aged 7-25, which has a number of different levels of study and some innovative features including the requirement to work directly with artists or musicians.

## **Sanford Award**

Tullie has won another award - we're one of the winners of the **Sandford Award for Excellence in Heritage Education 2013**. The Sandford award gave Tullie House a publicity citation praising the offer and range of experience provided, stating that local schools were extremely fortunate in being able to use the museum for a wide variety of age groups and topics.

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