

2014 Reports

Furness Tradition - Friday 11th - Sunday 13th July



Our second visit to this delightful festival was a brilliant weekend.

Friday saw Crook stay on the campsite in the wonderful summer weather, relaxing and enjoying each other's company. Surprisingly this finished off with a late session in a motor home!

On Saturday we had a couple of unexpected dancers able to join us plus 3 dancers who were able to come for the day and so we were up to 12 dancers, very impressive. The day kicked off with Crook leading a short procession and then a full day of dancing at the Coronation Hall, the Market Cross and help take the festival out into the community at a couple of care homes.

We danced really well, had fun, and entertained our audiences which is what it's all about after all.

The evening big event is a splendid mix of concert spots with songs and tunes, a storyteller, a rapper display and 4 short Ceilidh sessions. Crook provided the rapper spot and the stunning acoustics of the Coronation Hall meant that song rang out and sounded better than ever. Thankfully the dance went slickly and was very well received. Two of Crook handled calling for a couple of the dance sessions and also did a sterling job.

On Sunday we joined Furness Morris and Kirkburton Rapier for a brief dance spot outside the Coronation Hall then it was off to a pub to catch a "Meet the Wilsons" which was an excellent chance to hear how they approach their craft and listen to some great songs. The final afternoon concert was totally acoustic, relaxed and had a lovely atmosphere.

So, we all came home tired but happy in the knowledge that Crook had acquitted itself really well and most importantly we'd had a great time so thank you FT for asking us, making us welcome and laying on such a good event.

Martyn Harvey