

**Cumbria Family History Society & Cumbria Local  
History Federation**

***'From the Cradle to the Grave'  
'From the Dacres to the Howards'***

At The Shepherds Inn  
Wavell Drive, Rosehill, Carlisle CA1 2ST  
(Close by Junction 43 M6/A69)

On Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015

9:30 am to 4:00 pm

£3 at the door - All welcome

**Chairman's Chat.**

I'm delighted that this Bulletin brings you the news that this October we shall be combining with the Cumbria Family History Society to present our Convention alongside the Family History Fair. It means a change of venue to The Shepherd's Inn at Rosehill, Carlisle which is literally a couple of minutes from the M6 and has ample parking. Our AGM will take place before the Fair opens so that you can just come for that if you choose. However we shall be presenting speakers, including our award-winning former Chairman Richard Brockington, and the CFHS has several more lined up for the day ( more details in the enclosed flyer and in this Bulletin) so I hope very much that you will decide to stay at the extremely reasonable cost of £3! Lunch is not included this year, but there will be a café on site, and there is a large supermarket with café, plus a pub with all-day carvery very close by, so there should be something for everyone.

This is such an exciting venture that I'm hoping to see even more of you than usual on the day. CLHF will have a stand and there will be committee members (yes, me too!) in attendance to chat with you. It's a real opportunity for family and local historians to discover what makes the other tick, for family historians to pursue the notion that local history is vital as the context in which their forebears lived, and for local historians to remind themselves that a spot of family research can enrich their local studies with that little touch of humanity. In fact it's sparkles for everyone! I'm really looking forward to seeing you all in October!

Jenni Lister

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### Editor's Thoughts.

Your contributions to this CLHF Bulletin have been winging their way to my e-mail box on a daily basis and in such numbers that I am in danger of losing track of them all ! So I have invented a foolproof system by setting up a database. Don't you love databases? I often get so engrossed in them that I have been known to miss an episode of Eastenders! However I am not complaining. I am impressed with the amount of activity that you, our CLHF members, have carried out in your respective societies and groups, so a big thank you to all contributors who help make this Bulletin a useful and an interesting read. Please keep them coming.

For the next Bulletin I wish to explore the Oral History activity in Cumbria and continue the themes already started so expect an e-mail from me in late October. Also in October I hope to meet many of you on the 24<sup>th</sup> at The Shepherd Inn, Rosehill, Carlisle.

Best wishes, Nigel Mills, Editor.

## CLHF Member's Area.

The membership of CLHF includes some 80 plus groups and individual members all of whom have an interest in the local history of our county. As the reason for this Bulletin is to keep you all in touch with each other I hope you will circulate it and also give your members the website link [www.clhf.org.uk](http://www.clhf.org.uk).



There are several obvious obstacles in this arrangement if the CLHF is to achieve its aims! A society or group receives 2 hard copies to circulate to members but for instance Cartmel Peninsula LHS has 98 members! Yes, the Bulletin is also on the CLHF website but we have decided to make it even more available and easier to circulate.

**From this Bulletin onwards a pdf version of the Bulletin will be emailed to all the individuals, and groups who are members of CLHF. It will be emailed to the email address given to CLHF on the subscription application form. What we ask is that the email is then forwarded to your own members.**

I would be pleased to receive comments and/or suggestions for future Bulletins from individual members and group members. Editor.

## Insurance for Local History Groups and Societies.

The CLHF has recently received an enquiry from a member group about the need or requirement for insurance cover for meetings, events, trips etc run by local history groups.

It is of course up to each society or group to consider this for themselves and if appropriate choose the cover and provider that best suits their needs. The CLHF and several local history societies use the British Association for Local History (BALH) to provide cover. This costs £65 a year and covers activities such as Meetings, Walks, Talks, AGM's, Visits, Trips, collections and small displays at fairs etc. Their website is <http://www.balh.org.uk/membership>

If your society or group does not already have insurance then the CLHF Committee urge you to consider it.

If your society can recommend an insurance provider or conversely has had poor service from their provider please let me know. Editor.

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## Theme 1:- Liaison between Members.

I canvassed by email for interest in a get together of our CLHF members in the south of the county and I am pleased to say there has been some interest. I will contact those members in due course but if you have not yet expressed an interest but would like to please email me. Editor.

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## Theme 2:- Exchange of ideas.

In Bulletin 67 I included several examples of research undertaken by members into the stories behind some Cumbrian War Memorials. This prompted **Robert Baxter** to write a interesting and useful piece about research using newly developed indexes.

5. Women workers at Vickers and on the Furness Railway
6. Activities and men of D Company, 11th Service Battalion (Lonsdale) Border Regiment
7. Extracts of West Cumberland newspapers, month by month (Aug 1914-Feb 1915, March 1915 available soon)

## Cumbrian World War One resources online

Volunteers in both Cumbria's libraries and archive centres have been very active and creating all manner of useful name indexes to help genealogists, local and military historians and school students in tracking down World War One servicemen, women workers and refugees!

The bulk of these indexes can be found at [http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/Online\\_catalogues/greatwarindexes.asp](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/Online_catalogues/greatwarindexes.asp)

These now include the following:

1. Indexes of servicemen mentioned in some of the principal local newspapers during World War One
2. Transcripts and details of names on Cumbrian war memorials and references in local newspapers to their construction, installation and unveiling in the years after World War One
3. Names of staff working in local Auxiliary Hospitals
4. Belgian refugees living and working in Cumberland, Westmorland and Furness

Some of this content has now also been made available on the main Cumbria County Council World War Site at <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/ww1/>, and in the course of time all of these indexes will be transferred to this main site.

Perhaps you are a relative of the Hon. Theodosia Meade, a Voluntary Aid Detachment nurse at Murrell Hill Auxiliary War Hospital in Carlisle, Miss Clara Summerson who worked in the pantry at Lingholm Officers' Hospital at Keswick or Miss Mary Elizabeth Froggatt, the Lady Superintendent of Calgarth Park Auxiliary Hospital at Windermere? These are among the details of over 2,000 women and men recorded working in these hospitals from Ulverston to Longtown and from Moresby to Penrith.

Or perhaps you would like to know when Kirkby Stephen war memorial was unveiled or the names of those on the Wigton Cemetery war memorial? Or even that Daniel Stubbs, a coal hewer, was fined 7/6 in damages at Whitehaven Police Court in 1924 for scratching in large letters his name with a tie pin on St Bees War Memorial. He

was 20 and “should have known better”.

How well did Cumberland, Westmorland and Furness accommodate hundreds of Belgian refugees? By February 1915, some 900 were working at the Vickers Shipyards in Barrow, but in May of the same year there was riotous fighting between Belgian and English miners in Whitehaven. However February 1919 saw emotional scenes in both Whitehaven and Millom as grateful refugees and friendly hosts said farewell as the Belgians left for home. We learn of the joy of Mary Fairish Brown of Whitehaven who was awarded the “Gold Medaille de la Reine Elizabeth”, as well as a coffee service with “an arrangement of flowers in the Belgian national colours” for her assistance to the refugees during the war, or the tragedy of Jaen Claes who in February 1919 attempted to murder his wife and then killed himself by hanging. He was from Malines, Belgium, where he had run a brass-founding business. He had been in Coniston since October 1914 and had been due to return to Belgium but was said to have become depressed on hearing that his business and machinery had been totally destroyed in the war.

From the indexes to the *Penrith Observer* we see, for example, that Lieutenant Richard Gilbank, son of the Vicar of Orton, was killed at Gallipoli in August 1915 and that Isaac Nicholson senior and Private Joseph Nicholson were arrested for helping to hide a deserter, Isaac Nicholson junior at Heskett in February 1917. Or from the

'events' index to the *Whitehaven News* we can find out about the Bishop of Carlisle speaking on the 'latest German atrocity – the recycling of dead bodies' in April 1917 or Aspatria Council School sewing party which in September 1917 forwarded 77 pairs of socks and 37 shirts to the front!

The above are just a few random samples of the riches to be found within these resources. Use, learn and enjoy!

Robert Baxter.

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## Reports from Groups.

### Kendal Historical & Archaeological Society.

The KHAS concentrates on lectures and excursions throughout the year. Our topics range from prehistory to the 20th century. We get 65-70 people to our monthly lectures so the members seem to like what we offer. We got 300+ to David Starkey (our President) last month talking about Margaret Beaufort. We do not presently undertake research or excavations as a Society (save for our Longsleddale Group) but we do make small grants to help individuals or other organisations. I expressed an interest on behalf of KHAS in a South Cumbria meeting as per last bulletin. We have no publications, Newsletter or website. We prepare a Programme for the year then send it out and publicise our activities locally. There is no present intention to go beyond this.

Kevin Grice

## Lazonby & District Local History Society.

2017 is the 20th anniversary of the formation of our history society. We continue to have a fairly small but stable membership but at many meetings we have visitors from other villages around Lazonby.

The committee are hard-working but we struggle to provide fresh ideas for speakers. Also new places for Summer visits are often a problem to find. This is where the Federation Bulletin is very helpful with the list of speakers and ideas from other societies.

We have worked on several small research projects over the past years, which have stimulated knowledge and interest in our local area. These have covered topics as varied as the impact on the village of the Settle-Carlisle railway to, most recently, trying to find the site of a medieval mill. Also, we have produced a leaflet about places of historical interest in the village. We are already thinking about our anniversary year and have several ideas, including the production of a small book with memories and anecdotes about the village from history.

We were very pleased to be involved in the Shap Federation event, which was a wonderful opportunity to view other societies' work and present our latest project. It would be good to host a similar event to the one at Shap here in Lazonby sometime in the future. We have no website of our own, but our meetings are featured on the Parish Council site

Sheila Fletcher, Chairperson,

## Cartmel Peninsula LHS Anniversary Project 2017.

In 1995 a group of people interested in local history got together to form the above Society. In 1996 the first lectures were held in Cartmel Institute. In the last 20 years the Society has grown significantly with an average of 100 members in the last 5 years. The Society has become very active in the community and has a permanent lecture and meeting venue in Cartmel Village Hall.

The committee decided to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society with an Anniversary Project. The project is entitled "A Tapestry of Village Life" and comprises 4 different historical researches which are Church of England Priests, Datestones and Houses, Village Histories - Trades and Livings and a Photography Project.

The Church of England Priests project was prompted by the Cumbria County History Trust and already some members have commenced researching the priests of Allithwaite Church and Cartmel Priory. The photographing of Datestones and Houses in the local area was commenced by 2 committee members a few months ago and other members are encouraged to add to this database. Village histories – Trades and Livings covers the many villages in the peninsula and already research is commencing in some of those villages, in particular Lindale, Grange, Kents Bank, Allithwaite, Cartmel, Field Broughton and Cark.

The Photography Project is focussing on history now, which means that

photographs taken today will be historical photographs in future years. To that end members have volunteered to take photographs in the local area. To include village life in 2015 the photographs will be of public transport, delivery vans, building sites, notice boards, special occasions, basically people going about their everyday life. All the photographs with descriptions of where and when taken will be added to a database held by the Society.

The groups of people interested in the above 4 projects are meeting regularly to monitor the research.

Barbara Copeland.

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## Hesket Local History Group.

Firstly I like the new style of the Bulletin, somehow it seems a lighter touch and I find it interesting.

The Hesket Local History Group continues to thrive with their monthly talk and visits to places, usually in Cumbria. We are always on the lookout for new speakers who cover any aspect of the Cumbrian Heritage.

As Chairman I am particularly interested in World War One though I appreciate that not everybody shares my enthusiasm. I would love to hear of anything that is happening in Cumbria related to 1 WW whatever the event.

Regards and keep up the good work.  
Richard Preston

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## Cumbria Amenity Trust Mining History Society

Originally simply CAT (Cumbria Amenity Trust) was set up in 1979 to purchase some land in the Furnace Iron Mining district to preserve the remaining mining features for the benefit of the public. When finances proved insufficient to buy the land, the organisers stayed together exploring and preserving mining and mineral remains. Charitable status was gained and eventually the objectives of the society were stated as: -

A) *To explore, research, maintain access to and preserve for the benefit of our cultural and industrial heritage those historic industrial and architectural remains as may exist in the County of Cumbria, and elsewhere, in the form of mining and quarrying remains and related industrial workings, both above and below ground.*

B) *To advance the education of the public concerning the industrial history of Cumbria, and elsewhere, in particular the history of mining and quarrying, along with the associated archaeology, mineralogy and geology.*

The Society has carried out very significant restoration works including the re-opening of Greenside Lucy Tongue level, re-opening of Hudgillburn Mine, re-building of the portal of Middlecleugh level, re-opening of Grey Crag level and discovery of possibly the earliest known railway system at Silvergill.

The Society has published a number of books on mining; details of those currently available are on the website. A programme of meets both above and below ground runs throughout the year and the Newsletter is published quarterly.

Membership details from Ian Matheson, Membership Secretary, 1 Rothay Holme Cottages, Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 0EE.

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<http://www.catms.org.uk>

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## Caldbeck & District LHS.

Lest you should think that there is no one (or not enough, anyway) taking note of your emails, I am writing on behalf of the Caldbeck & District Local History Society to say that your latest email was on the agenda of our Business meeting last Thursday. I was particularly asked to convey to you that we are very conscious and appreciative of the efforts you are making both with the Bulletin and also to facilitate inter-Society dialogue.

We do not have a newsletter we can forward, I'm afraid, but there are two 'new' developments which might be of interest. ('Nothing new under the sun', really, as they say!) First, since our monthly meetings are a central focus of our activities, we have decided to establish a small group - with a convenor - to draw up our programmes. We have put emphasis on establishing not only that the topics will be of interest but that the speakers can present well. With this in mind we have an informal link with a couple of local societies and our convenor contacts

them at least once a year to 'swap recommendations'. This appears to be working very well to our mutual advantage; (and if any other Societies would like to 'join' this arrangement, our convenor David Pollitt, would be very pleased to hear from them: [plbs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:plbs@hotmail.co.uk)). In addition, we have thought about previously successful speakers, and have included two of them this year.

The second development is that we have been making a conscious effort to include very local speakers in our programmes. This year, for example, one of our speakers (Geoffrey Cole), who has recently had a book published on the history of hill farming, spoke on that topic; and another two well known local people are on the programme, both to speak about their family histories. The first of these featuring Tim Cartmell, lately of the Solicitors 'Cartmell Shepherd', attracted a good audience last month. His presentation was very well researched, including interesting artefacts, and the evening was a great success. In addition, our September meeting will feature a panel of people from the village to speak about 'The War Years'. One was a navigator on wartime bombers, another was a nurse at St Thomas's Hospital in London; and of the other two, both of whom were teenagers during the war, one will speak about life in Caldbeck (including with evacuees) and the other about family life on a Cumbrian farm.

I am also hoping to be able to take up by your deadline your offer to members to 'boast' in the Bulletin about their publications. Two of our fairly recent past publications might be of



interest. One was strikingly successful and has meant that the Society now has a reasonably comfortable bank balance. We still have a handful of copies left for sale but are planning shortly to put the book (essentially, oral history) on the village website. [Because it covers the WW2 period, the Imperial War Museum was very pleased to have a copy for its archives.] The other book features the description by a well known local historian, in Caldbeck and farther afield of his walk around the village on the very first morning of the last century. He gives detailed descriptions of family houses (and occupants) which he passes and of other village features on his walk, and he also comments on a few local controversies! The book comes with a map of his route. It has already cleared its cost but we have copies for sale. As I say, I hope to be getting back to you on publications.

Thanks, again, Nigel and best wishes,  
Ron Davie (President)

## Ravenstonedale Parish History Group.

The Group's origins go back to 2010, when it became necessary to find storage for a large amount of Parish archive material, and it was felt that this could be located at the former High Chapel. At the same time it was decided that the archive should be organised, catalogued and made available to anyone interested to view it. This work is ongoing!

The History Room, upstairs at the now renamed High Chapel Community and Heritage Centre in the centre of Ravenstonedale village, is open on

Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4pm, from February to December, and at other times by appointment (please phone 015396 23308 or 015396 20605). Members and visitors are always welcome on Thursday afternoons, and tea and coffee is served at 3pm!

A monthly programme of talks began in autumn 2010, and this too is ongoing on the third Wednesday of every month from September to March at 7.30pm, downstairs in the High Chapel. Admission: members £2, non-members £3, including tea and coffee.

Jackie Wedd.

## “Tracks of the Ironmasters”. An Art Gene Project.

This is a project that I think may interest the cyclists, railway enthusiasts, naturalists and artists amongst our membership. It also involves local history so is a type of crossover project you may wish to be involved in. Editor.

The images below are a way marker near Siddick Ponds, Whitehaven and a display of iron industry hardware at the Helena Thompson Museum in Workington. Editor.

Dr Nick Owen MBE who is the Artist Project Manager of this project has provided the following: The charities Sustrans and Art Gene are working with local people to start a new industrial heritage arts trail along two sections of a 19<sup>th</sup> century railroad, which once formed the lifeline of West Cumbria's

### iron industry.

The former railways are part of the Sea to Sea (C2C) walking and cycling route between Whitehaven to Rowrah, and Workington to Seaton, Siddick and Broughton Moor, but overgrown platforms, a rusty iron ore crusher and a railway signal are historic reminders of



the paths' industrious past. A number of railway lines in the area were linked to the iron ore mines at Knockmurton and Kelton and ironworks at Workington, Cleator and Distington.



Now, thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Sustrans and Art Gene have commenced community consultations and workshops to investigate the secret stories behind the area's industrial history and wildlife, for a future arts trail along the paths. The project, called 'Tracks of the

Ironmasters', is the local name for the main iron ore railway in the area.

Sustrans and Art Gene are looking for volunteers to work in a series of 'community stations' along the route, where they will gather stories and information about their area. They are keen to hear from anyone who has memories, artefacts, documents or photos that help to bring the path's history and environment to life. Two events have taken place in Workington and Whitehaven but if you missed these and would like to get involved or find out more you may contact: Nick Owen on T: 077422 71570 or [artgenenick@btconnect.com](mailto:artgenenick@btconnect.com) <http://art-gene.co.uk/w>.

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## News from Cumbria County History Trust. (CCHT)

The project continues to progress satisfactorily, at least on the east side of the county. So far there has been little work done on western townships, and we are being urged to encourage local history societies in those parts to give some thought to this. I would be happy to attend meetings (preferably with those society members who are active researchers or would like to become involved) to explain more fully how the project works, and how the task can be (very enjoyably) addressed.

One thing I have found from experience is that, whilst there does have to be an identified volunteer who takes overall responsibility for

research and writing of the history of each township, the task is made much easier if there is an enthusiastic support team - tackling for example the newspaper and oral history research which is vital to bring the township history into the 21st century. Very much the legitimate concern of local history societies throughout the county, is it not? And what an opportunity for societies to make their mark.

Richard Brockington.

If you wish to take Richard up on his offer either as an individual, group or as a group of several societies his contact details are on page 23. For more details of the CCHT their website is [www.cumbriacountyhistory.org.uk](http://www.cumbriacountyhistory.org.uk)

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## CLHF Committee Meeting 9 June 2015

We approved spending on public liability insurance for our convention under the British Association for Local History scheme for local societies. We shall be reminding member groups about this to ensure all are sufficiently covered for their events and activities. We still require a Treasurer due to the present post-holders stepping down after their term in office.

We discussed how we could keep the CLHF A-Z of speakers current, and add new speakers easily. We are likely to do this by a form on our website to be submitted by speakers – more details will follow in the Bulletin. Thanks had been received by the Cumbria County History Trust for our donation of £100. 47 Groups and 35 individuals had joined the federation. We have compiled a list

of groups that the Committee will be contacting with a view to inviting to join. We shall also be investigating the use of Facebook and other social media to contact some of the relevant online groups who seem very active to flag up the Federation and its activities.

We discussed the format and content for our convention later this year and concluded with suggestions on how we can assist the CWAAS celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. More on this will follow in future bulletins. Our next meeting is scheduled for 24 September – members are welcome to contact me to submit agenda items for discussion by the Committee.

Robert Baxter  
CLHF Secretary

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## Events of Interest.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015.** The CLHF and The Cumbria Family History Society are holding a joint event at The Shepherds Inn, Rosehill, Carlisle from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Please see elsewhere in Bulletin for details.

**Now until November 8<sup>th</sup> 2015.** The Keswick Museum, Keswick. *Wainwright: A Love Letter to the Lakeland Fells.* A major exhibition exploring Wainwright's world using archives, artefacts, film and interactive exhibits. (Well worth a visit. Ed.)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015.** The Cumbrian Railways Association Autumn Meeting will be held at the Burnside Hotel, Bowness-on-Windermere. See website [www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk](http://www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk)

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## Events Diary

All meetings start at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated

### August 2015

17 <sup>th</sup>	Shap LHS Visit to Drybeck Hall	Drybeck Hall Kind permission of Lord Hothfield
20 <sup>th</sup>	Orton & Tebay LHS The Fell Pony	Tebay Methodist Church Sue Millard

### September 2015

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cartmel Peninsula LHS The Yellow Earl's Big Adventure	Village Hall, Cartmel Dr Rob David
10 <sup>th</sup>	Lorton & Derwent Fells LHS A Fox in the Fell - The Quakers in Cumbria	Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton Janice Wilson
14 <sup>th</sup>	Cartmel Fell & District LHS Ulverston & Lancaster Railway	Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell Leslie Gilpin
15 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of Helena Thompson Museum Workington Hall Part 2	Helena Thompson Museum, Workington Phyllis Scott
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ravenstonedale Parish History Group Facts & Phantoms in Upper Eden	Community & Heritage Centre Susan Garnett
16 <sup>th</sup>	Lazonby & District LHS AGM followed by The Carlisle Ship Canal	Lazonby Village Hall David Ramshaw
17 <sup>th</sup>	Levens LHG Rheged, Cumbria & Levens	Village Institute, Levens Dan Elsworth
17 <sup>th</sup>	Orton & Tebay LHS Ravenstonedale Retailers	Tebay Methodist Church Val Fermer
21 <sup>st</sup>	Holme & District LHS Lowther Castle & Gardens	Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall Hazel Abbott
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Duddon Valley LHS Fishing in Morecambe Bay	The Victory Hall, Broughton Jack Manning
28 <sup>th</sup>	Shap LHS Ninekirks, St Ninians, Brougham	Memorial Hall Green Room, Shap Tony Greenwood

**October 2015**

1st	Cartmel Peninsula LHS The Victoria County History Project	Village Hall, Cartmel Prof. Angus Winchester
5th	Kendal Historical & Archaeological Society Cattle Droving through Cumbria	Shakespeare Centre, Kendal Peter Roebuck
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bampton & District LHS Northern England Hiring Fairs 1890-1938 followed by AGM	Memorial Hall, Bampton Dr Stephen Counce
7th	Friends of Keswick Museum Waiter, Miner, Butcher, Spy: Austrians in Cumbria during the First World War	Parish Room, Main Street, Keswick Dr Rob David
7th	Sedbergh & District History Society The men who built Carlisle Cathedral	Settlebeck High School, Sedbergh Thirlie Grundy
12th	CWAAS Penrith Group The Ancient Woodlands of Cumbria	Friend Meeting House, Penrith Mike Winn
12th	Cartmel Fell & District LHS Naval & Civil Aviation at Windermere during WWI	Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell Ian Gee from Lakes Flying
15th	Levens LHG Cumbrian Customs	Village Institute, Levens Jean Scott-Smith
15th	Orton & Tebay LHS Roadside Heritage	Tebay Methodist Church Andy Lowe
19 <sup>th</sup>	Shap LHS The Jacobite Rebellions	Memorial Hall Green Room, Shap Paul Heslop
19th	Holme & District LHS A Career in Ruins	Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall Andy Lowe
20th	Friends of Helena Thompson Museum AGM and slide show	Helena Thompson Museum, Workington
21st	Ravenstonedale Parish History Group Vikings in Cumbria	Community & Heritage Centre Sheena Grant
21st	Lazonby & District LHS The Men who built Carlisle Cathedral	Lazonby Village Hall Thurlie Grundy
21st	Sedbergh & District History Society Writers Warriors and the War Hospital	Settlebeck High School, Sedbergh Isobel Stirk

27th	Duddon Valley LHS “My Life in the Gutter”	The Victory Hall, Broughton Archie Workman
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### November 2015

2nd	Kendal Historical & Archaeological Society Dining in the Great Houses of Cumbria 1673-1911	Shakespeare Centre, Kendal Ivan Day
3rd	Bampton & District LHS Oral History of Farming in Dentdale	Memorial Hall, Bampton Anthea Boulton
4th	Friends of Keswick Museum The Remarkable Literary History of Mirehouse	Parish Room, Main Street, Keswick John Spedding from Mirehouse
4th	Sedbergh & District History Society The Great Wall of China	Settlebeck High School, Sedbergh Dr Raynor Shaw
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cartmel Peninsula LHS AGM & Bring and Show	Village Hall, Cartmel
9th	CWAAS Penrith Group “It’s not what you think”: the melodrama of Anglican Parish Magazines.	Friends Meeting House, Penrith Dr Jane Platt
9th	Cartmel Fell & District LHS “Peeling The Onion” Research at Low Wood Gunpowder Works	Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell Rick Sanderson
12th	Lorton & Derwent Fells LHS “Discovering Derventio” – recent archaeological finds at Papcastle.	Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton Mark Graham
14th	Cumbria Railways Association Autumn Meeting	Burnside Hotel, Bowness-on-Windermere See Events of Interest above.
14th	Shap LHS Social Evening, 7.00 for 7.30. Supper followed by author of Ivver Sen/Jos/Jack’s Yak and River Greta.	Memorial Hall Green Room, Shap Keith Richardson
16th	Holme & District LHS The Excavation of Richard III	Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall Dr Carol Allen-Glaister
18th	Ravenstonedale Parish History Group Markets to Supermarkets:200 years of shopping	Community & Heritage Centre Dr M Winstanley
18th	Lazonby & District LHS Medieval Forgers: The Nuns of Armathwaite Priory	Lazonby Village Hall Harry Hawkins

18th	Sedbergh & District History Society North Craven in the early medieval period, an archaeological perspective	Settlebeck High School, Sedbergh Dr David Johnson
19th	Levens LHG Recent National Trust NW Archaeology	Village Institute, Levens Jamie Lund
19th	Orton & Tebay LHS Food History	Tebay Methodist Church June Hall

### December 2015

1st	Bampton & District LHS Annual Quiz	Memorial Hall, Bampton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Friends of Keswick Museum Roman Archaeology: recent excavations & finds at Vindolanda	Parish Room, Main Street, Keswick Dr Andrew Birley, Director of Excavations, Vindolanda Trust
2nd	Sedbergh & District History Society The History of Manorial Courts and Commons in Northern England	Settlebeck High School, Sedbergh Prof. Angus Winchester
7th	Kendal Historical & Archaeological Society The Castle Dairy – New Insights	Shakespeare Centre, Kendal Dan Elsworth
9th	Ravenstonedale Parish History Group Christmas Get Together	Community & Heritage Centre Members & Friends
10th	Orton & Tebay LHS Christmas Get together – Members Only	Tebay Methodist Church
14th	CWAAS Penrith Group William Robinson and his Penrith School followed by festive tea and prize quiz.	Friends Meeting House, Penrith Marjorie Smith
14th	Holme & District LHS Christmas Function – Talk - Missed Cues’ theatrical anecdotes	Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall Steve Beattie
14th	Cartmel Fell & District LHS Cumbrian Ice Houses and International Trade	Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell Dr Rob David

## Members Publications.

### Field Names of The Duddon and Lickle Valleys.

The Duddon Valley Local History Group has just published "Field Names of the Duddon and Lickle Valleys" written by Venetia Lascelles. Venetia's family have lived in the Duddon Valley for over fifty years and while searching through some papers Venetia came across a small piece of card on which was written "Langedome and Wheatose are two fields near the Waterworks". These names led her to discover an almost lost system of identifying many fields in the valleys which these days are simplified by numbers. So began Venetia's first edition in 2003, covering the Duddon Valley, followed by a new book just published that has been expanded to include the Lickle Valleys.

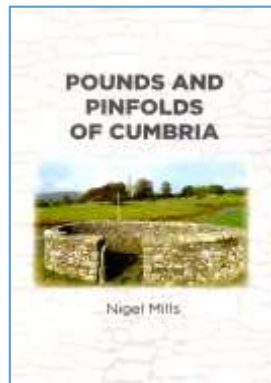


Field names are not usually written down so talking to local farmers revealed a wealth of information. Where names were recorded there are many different spellings complicating any research.

The origins of the Cumbrian dialect dated back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century with an influx of Irish- Scandinavians, speaking a combination of Old Norse and Irish-Gaelic, probably unintelligible to outsiders. Later, by the 16<sup>th</sup> century, as open farming was replaced by more enclosed land, the landscape became more familiar with how we see it today. This was the period of recorded field names, as Venetia discovered from documents she researched.

The book has many plans of these field names with explanations of their meaning. It can be bought from Greetings shop in Millom, Sutton's in Ulverston, Broughton TIC, Ulpha Post Office and the Newfield pub at Seathwaite, price £9.50.

### Pounds and Pinfolde of Cumbria by Nigel Mills.



YouCaxton Publications 2014; ISBN 978-1909644-45-8; 100 pages; many colour images; One of the aims of the Lorton & Derwent Fells LHS established by Ron George and the committee back in 1993



was to encourage and support research and publications by members. And so we can tick that box again with pleasure, with the publication of Nigel's Pounds and Pinfolde of Cumbria. Nigel's project has taken ten years of research and 'collecting', being set going more seriously in 2005 as one of the Society's exemplar projects in support of the Cumbria Manorial Records Project, under Lancaster University. Now we have this fine work which is divided into two sections. Firstly a four part study of the history and usage of pinfolde, soundly based in the manorial records but presented and contextualised in an accessible way. And secondly the gazetteer of Cumbrian pinfolde, with many photographs. I have a copy in the L&DFLHS archive. Copies are available from Nigel at the special price of £10.00. [nigelmills@btinternet.com](mailto:nigelmills@btinternet.com) or 01539 536603.

Derek Denman

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## Echoes of Longdale School by Mary P. Jenkin.

Mary Jenkin has spent many months researching the story of this remote village school in eastern Cumbria. Not only has she gleaned much material from the school Log Book and the Managers' Minutes Book, but she has interviewed many of the surviving pupils who have warm and happy memories of their days at Longdale School.

It makes a fascinating and amusing account which will be treasured not only by those who have their own memories of this school, but by all who value the heritage of rural life.



Copies are available from her on: [maryjenkin@aol.com](mailto:maryjenkin@aol.com) or tel. 015396 24410.

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## Regional Heritage Centre, Lancaster University. Programme of Events 2015 – 2016.

The Regional Heritage Centre is currently working on their programme for the coming academic year. Highlights will include an event focusing on Lancaster Castle and the Duchy of Lancaster, a study day with Dr Alan Crosby on early industry in the North West and a symposium on record publishing. If you would like a copy of the programme but are not currently on the mailing list, please email [rhc@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:rhc@lancaster.ac.uk) or see website [www.lancaster.ac.uk/rhc/](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/rhc/)

The RHC puts on some really interesting lectures so keep an eye on their website or putting your name on their email distribution. Light refreshments are provided for attendees and a visit to "The Sultan Of Lancaster" at lunchtime is a must! Editor.

## 'Studying the history of religion in local communities'

25 April 2015

The Regional Heritage Centre at Lancaster University (RHC) staged a very fine day school earlier this year on the theme of religion. It was particularly suited to (though not exclusively aimed at) researchers considering tackling this topic for contributions to parish and township histories for the Victoria County History of Cumbria.

Professor Angus Winchester outlined some of the different approaches to analysis and subject matter. For example one may be interested in seeing how transnational cultural phenomena or state/church legislation play out at a local level (secularism, evangelism, reformation etc), or the way personal faith, religious identity or community identity and activity was seen locally. One might also consider the impact of secular and religious authorities, the local economy and geography, the strength of any community life, and the physical landscape of buildings, as well as the influence of individual clergy.

Sarah Rose of Lancaster University then provided an excellent background to religious life in medieval communities, with a really useful overview of the more readily-available sources (many now recently available online). James Mawdesley of Liverpool Hope University then gave a really fascinating introduction to sources for studying the reformation at a local level, 1550-1650. This was no mere run-through of standard general secondary sources but

a brilliant introduction to some of the more unexpected and obscure primary archival materials which his examples showed provide testimony of the reaction of local communities to legislation, liturgical changes and overviews and inspections by clerical hierarchies.

Quakerism featured prominently in Cumbria, and Professor Winchester returned with a session on Quakers in local communities, 1650-1850.

Charting the movement from that of a prophetic, radical sect in the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century to evangelicalism and re-engagement with the world in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, he introduced us to the peculiarities of Quaker worship, religious organisation, social mores and their archive sources. The final session was provided by Jane Platt on the history of Christianity during the 'long' 19<sup>th</sup> century – a period of turbulent and transformative change in religious life at the local level. Full of technical and social interest, her topics covered included the impact of non-conformism and Catholicism, socialism and class conflict, the growth of Anglican ritualism, Sunday School education, home missionary activity, temperance and developments in architecture.

I can thoroughly recommend the sessions and speakers for interest, content and enjoyment. Although as an archivist by profession, there was much that was familiar to me, I can vouch that there was also plenty in the way of religious technicalities and archival sources that were new to me.  
Robert Baxter.

## National Conference of the Vernacular Architecture Group held in Cumbria.

Newton Rigg College of Agriculture, near Penrith, was the perfect location for a national conference. From 7 – 11 July, the **Vernacular Architecture group, (VAG)**, held their annual gathering. One hundred specialists in the study of traditional buildings met to explore the built heritage of Cumbria.

Each year, the VAG meets in a different region of England and Wales. The last time the VAG came to Cumberland, (as it was then), was in 1965, fifty years ago. Then, Dr Ronald Brunskill led the group. He is author of many publications on the subject, including *Traditional Buildings of Cumbria*, (Cassell, 2002) and has done so much to promote the study of the buildings which reflect local materials and methods. The host organisation was **Cumbria Vernacular Buildings Group, (CVBG)**, founded in 2013 by June Hall, of Newbiggin (Stainton), a member of the VAG national committee. Dr Brunskill is Patron of CVBG. A small group of members have worked hard for several months to plan the conference. Accommodation, transport, food, and venues for lunch and tea had to be arranged, to support a programme of day tours and evening lectures, with a handbook to describe all the buildings visited.

The tours included visits to many traditional buildings not open to the public, and village walks. A major theme was the variety of building materials in the county. A tour of the highlands of the central Lake District included Ullswater and Patterdale,

Kirkstone Pass, Troutbeck and Kendal's Castle Dairy, the oldest inhabited building in the town, to demonstrate the features of slate as a building material. The second day was devoted to three medieval buildings in Carlisle, to see some of the rare timber structures in Cumbria. The Tithe Barn, Prior's Tower, with a unique painted wooden ceiling of 1580, and the Guildhall, (Cumbria's only complete surviving timber-framed building), were followed by a walk round Burgh by Sands. Here, the defensive church tower, clay buildings and a cruck barn were examined. After a drive along the Solway Moss, the tour called at West Curthwaite, Durdar and Ellonby, where cruck-built and thatched clay houses survive.



The last tour explored the defensive buildings of the north-east of Cumbria, and the use of Pennine stone. Buildings in the high market town of Alston, illustrated the survival of many buildings where the living accommodation is upstairs, approached by external steps. Several bastles were seen in the area. These are a regional feature of the Anglo-Scottish Border, largely dating from the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. They developed in response to the unrest on the Border, with accommodation for livestock on the ground floor, and a domestic first floor above. The entrance to living space was by a

removable ladder which could be drawn up when people were safely inside, or by a flight of stone steps. Stone towers for higher status families were seen, for example at Naworth castle.

Evening lectures by leading authorities followed the tours. Professor Angus Winchester of Lancaster University, set the scene with an introduction – *Cumbrian Buildings: the landscape context*. Victoria Slowe, Director of the Ruskin museum, Coniston, spoke about the features of domestic and farm buildings as shown in early paintings of the Lake District, in a fascinating presentation entitled *Heck, Mell and Bink*. The world-renowned food historian, Ivan Day, of Shap, entertained the conference on the subject of the food resources available to our Cumbrian predecessors. The final lecture was by Dr Adam Menuge, Director of Architectural History at the University of Cambridge. He discussed the still-evolving study of bastles, which have only been examined in recent years.



The handbook of the buildings visited was compiled by a small group of CVBG members. Mike Kingsbury of Barbon, Peter Messenger of Sillioth, Richard Wilson of Dalston, and June Hall prepared most of the content. The pages were set up for printing by Dan Elsworth of Greenlane Archaeology, Ulverston, and his colleague Tom Mace.

It was printed by the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald.

Many people gave their time and energy to make the conference a success. Claire Jeffery, Colby, helped to plan the tours and ran the book and exhibition room; Barbara Grundy, Stainton, Jill Durnford, Temple Sowerby and Sarah Nicholson, Keswick, helped with transport; Dr Helen Evans, Grange over Sands, who organises the CVBG website, assisted in many ways. The conference was only made possible by the willing cooperation of house owners who allowed VAG members to examine their homes and workplaces. Grateful thanks go to them, and to the venues for tea, coffee and lunch breaks, in appropriate buildings, largely staffed by volunteers. At Newton Rigg, chef Alan Barrow and his cheerful staff provided delicious food, and conference administrators Ann Burgess and Lauren Downes ensured comfortable accommodation. Reays of Wigton provided transport in excellent coaches, with helpful and efficient drivers. After the conference, an optional tour of the farm buildings at Newton Rigg, was led by Andrew Humphries.

CVBG membership is open to those interested in the traditional buildings of Cumbria. See [www.cvbg.co.uk](http://www.cvbg.co.uk) and [www.vag.org.uk](http://www.vag.org.uk)  
June Hall

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## CLHF Membership News

We are pleased to have 48 groups and 36 individuals who have joined CLHF for 2015 and we are glad to welcome back Arnside Local History Society and Appleby-in-Westmorland who have

returned after a break. I am always pleased to receive late subscriptions, although with the year 7 months old, groups joining now will have missed out on having their Events listed in the Bulletin or on the web site. If you have updates to your Events' Schedules please email them to me.

Sally Newton. Membership and Events Listing Secretary  
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## Magna Carta and Cartmel

Sir William Marshal, First Earl of Pembroke was one of the most significant knights during the reign of King John. He was very much concerned with the preparation of Magna Carta in 1215 and in the subsequent Magna Carta of the following year. (He later became Regent to John's son, Henry III, following John's death.) He founded Cartmel Priory in 1190, having been given "the land of Cartmel" by King John in 1185.

Following the lecture on Magna Carta by Dr David Starkey in Cartmel Priory in June, the Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society (CPLHS) has arranged for Dr Alan Crosby to present a talk (also at Cartmel Priory) on Monday 7th September beginning at 7.30 p.m. entitled: "King John was not a Good Man – Understanding Magna Carta on its 800th Anniversary". Admission will be £2.50 at the door. From 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September Cartmel Priory is holding a Flower Pageant and Magna Carta Celebration in the village with numerous attractions, concerts and activities.

[www.cartmelpriory.org.uk/Whats-Happening/Magna-Carta-800](http://www.cartmelpriory.org.uk/Whats-Happening/Magna-Carta-800)

On Monday 28th September Dr Sarah Rose of Lancaster University, will give a lecture at 11.30am on "Magna Carta and the Northern Barons". At 2.00pm and again at 4.00pm CPLHS will give a brief talk on "The Impact of Magna Carta in Cartmel from 1215" followed by a guided walk around the village with members of the CPLHS.

Stuart Harling, Chairman, CPLHS  
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## News from Carlisle Archive and Local Studies Centre.

<http://www.cumbriaimagebank.org.uk> web site houses a collection of digital images created using original material from Cumbria County Council Libraries and Archives Service. There are also lots of photos that members of the public have sent in. Our website currently displays 35,000 historic images covering the whole of Cumbria, dating from the mid-eighteenth century to 2015. There is also a selection of video, historic maps and old theatre posters. This digitisation project was undertaken for a number of reasons:

- To ensure our original material is preserved
- To raise awareness and understanding of the material we hold
- To provide better access to unknown or little used material
- To create resources useful for learning and teaching
- To make available part of our photographic and archive collections for

users from all over the world to view via the Internet.

Images on this website can be downloaded for personal use and photographic quality prints may be ordered online. About 1,000 unique visitors come to the site each month. You can also send in your comments through the site, adding details or correcting errors. There's also a 'Lost property' section. We are constantly adding new images to the site so keep dropping in!  
Stephen White.

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## News from Whitehaven Archive and Local Studies Centre

### ***Taking Archives on the Streets***

Town centre shoppers will catch a glimpse of Whitehaven of yesteryear in September thanks to a heritage project devised by Archive staff. The project is to mark Heritage Open Days, a nationwide annual event designed to celebrate our local history, architecture and culture and remind ourselves of the forgotten gems on our doorstep – or in this case in our town centre.

We are arranging for local shops and businesses to display copies of the historic illustrations from Victorian and Edwardian building control plans for their buildings in their windows for the duration of the Heritage Open Days celebration, 10 – 13 September.

As well as provoking memories of shopping streets of the past, we hope many people will be impressed by the artistic merit of some of the plans, as well as be surprised at their colour and

detail. Each plan will be accompanied by a short potted history of the site. So, if you are in Whitehaven between 10-13 September, take a stroll through town, comparing the historic vision of 40 premises to their current use - or pop into the Archive Centre, where we will assemble the plans in a single display.

<http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/directory/behind-the-strongroom-door>

### ***Discover our strongroom***

As part of the Heritage Open Days programme, we will also be offering a free strongroom tour on Saturday 12 September at 10am. If you've always wondered what goes on within our precious storage area, please join us (you can spend the rest of your visit either exploring our Archives of the Streets displays, or on a morning's research).

### ***News from the Front***

Our Local Studies Library is home to microfilm copies of a number of local newspapers. As we commemorate the First World War, copies from that period are extremely useful in terms of reporting news as it was received from the front, as well as illustrating what life was like back in West Cumbria. The newspaper issues of the Great War have been indexed for us by a band of volunteers, who over an 18 month period. Each month we produce a fascinating digest of articles, taken from the *Whitehaven News* exactly 100 years before. PDF versions of these are online

[http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/online\\_catalogues/greatwar/WCwar.asp](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/online_catalogues/greatwar/WCwar.asp), or you can take one away from here.

***Our service;*** Our combined archive and local studies centre is right in the

middle of Whitehaven: find our opening hours and details on <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/archivecentres/whalsc.asp>

Catherine Clark, Area Archivist & Library Manager (Copeland)

**Of Interest?** You may be interested in this survey request from Archives in Worcester. They have been commissioned by Historic England to undertake a survey to assess the amount of archaeology and local history research being undertaken by voluntary groups in England, and the potential for this to enhance research resources and agendas. More details about the project and the methodology are available at <http://community-heritage-research.blogspot.co.uk/>

## CWAAS 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Throughout 2016, a range of events will be taking place in order to celebrate the founding of CWAAS in 1866. Displays about the Society and its work will be on show in various museums and archive centres around the county. A book about the history of the Society is also being written and this will be made available free of charge to all CWAAS members. From November, the anniversary programme of events will be made available on the CLHF website, so please do take a look! We always look forward to welcoming new members, so if you are interested in joining the society, please get in touch via our website [www.cumbriapast.com](http://www.cumbriapast.com)

Sarah Rose

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# CUMBRIA LOCAL HISTORY FEDERATION CONVENTION 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015 PROGRAMME



9.30AM Annual General Meeting (CLHF members)

10.15AM Maximilian Loth-Hill

*“The Rise and Fall of the Dacres of the North, 1315-1569”*

11.15AM David Moorat *“The Battle of High Gelt Bridge, 1570”*

11.45AM Richard Brockington *“The Dacre Inheritance, 1569-1601”*

2.00PM Tony Consadine *“Heraldic Aspects of Pub Signs”*

3.00PM Tom Robson *“Cumbria Archives”*

This programme of talks has been arranged jointly by the Cumbria Local History Federation and the Cumbria Family History Society, and all are welcome to attend without extra charge.

They will take place in the upstairs bar of the Inn. The theme of the morning talks is the once mighty family of the Barons Dacres of Naworth, Greystoke and Kirkoswald, their fall from grace in 1569, the defeat of Leonard Dacre In February 1570, and the extraordinary sequence of events which culminated in the acquisition in 1601 of the huge Dacre inheritance by two branches of the Howard family. Our three morning speakers will all present recent research of their own. In the afternoon we will hear about heraldry and the ever useful Cumbria Archives.