**CLHF Convention Programme - 14th October 2017**

Askam Band Hall, Sandy Lane, Askam-in-Furness LA16 7BE

**Aspects of Furness History**

0800-0930 Hall open for setting up of displays etc.

0930-1000 Arrive, Register, etc.

1000-1030 Housekeeping announcements, Alan Benson

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1030-1100 Coffee & Browse Displays

1100-1200 Keynote Speaker (Dan Elsworth – Antiquarians of Furness)

1200-1215 Questions

1215-1250 Local Speaker (Rev Dr David Jackson – Swarthmore Hall & Its People)

1250-1300 Questions

1300-1400 Lunch & Browse Displays

1400-1435 Local Speaker (Peter Burt – The Furness Iron & Steel Company)

1435-1445 Questions

1445-1515 Guest Speaker (Dr Christopher Donaldson –'Furness Abbey, Post-Reformation: The Romance of the Ruins)

1515-1545 Guest Speaker (Dr Fiona Edmonds – Furness Abbey and the Irish Sea region in the medieval period)

1545-1600 Questions

1600-1610 Summary, Wind-up & Thanks

1610-1700 Tea, Cake & Final Browse of Displays

1700-1730 All done & clear so that Hall can be set up for “Old Time Dancing”

**Dan Elsworth** was raised in Ulverston and works as a commercial archaeologist for his own company, Greenlane Archaeology.  He has been involved in projects across the North-West, ranging from Bronze Age cremations in Cumbria to industrial complexes in Greater Manchester.  He has retained a particular interest in the Furness peninsula and South Lakeland and has always been inspired by the manuscript legacy of the early antiquarians of the area.

**Rev Dr David Jackson** has devoted much time and effort to researching Swarthmoor Hall and the people who lived there from Judge Fell and George Fox to Mitford Abrams, until it came into the possession of the Society of Friends.

**Peter Burt** has spent some years researching the Askam Iron Works, the processes and people who worked there and the source of the iron which was smelted there.

**Dr Christopher Donaldson**, originally from the USA, is now based at Lancaster University where he also lectures in the History Department. His particular interest in our area centres on Furness Abbey in its later years and its growth as a tourist attraction.

**Dr Fiona Edmonds** is the newly appointed Director of the Regional Heritage Centre (ex Centre for North West Regional Studies), replacing Angus Winchester, and is a lecturer in History at Lancaster University. Her particular interest covers the Viking period in Ireland and North West England in the early Middle Ages.

Fiona will talk about Furness Abbey in its earliest days and its impact on the local society and economy.

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