



Chapel of Ease, Field Broughton in Cartmel Parish, demolished 1890.
Courtesy of Parochial Church Council, St Peter's.

Chairman's Chat.

First, on behalf of CLHF's committee may I wish you all a very Happy New Year. Given the atrocious weather at the end of 2015 I'm sure we all hope for better days in 2016, and extend our commiseration and good wishes for the future to all those affected by the floods. However the recurrence of flooding over so much of Cumbria does raise a number of interesting points we might consider as societies and individuals, and I want to mention one or two thoughts.

Firstly, how many people have lost family records and photos, some for the second time – storage in as safe a place as possible in our homes must be well worth considering, not forgetting all those electronic records on a drowned computer. Secondly – how many stories, photos, and videos of previous floods, storm waves etc in different parts of the county have appeared in various publications – I know it's a joke that people will video almost anything, even at foolish risk to themselves, but these images and accounts are the local history of the future.

And finally – I have been contacted by media organisations asking about Cumbria's weather history. I only know of one person who keeps weather records for their area of West Cumbria, and another name was suggested to me, but I'd be really interested to hear of others. Can you ask around your respective acquaintance and let us know? Again, this is part of the area's history and it merits our attention!

Jenni Lister

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Editor's Thoughts. I hope you will find the selection of subjects in this Bulletin both interesting and stimulating. They range from Jill Wishart's piece on the early days of CLHF through the celebration of several notable contributors to the Cumbrian Local History scene and on to a discussion on the importance of Oral History in recording the past. In addition there are articles by several groups telling us what they have been up to and the usual CLHF stuff.

With this Bulletin I also enclose a membership form for 2016 and would ask you to renew your membership for 2016 as soon as possible please. We have a new membership secretary in Liz and I want to keep her very busy! This Bulletin is reliant on contributions from members but as the range of possible contributions is so wide I try to encourage and guide you when I make my requests for notes and articles and to help I have underlined my requests in this Bulletin. My aim is to hear from every group and member over the next few issues so please share your own or your group's experiences with others.

Best wishes, Nigel Mills, Editor.

CLHF Members Area

First things first: Included in this Bulletin is a 2016 Membership Application Form which I hope you or your treasurer will complete and return to Liz Kerrey with a cheque as soon as possible.



The membership of CLHF for 2015 included some 89 groups, organisations and individual members all of whom have an interest in the local history of our county so let us try for 100 members for 2016.

Our website www.clhf.org.uk .

A pdf version of this Bulletin will be emailed to all the individuals and groups who are members of CLHF in 2015. It will be sent 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.

Early Beginnings - some memories by Jill Wishart, first Chairman of CLHF.

In the late 1980s I landed the most magical job as the first ever assistant to the Archivist at Oxford University. The office happened to be at the top of the Bodleian Library tower, with views to die for, and we had charge of a vast variety of documents ranging from the medieval, to modern patents. We retrieved items for researchers in the famous Duke Humphries reading room from storage locations scattered around the city. It was a world of rituals and ancient academia but when I left, a new computer record system was struggling into existence in the tower.

Unfortunately my husband's job necessitated a move north to South Lakes, and I left Oxford with a very heavy heart.

Previous to this, my own local history interest had begun with the small village of Merton near Bicester.

Although no historian, I did compile a parish history based on a record of the changing agricultural lifestyles through the previous century. I also enjoyed attending many evening classes and day schools relating to Local History which were run by the Continuing Education Department of Oxford University; and joined the prestigious Oxfordshire Local History Association. I helped resurrect the Bicester Local History Society (which still goes strongly today) and with the Oxford Archaeological Unit, I field walked many exciting sites – before some of these were lost under

the Shopping Outlet, and the M40.....

Once in South Lakes, to my disappointment, there appeared to be very few Local History societies. "Local history" was then a fairly new discipline and unless promoted by universities, or enlightened individuals, not really much appreciated. Family History Societies were beginning to appear – but online help for this nationally was only just emerging. I joined the only countywide historical group existing at that time which was the Cumberland and Westmoreland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society. I was asked by them to attend and report on a local history forum, together with Joe Scott of Staveley. We found that there were several thriving societies in existence but they were geographically isolated, and had little communication with each other. However, they all seemed enthusiastic about being involved with others in order to promote and encourage local history. At this point it was felt preferable to set up an independent specifically local history county group rather than remain as an adjunct to CWAAS. The well known local historian Dr John Marshall, together with Dr Angus Winchester at Lancaster University encouraged and supported our efforts, and finally in 1992 an inaugural meeting was held. The first committee was set up, the original constitution (which CLHF still runs by) was created, and a bank account opened. The first newsletter appeared in the capable editorial hands of Peter Robinson.....and the rest, as they say, is history!! There are still many of today's members and several

societies in existence without whose early support CLHF would not have survived. They know who they are, and they will always have my gratitude! And for anyone interested in those early years - a complete set of CLHF Bulletins was deposited in Carlisle Record Office in 2014.

Jill Wishart

CLHF Chairman from 1992 until 2006.

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## Oral History - Is it worth it?

Sometimes I think I take the easy option when it comes to researching a person, town, village, building or event. I straight away refer to the resources of the Archive Service, local library, the internet and other documentary sources.

Oral history however involves talking to people, *Yes, actually talking to people, face to face, one to one, patiently listening and prompting, perhaps speaking loudly, perhaps repeating the question, waiting for that gem of information amongst all the other words that makes the last three hours all worthwhile!*

Well it does not need to be like that. Given the above comments perhaps I am not the ideal person to undertake this particularly challenging method of recording the past. Please read the following two contributions from Jenni and from what must be Cumbria's Premier Oral History Group and let me know what you think. (Not about me but about your oral history experiences please!)

Editor.

## Oral History and the OHS

I'm sure a good number of CLHF members have been involved in OH projects in one way or another, whether as interviewers, interviewees, or simply as fascinated listeners and at the present time it seems to be becoming increasingly popular with new projects springing up like dragon's teeth! The appeal of listening to OH is manifold: we can peek into someone's life, hear their emotions, enjoy a good story, and learn details of everyday life in a variety of different circumstances at varying periods in history. Even reading transcribed interviews allows us to sample some of these interests and pleasures. But how many OH enthusiasts have heard of the Oral History Society? And of these knowledgeable people, how many are OHS members? Not that many, I suspect.

If you maintain an interest in Oral History you should be paying attention, and if you're involved with, or plan to run, an OH project then you should already be a member! The website (<http://www.ohs.org.uk>) holds the most useful material you could want, and includes archive material dating back to the Society's foundation in 1970. As you may gather I am a member, and have been for a good number of years! Training in how to do a GOOD interview, in a solid ethical and legal framework is offered by the OHS in partnership with The British Library and the one-day courses, although not cheap, are invaluable. When I set up the Sellafeld Stories Oral History Project I booked myself a place despite having

recording experience, and found it one of the most helpful things I could have done. You meet people from a range of different OH projects, as well as the experienced and helpful practitioners who train you.

Another opportunity to meet a wide range of OH practitioners and enthusiasts, both amateur and professional, is the annual conference held over 2 days in July each year. I've found these fascinating and despite some fairly dry or esoteric sounding subjects I've always come away having enjoyed some fascinating presentations, interesting discussions, and worthwhile networking with people from far and near. 2015's conference covered OH in science, technology and medicine – sounds less than gripping, in some ways! But that included recordings of lighthouse keepers discussing the end of manned lighthouses in Scotland; memories of, and attitudes toward, changes at the CEBG, part of the British Library's wonderful National Life Stories collection; attitudes, beliefs and practices among Dublin GPs at the time when antibiotics were first becoming available; a means of using free new technologies to index sound recordings to enable us to use the recording instead of falling back on lengthy and expensive transcriptions; cinema projectionists reflecting on the introduction of digital technology – I could go on, but I'm sure you'll have the picture. Those are just some of the sessions I attended at a conference packed with good things – and a few I didn't fancy much at all, because you can't please everyone!

I'm already looking forward to this year's conference which will consider the suggestion that written forms of OH are being superseded now that it's so much easier to make the digital sound files available. Here's a quotation from the flyer: *Raphael Samuel's essay 'The Perils of the Transcript' (1972) drew attention to the limitations of using written versions of oral history interviews. The standard practice of transcribing or at least summarising interviews, and then selecting quotations from those texts for exhibitions, articles and books based around such interviews, meant the auditory dimension of oral history was for decades notoriously underused. Digital technologies, however, and especially the internet, make ... audio and video oral history interviews as well as extracts – much more readily available... Does this signal the death of the written text? Definitely food for thought.*

I hope some of you will visit the OHS website & peruse the useful information there, perhaps look at past conference flyers as well as 2016's, and think about coming along. Particularly if you're hoping to set up a project & need information and advice, read the website article on Community Based Oral History. Then please think about joining the OHS and availing yourself of the help and support they can offer – you won't regret it!

Jenni Lister

CLHF Chair

## Ambleside Oral History Group.

In response to the request for news for Bulletin 69, I hope you may be interested in the following snippets concerning the current work of Ambleside Oral History Group.

1. Over the past 36 years AOHG has been recording the memories of the older generations of local people in the Ambleside/Windermere/Langdale area. We have amassed an archive of nearly 500 interviews, all of which are recorded on sound CDs and have also been transcribed and rendered searchable online by keyword, freely available via our website. With changes to local and national life happening so rapidly from the 1960s onwards, our founder members were motivated to record memories of people born as far back as the 1890s onwards and those memories form the bulk of our archive.

2. With an eye to the future however and the hope that our successors will be able to maintain the archive, we have decided to target for interview younger members of our communities who may have jobs or experiences now which will be of interest perhaps in 50 years time. Although we still welcome contributions from earlier generations, that is now the main priority of our group. These younger people have immediate recall of their lives and current preoccupations and we feel their stories will carry greater authenticity in the future than some of the earlier respondents.

3. AOHG offers workshop training to embryonic oral history groups. Our members have vast experience in interviewing techniques and in methods of processing interviews for archiving

which we are happy to pass on to interested parties. We have helped many groups to get started and can also offer our services as a repository for web based transcripts. Making their work publicly accessible is often a hurdle for new groups and without this accessibility funding bids may fail. We have also assisted with funding bids.

4. We have always been a voluntary self-funding group, working for the love of our project and our firm belief in the value of oral history. We have had considerable assistance in the past from HLF and other funders but this has been for occasional heavy capital expenditure. Our everyday costs, which include materials, storage, computer expenses, as well as the considerable annual cost of maintaining our online search facility, are funded by our own efforts. We charge modestly for workshops. Importantly, we also give audio visual presentations based on topics from our archive. We offer these to local groups such as Wi, Rotary, or any group requiring an interesting and thought provoking evening, for a modest fee. A list of our current presentations is on our website. More are in the pipeline.

5. Several years ago The History Press published our book, Voices of Lakeland, based on our archive. This sold successfully and helped our funding. Eventually the publishers wanted to remainder the last few copies and offered it to us at a nominal price. Published at £14.99, we now have copies available at £6.00. A full description is on our website at [www.aohg.org.uk](http://www.aohg.org.uk). I hope this gives a good idea of what we are up to these days.  
Paul Renouf

**Shap Local History Society.** Flint Knapping at the Old Courthouse.

Westmorland Archaeology were delighted to present a flint knapping workshop in November by archaeologist Karl Lee, at the Old Courthouse at Shap.

On our arrival, the scene was set by a display of replica tools and jewellery and Karl reminded us that in the Stone Age, the ability to make tools was a basic survival skill vital for all everyday tasks, from making clothes & personal ornaments, to fishing, hunting, clearing land, and defence. Only the hardest types of stone, such as flint, chert, quartz, or volcanic tuff, would have been up to the job, and the need to obtain the right kind of stone would have been a reason for trade.

Karl then gave a demonstration, breaking open a large flint nodule and explaining about the all-important 'angle of strike' - gradually worked the interior into the shape of an axe head. Then it was our turn! Each having been given smaller pieces of flint, Karl talked us through making our own 'scraper' – a very basic tool for cleaning hides. We later attempted making other tools – with varying degrees of success! – and to finish the day, tired but happy, we sat and watched Karl making a succession of finely-worked arrowheads!

We learnt that strike angle rather than brute force was important to work the stone (especially in the later stages), and - surprisingly to me! - that the whole process could be strangely satisfying and totally absorbing.....but then we were not doing it under pressure to survive, with wild animals

such as bear and lynx nearby looking for lunch! A fascinating day! We gained new insights into the life and mind of Stone Age man, who must have been as intelligent, resourceful and capable of delicate skill as man is today.

Liz Kerrey

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Appleby-in Westmorland.

This is an extract from this society's Newsletter issued in August 2015. Much work has been done on the life of those lost in both wars but I think this piece of research may be unique in exposing the "problems" encountered in marking this loss. Or am I wrong? Editor.

Like virtually every other town and village in the country, once the war was over the people of Appleby set about honouring 'the glorious dead'. First to act was St Lawrence church - it was reported that they had raised £60 (equivalent very roughly to about £15,000). The memorial was to be put in a corner of the churchyard overlooking the river and, to the disgust of one of the Aldermen, three mature chestnut trees had been felled to make room for it. It wasn't long before the Mayor set up a Town Memorial Fund which agreed to support the church plan. Unfortunately no one had thought to consult the returned soldiers, who had set up a branch of the Federation of Discharged Soldiers and Sailors (the forerunner of the British Legion). They made it very clear that they thought the memorial should be more central. Their representatives were hastily invited to a meeting of the

joint committee and it was agreed to hold a public meeting to discuss the issue.

The Federation turned out in force for that meeting in July 1919. The Mayor hoped that the memorial could be paid for without debt, that it would not need expensive maintenance and that they could agree on a site. This last hope proved to be in vain. Proposals to site the memorial in the cemetery or in the churchyard were voted out. The Federation proposed that the memorial should be in the market square, opposite the Post Office; "We have done our bit for you and our pals who have died are entitled to the best and most public place you can give them". Strong words.

Perhaps in the hope of calming matters, the Town Memorial Committee came up with two more suggestions. One involved developing and renovating the whole of the Cloisters as a place where the names of the fallen would be engraved on stone tablets round the walls. The other, an idea suggested early in the discussions by Alderman Rigg, was to create a memorial garden in Ladygarths with a stone memorial of some sort at its centre. The committee decided to canvas the views of all ex-servicemen and burgesses. A thousand voting papers were sent out. Voters were asked to choose between the Cloisters scheme and the Ladygarth gardens plan.

230 men voted for the Cloisters scheme while the Ladygarth plan had 212 supporters. 250 votes were spoiled and 200 potential voters didn't vote. Hardly conclusive. In desperation the

committee reverted to one of their original ideas - it should be placed in the cemetery. It was scarcely central but it was where the dead servicemen (and woman) would have been buried if they had died in Appleby.

Maggie Clowes

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## Cartmel Peninsula LHS.

As you will have read in the Autumn Bulletin the last weekend in September was Cartmel's opportunity to celebrate William the Marshal's influence on the Magna Carta and what a glorious celebration it was. A Flower Pageant in the Priory, Concerts in the Priory, a Son et Lumiere against the south walls of the Priory, a Tourney in Fairfield Paddock and to cap it all A "Talk and Tour of Cartmel" by members of the CPLHS. Each event was a sell out and the weather was superb. I should know as I was there all weekend! If you visited I would be pleased to hear what you thought of the whole event.

Our Chairman Stuart Harling introduced early Cartmel to each "Talk and Tour" group setting the scene prior to their exploration of the village and this talk is summarised below. Editor.

### **What do we know of early Cartmel?**

It is recorded by The Reverend John Dickinson (a scholarly historian who lived in Cartmel and wrote extensively on the village and the area, researching and writing in the second half of the twentieth century) that the Roman army, led by Agricola, drove the Brigantes over Morecambe Bay and

entered Cartmel in the same year that Vesuvius erupted and buried Pompeii and Herculaneum: that was 79 AD. Egfrith, King of the Northumbrian Angles, granted to St Cuthbert in about 673 (677) AD "the whole of the lands of Cartmell with all the Britons in it" and it is likely that a church, therefore, existed here in the 7th century, possibly at Kirkhead, Kents Bank. That would have been only small & made of wood. We have no trace of it now. The derivation of the village name is Scandinavian and means "sand bank by rocky ground". The village has also been known as "Churchtown" and "Kirkby in Cartmell".

### **At the time of Magna Carta.**

Sir William Marshall was one of the most significant knights of the time and was given "the land of Cartmel" in 1185 when Richard I was on the throne. He married Isabel de Clare in about 1188 (she was an enormously wealthy lady) and he was made Earl of Pembroke in the following year. In 1189 (some say 1190) (possibly as a gesture of thanks to The Almighty for his good fortune) he founded The Priory in Cartmel.

King John reigned from 1199 and, following his accession, confirmed by Royal Charter the grant "to the Prior of Cartmel of the lands, the Church and the liberties of Cartmel". The Priory was built on flat land between two streams, one flowing north and one flowing south. The requirement for water was paramount - both for drinking and for maintaining a plentiful supply of fish: proximity to Morecambe Bay was also important. The building was constructed from local stone (from Quarry Flat near Holker) and would

have been undertaken by a travelling guild of stonemasons assisted by local labour. To be continued.

Stuart Harling.

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Ted Relph – A 90th Birthday Celebration to mark a milestone for local historian.

When Ted Relph of Crosby Ravensworth celebrated his 90th birthday in mid August, many of his friends from the village and a wide range of groups organised a traditional Merry Neet in Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall.



Ted will be known to CLHF members as a founder of Crosby Ravensworth Local History Society (now sadly defunct) and for setting up the Crosby Ravensworth Village Archive.

A retired secondary school teacher, Ted has had a lifelong interest in history and especially that of his home village. In this respect he has carried out research and published works such as *The Williamson Diaries*, in two volumes, he also wrote and published *Chronicles of*

Crosby Ravensworth. Through his involvement as Editor of the Lakeland Dialect Society, Ted has published several works, mainly in or about dialect; the most recent being the *Longtown Glossary*.

There was a wonderful atmosphere at the party, with many people doing a turn, including the man himself who sang 'Mardale Hunt'. In lieu of gifts Ted had requested donations for St. Lawrence's Church in Crosby Ravensworth, where until fairly recently, he still climbed the tower each week to wind up the clock! There was also a raffle, and more that £200 was raised.

The Dialect Society decided to present Ted with a gift in recognition of 50 years work for their Society, and gave him a voucher for a flight over the Lakes.

The Secretary of the Lakeland Dialect Society, Jean Scott-Smith; who is also Vice Chairman of Shap LHS paid tribute to Ted in dialect verse that ended:

*Te reach ninety years is neah mean feat
It's a milesteane when aw is deun an
sed*

*Sea lets raise a glass an' drink tull his
health*

An shoot - HAPPY BIRTHDAY TED!

Jean Scott-Smith

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## Member's Publications.

**Wordsworth and the famous Lorton yew tree** was edited jointly by Michael Baron and Derek Denman and published by the society in 2004 to

mark the bicentenary of the visit by William and Dorothy Wordsworth to the yew tree in 1804 in connection with William's poem *Yew-trees*. The book was produced with the assistance of several grants and advance subscriptions. It features the history of the tree itself and its connection with the Wordsworth's and tells the story



through writings and portraits; including special commissions of photographs from David Herrod and a poem *the Yew* from Jacob Polley. The bicentenary was marked in several ways in Lorton, involving the wider community beyond the local history society. The book was launched at a special event at the Yew Tree Hall when the winner of a poetry competition was also announced. The local Lorton School created a commemorative artwork and a daughter tree was planted at Crossgates; as anyone who has visited the Lorton Yew will know, it looks as though it could come crashing down in a heavy storm. The book is now out of print but there have been suggestions that a second edition should be published. Please contact the Lorton

&Derwent Fells LHS should you be interested in this.

Sandra Shaw

<http://www.derwentfells.com>

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Cumbria County History Trust (CCHT)

www.cumbriacountyhistory.org.uk

Can I recommend that readers have a look at the CCHT website to see what other like-minded people are doing in Cumbria.

You may be as surprised as I was that so much is being researched and written about the history of our County. I found the images particularly good and the links lead to other related information but beware they may keep you busy for hours!

There is also the opportunity on the Home page to sign up for a weekly update digest. [Why not try it and let me know what you think.](#)

Editor.

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## Cumbria Vernacular Buildings Group. (CVBG).

2015 was a year of consolidation for CVBG. We held a full programme of events, finishing with an excellent Christmas lunch in the historic Cross Keys temperance inn at Cautley, between Sedbergh and Kirkby Stephen. Our great good fortune was

that the weather gave a brief respite between the devastating floods and a sudden and heavy snowfall, so that our furthest flung members, from Lockerbie and Hebden Bridge, had good journeys. The Cross Keys, on the edge of the Howgills, is a seventeenth century building, with flagged floors, an inglenook fireplace, with a welcome roaring fire, and plenty of beams - a perfect venue for our group. It is associated with the origins of Quakerism as the resident in the 1650s, when George Fox founded the movement in Sedbergh, in 1652, was Gervaise Benson, one of the group which has been called the Valliant Sixty.

The main event of the year was the national Vernacular Architecture Group conference which we organised in July. One hundred scholars came to Cumbria for five days, based at Newton Rigg agricultural college, Penrith. Three full days were spent touring the county to look at slate buildings (central Lake District), clay, timber and thatch (Carlisle and the Solway Plain), and Pennine stone and defensible buildings (Alston and the Borders).



In October, our patron, Dr R W Brunskill died, aged 86. His influence in the study and recording of traditional buildings will continue, though his publications and personal teaching, as he did more than anyone to promote

the subject as an academic study, but open to everyone interested. We are delighted that the Hon. Philip Howard of Naworth Castle has accepted our invitation to become patron. At last we have a secretary who has worked hard to rationalise our paperwork. Mike Turner, of Bassenthwaite, who has been a member since 2013, volunteered to redesign the flyer, and produce the quarterly newsletter, the first of which was sent out in the last week of December.

We have a full programme of monthly events for 2016 and intend to continue recording buildings around Cumbria. New members are welcome. [www.cvbg.co.uk](http://www.cvbg.co.uk)

June Hall

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Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society 1866–2016



In 2016, the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society celebrates its 150th Anniversary, an event that only a few other societies can match. In 1866, societies like ours, often used

'antiquarian' in their title, but we were one of the very first also to use the word 'archaeological'. Today, our name may sound long-winded and 'quaint', but it tells an important story about changing practices – and language as well. The Society has also changed through these years but has always remained at the forefront of research into the archaeology and history of Cumbria, creating an unrivalled archive about how our wonderful county evolved. We are celebrating this important Anniversary with a wide array of events, to which you are most cordially invited. Thanks to your ongoing support, we have entered the 21st century with a good membership base, but to keep our Society vibrant and healthy for another 150 years, it is important that the next generation of people interested in our past is recruited – and what better occasion is there than this to encourage new members? So come along to as many of these events as possible, and use the year to recruit at least one new member! I look forward to seeing you.

Rachel Newman,
President of CWAAS

The above is an extract from the CWAAS 150TH Anniversary Programme which contains details of their extensive 2016 Programme of events, lectures and displays. It can be viewed on their website <http://www.cumbriapast.com>
I have also included the dates within the Events Diary in the Bulletin.
Editor

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## Cumbrian Railways Association Autumn Conference

The Cumbrian Railways Association (CRA) held its Autumn Conference on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 at The Hydro, Bowness. Despite dismal weather, we were delighted to have over 60 members and guests attending the day long event.

Continuing the previous successes of the Association in attracting senior rail industry figures we were delighted to welcome Paul Staples, Fleet Director of the train operator, First Transpennine Express, as the main guest speaker. Paul's fascinating talk - "A tale of many fleets" gave an insight into an aspect of recent rail history, namely the challenges and ultimate success of Transpennine Express in introducing successive fleets of new modern vehicles over the past 7 to 10 years, culminating in the electric trains now serving Cumbria on services between Manchester Airport and Glasgow/Edinburgh.

On a more historic and personal note, the conference heard from Len Clark, a retired railway track maintainer. Len gave a fascinating insight into the life of a trackman working in the Tebay and Shap areas during the 1960's – before the end of steam. He brought to life with words and pictures his work and experiences of maintaining the railway track between Shap and Grayrigg. Len also outlined the changes during his working life from what was a traditionally highly manual task of track maintenance as it moved into a more automated era. Life in the then thriving railway community at Tebay was also brought to life – with pictures of the now long gone station and the engine shed with "banking engines" used to

help push trains up the steep incline to Shap summit.

The conference culminated with a presentation in words and pictures illustrating the impact that the 1914-18 war had on the operation of the railways in Cumbria as they strived to cope with the additional wartime pressures. These pressures ranged from dealing with the large number of additional trains running along both what is now the West Coast Main Line and the West Cumbria route through Workington. Trains carrying munitions and troops for the Armed Forces in France and Belgium, as well as significant volumes of coal for the Fleet at Scapa Flow. These extra volumes of trains, in addition to the regular freight and passenger services, created pressures that led to restrictions in Cumbria on “non essential” passenger journeys and contributed to the tragic train accident at Quintinshill in 1915 with such a huge loss of life. The railways also had to cope with the increased wear and tear on locomotives, wagons, carriages and track. The talk also embraced some of the social impacts of the war including the increased role of women in running the railways, the state brewery scheme in Carlisle and the new munitions factories and stores at Gretna and Longtown.

This talk was originally prepared by the late Peter Robinson, former President and founder of the CRA, who died in 2014. Peter never had a chance to give this talk and it was given “verbatim” by Philip Tuer, Secretary of the CRA, as a tribute to him.



Peter Robinson

The CRA is now looking forward to 2016 when it will be celebrating its 40th birthday. As part of events marking this milestone, the CRA will be undertaking a project to make a “benchmark” photographic record of the railways in Cumbria as they are in 2016 to add to our archives and as a legacy for future railway and social historians.

Don Jary.

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A - Z of Speakers – Who can you recommend ?

If you are a 2015 Society or Group member of CLHF you will have received a copy of our newly revised 8th Edition of the A – Z of Speakers as part of your subscription. We only revise this booklet every 3 years so please let us know if you find that any listed speakers have ceased to give lectures. We are also keen to hear from you if you can recommend speakers not currently listed.

The task of organising a lecture programme for a local history group can be a daunting task and one which I have so far avoided doing. Deciding on the

subject and then finding a good speaker who can make a specific date is an art. So to help lecture secretaries I would like to hear from societies and groups who having heard a speaker feel that they can recommend him or her to other groups. The following comments were made by David Fellows of North Lonsdale History Society when he recently emailed our Events Secretary.

I'm pleased to add that our season's opening September meeting, Walter Johnson on John Ruskin had a very full attendance of around 70 members for a lecture of the quality of A J P Taylor's series on TV around 50 years ago. Andy Lowe is a lively speaker and expert on Cumbrian buildings and landscape features who has attracted similar crowds for about the last seven Octobers. Thanks to the Speaker's list we've been able to augment our knowledge of quality presenters and grow our society and I'm pleased to add that I've just completed the programme for 2016-17!

David Fellows

I look forward to receiving your recommendations as I know we have some excellent speakers in Cumbria.

Editor.

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## **CLHF Annual General Meeting held at the Shepherd's Inn, Carlisle Saturday 24 October 2015**

### **Chairman's report (Jenni Lister)**

This year's AGM marks a departure from our usual practice as we accepted the kind offer of our fellow (and

member) society The Cumbria Family History Society to host our meeting and talks alongside their FH Fair in a wholly different venue, so our thanks to them for their hospitality.

There are a number of notable items to mention: we are very proud that Richard Brockington our former Chairman has had his excellent historical work recognised by the British Association for Local History at their annual lecture day, many congratulations to him.

Our website has had a wash and brush up and is looking nice and neat, thanks to David Bradbury for that. He and Robert Baxter have worked on some changes which make it easier to update and flag up new items, which is a good thing.

Our Bulletin Editor, Nigel Mills, who caved in and volunteered just before I applied the thumbscrews last year, has done lots of lovely things with the Bulletin over the last year. Congratulations to him on all the things he's done so far and we anticipate even greater achievements now he's used to it! Please help him by submitting items for the Bulletin when he puts out appeals.

Sadly we are losing two of our stalwarts from the Committee, Treasurer Ray Newton and Membership Secretary Sally Newton. We must thank them for their all their efforts. They have been tremendous assets to the Federation and we shall miss their input – and their hospitality, as their house was very handy for committee meetings! Liz Kerry has kindly agreed to be nominated as Membership Secretary but we are in a difficult situation

without a treasurer! Volunteers requested please before I have to announce a lock in!

Finally, and this is not good news, again this year we have seen a number of Local History societies either fold, or pass into a state of suspended animation. This seems to be an accelerating process, and recruiting members to societies seems a difficult task, particularly as loose associations on social media seem to be taking the place of LH societies. I'd be interested to hear members' thoughts on the use of social media for local history research. Editor.

### **Membership Secretary's report (Sally Newton per Ray Newton)**

51 Groups and 36 individuals are currently members. We need this as a minimum to maintain healthy funds. Thanks to David Bradbury and Nigel Mills in assisting placing membership details on the website and in the bulletin.

### **Treasurer's report (Ray Newton)**

Situation relatively healthy, income this year was £654.30 which gives us a balance of £3,350.65. The AGM last year had passed a change to the constitution which stated that the auditors of the accounts were to be subject to appointment by the membership at the AGM. As this did not work for presenting the accounts to AGM, the Treasurer proposed that the Committee shall elect the auditor. The motion was passed and the Secretary will amend the constitution.

### **Bulletin Editor's report (Nigel Mills)**

Three bulletins have been produced during the year at slightly higher cost than previously. He is grateful for the good supply of contributions received.



### **Web Editor's report (David Bradbury)**

Following the changes and improvements last year, the web editor is now looking to add a facility to allow new speakers to add their details to the A-Z of speakers online.

### **Election of officers**

No nominations have been received  
Chairman: Jenni Lister, to continue

Secretary: Robert Baxter, to continue  
Treasurer: no nominations, Ray Newton retires

Other Committee: David Bradbury (Web Editor), Richard Brockington, June Hall, Liz Kerry (new Membership Secretary) and Nigel Mills (Bulletin Editor)

### **Any other business**

A vote of thanks was given to Sally and Ray Newton for their work for the Committee during the past three years.

Robert Baxter, CLHF Secretary.

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CLHF Membership News

Hello everyone, I am your new Membership/Events secretary and I am looking forward to hearing from you all!

Please can you all help me by keeping me informed, not only of events, but of any changes to your organisation, and PLEASE make sure that I have your most up-to-date contact details – I'll be trying to check through you all!

Confidentiality will be respected: do tell me if you don't want your name made public, but please let me know who you are so that I know who I'm speaking to!

2015 looks to be ending on a positive note: we have 47 groups, six organisations, and 36 individuals, all fully paid members to date - and I am hoping even more of you will remember to return your Subscription Renewal forms for 2016. Let's make it a good year!

[Many groups have sent at least partial programs for the coming year. The talks look fascinating therefore please can the rest of you let me have your lists as soon as you can so we can promote them on the website.](#)

But don't forget! Keep me informed, send me your news, and let's make 2016 a dynamic year for our local history!

Many thanks

Liz (Kerrey) lizkerrey@gmail.com

Note. The map which was kindly developed by Liz shows that we have a fair spread of members around the

County but Carlisle and Barrow seem under represented and we wonder why. [If you know of any groups or societies that are not members of CLHF please let Liz or myself know.](#)

Editor.

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## The Cumbria Local History Federation (CLHF) Annual Convention 2015

This year we, tried something entirely different: having at a critical stage, run into difficulties with our original plans, we received a most generous offer from the Cumbria Family History Society (CFHS) to share their event at Shepherd's Inn, Carlisle, on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Trevor Littleton and Ian White (chair and treasurer of CFHS) went out of their way to help us, and the result was a joint event with closely compatible themes. CFHS held their public display on the ground floor (to which CLHF and some member societies contributed); and talks were presented by both county-wide societies in an upstairs room - preceded by the CLHF AGM.

There were three CLHF speakers during the morning, and two CFHS speakers in the afternoon. The morning talks, under the heading "From the Dacres to the Howards", addressed the rise and fall of the powerful medieval Cumbrian family of Dacre, the Barons Dacre of Naworth, Greystoke and Kirkoswald. **Max Loth-Hill** used his knowledge from previous employment at Lanercost (where some of the Dacres were buried) to give an amusing and perceptive account of their rise to wealth and power, assisted by exceptionally favourable marriages

in 1329 and 1486 - the latter involving the sensational elopement of Elizabeth of Greystoke with Thomas Dacre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Dacre of the North, the future conqueror of the Scots at Flodden. The Barony of Greystoke was hugely wealthy and its acquisition by marriage elevated the Dacres to 8<sup>th</sup> in the ranks of wealthy English noblemen. Max took his account as far as the death of the 4<sup>th</sup> Baron in 1566.

The story was continued by **David Moorat** of Brampton who has, through his own recent research, thrown much light on the rebellion and defeat of Leonard Dacre - who was younger brother of the 4<sup>th</sup> Baron and had unsuccessfully claimed the vast Dacre inheritance on the mysterious death of his nephew George Dacre in May 1569. David applied his specialist knowledge of military weaponry and tactics, and the use of a metal detector, to trace the route followed on 20 Feb 1570 by Lord Hunsdon, commander of the royal forces, from Naworth Castle to High Gelt Bridge, and his skilful deployment in the face of the much larger force commanded by Leonard Dacre.

**Richard Brockington** concluded the morning presentations by tracing the remarkable sequence of events which led, finally in 1601, to most of the vast Dacre lands being inherited by two of the daughters of the 4<sup>th</sup> Baron (and sisters of George Dacre), Lady Anne Howard, Countess of Arundel, and Lady Elizabeth Howard of Naworth.

Richard had researched these events for the Victoria County History of Cumbria project, and has published his findings in CWAAS *Transactions*, where they can be read at your leisure. The afternoon events included an

amusing address on the heraldry of pub signs; and another from our very good friend **Tom Robson** of the Carlisle Archive Centre on some of the “great and the good” whose writings have been found, often unexpectedly, in the huge collections under his expert care.

In conclusion, this was a successful event, which has also cemented the strong relationship between our two organisations, the one representing family historians, and the other local historians and societies. CLHF recognises the commonality of purpose between family and local historical research: indeed many of our distinguished local historians cut their teeth in researching genealogy. Richard Brockington.

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A Tribute to the Late Ralph Lewthwaite.

It is always sad to hear of the death of a local historian, especially when that person is Ralph Lewthwaite, someone who touched so many people's lives. This week I was asked a question: “How can we get children to be interested in History?” The answer is simple - have enthusiastic teachers like Ralph.

I first met Ralph when he taught me History at St Begh's School, Whitehaven. History was always my favourite subject, Vikings, Romans, Iron Age etc. but when the syllabus reached Local History, Ralph came alive. He was just so enthusiastic. From then on I too became interested in Whitehaven's past. Many years later I was fortunate to be employed as the Heritage Officer at Haig Colliery Mining Museum and it

was to Ralph that I turned to for advice and information, sharing thoughts on various objects, photos and oral recordings.

Finally, Ralph was a great orator, and I'm sure I speak for many when I say it was for the informative talks he gave throughout the County that that he will be remembered. Whenever I was asked to recommend a speaker I mentioned Ralph, knowing that he would not only have researched the topic, but his delivery would be wonderfully clear and in what can only be described as Ralph's inimitable voice.

So it is a sad farewell to someone who was not only a teacher and mentor but also a friend.

Colin McCourt

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## Cumbria Industrial History Society

The CIHS was formed in 1985 by members of the Cumberland & Westmorland Antiquarian & Archaeological Society with a particular interest in industrial history. This area was, of course, highly industrial during the 17th to 19th centuries when the water power usage was at its peak, and the society's members have been instrumental in recording the remains of many mills and factories before their demolition or conversion to other uses. Our late President, Mike Davies-Shiel, was the foremost photographer of industrial archaeology and the Society has recently digitised and catalogued

his images, the majority of which have been uploaded to the Cumbria Archives Service online catalogue, CASCAT.

The Society's web-site – [www.cumbria-industries.org.uk](http://www.cumbria-industries.org.uk) has pages describing 42 Cumbrian industries, from Aviation to Wool via Flax and Footwear. Judging by the number of enquiries we receive from family and other historians, public bodies and the general public, it is widely consulted as an authoritative source of information.

The CIHS programme includes two all day conferences each year. The Spring Conference in recent years has been held at Shap Wells Hotel, taking a specific topic with speakers on such themes as Bridges, Cumbrian industries in W. War I and The Arts and Industry. Our October conference is held in a different part of the county each year and focuses on the history of industries in that area, often finishing with an industry which is still active. The programme also includes guided field trips during the summer, often to sites normally closed to the public, and some evening meetings.

An illustrated Bulletin is sent to all members three times a year and 'Cumbrian Industrialist' booklets with more learned articles are produced from time to time.

Most of our members have opted to share their email addresses with us, which means that we can keep them informed about our activities and those of other like-minded organisations, and send out digital newsletters from, for example, FOCAS (Friends of Cumbria Archives Service), Lancaster University

Regional Heritage Centre etc. A wide range of queries, often generated as a result of visits to our website, can be circulated to these members to draw on their experience and knowledge. In the past year members have responded to the National Trust with advice about the restoration of the corn-drying kiln at Acorn Bank; the Manchester Museum of Science & Industry was supplied with photos relating to graphite mining in Borrowdale; individuals have obtained information about Eskmeals gun range and Thrang Quarry in Langdale.

The Society campaigns for the preservation of industrial artefacts and buildings when these are under threat.

Members have recently been consulted on the possible Listing of the pencil factory in Keswick, and the remains of piers at the old Lonsdale Ironworks near Whitehaven; also the Scheduling as an Ancient Monument of the piers and quays at Port Carlisle (an intriguing place well worth a visit in person or via Google Earth).

Subscription costs a mere £10 p.a. and a membership form can be downloaded from the website [www.cumbria-industries.org.uk](http://www.cumbria-industries.org.uk) or requested by phoning me on 015395 68428.

Helen Caldwell, Hon. Sec.

**Events Diary 2016** Please see [www.chhf.org.uk](http://www.chhf.org.uk) for member group contact details

### January 2016

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| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Kendal Historical & Arch. Society<br>Recent Arch. work at Roman Papcastle                         | Shakespeare Centre, Kendal<br>Frank Giecco and Mark Graham               |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Friends of Keswick Museum<br>Ruskin, Rawnsley and the Lakes: a study in influence                 | Parish Room, Main Street, Keswick<br>Howard Hull, Director of Brantwood. |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | CWAAS<br>Display Commences                                                                        | Carlisle Archive Centre                                                  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Cartmel Fell & District LHS<br>AGM Members' Presentations                                         | Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell                                                |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS Penrith Group<br>The History of Sheep and Wool                                              | Friends Meeting House, Penrith<br>June Hall                              |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | North Lonsdale History Society<br>Shells, Ships and Submarines                                    | Methodist Church Ulverston<br>Bill Myers                                 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Lorton & Derwent Fells LHS<br>Waiter, Miner, Butcher, Spy – Germans & Austrians in Cumbria in WWI | Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton<br>Dr Rob David                               |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | South West Cumbria Hist. & Arch. Society<br>Germans & Austrians in Cumbria in WWI                 | Market Hall Supper Room, Egremont<br>Dr Rob David                        |

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| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Holme & District LHS<br>Cumbrian Vernacular Buildings                                | Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall<br>June Hall          |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Friends of Helena Thompson Museum<br>Quiz Night                                      | Helena Thompson Museum, Workington                   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Sedbergh & District Historical Society<br>Evacuation of Civilians from Burma 1941-42 | Settlebeck School, Sedbergh<br>Dr Mike Leigh         |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Ravenstonedale Parish History Group<br>Tales from the Archives                       | Com. & Heritage Centre, Ravenstonedale<br>Val Fermer |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Lazonby & District LHS<br>The Human History of the Lake District                     | Village Hall, Lazonby<br>Chris Tomlin                |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Levens LHG<br>AGM-LLHG Proposed Levens Estate Project                                | Village Institute, Levens                            |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Duddon Valley LHG<br>The Stricklands of Sizergh                                      | The Victoria Hall, Broughton<br>Stan Aspinall        |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Mourholme LHS<br>Digging at Sizergh                                                  | Village Hall, Yealand Redmayne<br>Jamie Quatermaine  |

## February 2016

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Kendal Historical & Arch. Society<br>Investigating, describing & preserving: 150<br>years of CWAAS | Shakespeare Centre, Kendal<br>Angus Winchester |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Bampton & District LHS<br>Germans & Austrians in Cumbria in WWI                                    | Memorial Hall, Bampton<br>Dr Rob David         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Friends of Keswick Museum<br>The Thirlmere Hundreds-Lakelands First<br>Reservoir                   | Parish Room, Main St, Keswick<br>John Butcher  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Sedbergh & District Historical Society<br>Sedbergh in the Past                                     | Settlebeck School, Sedbergh<br>Richard Cann    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Cartmel Peninsula LHS<br>Rocks, Lakes & Early History                                              | Village Hall, Cartmel<br>Ken Howarth           |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS Penrith Group<br>Arthur Ransome                                                              | Friends Meeting House, Penrith<br>Rob Matthews |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Cumbria Amenity Trust – Mining History<br>Greenside-Lucy Tongue Level                              | Contact Society                                |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS Penrith Group<br>Arthur Ransome                                                              | Friends Meeting House, Penrith<br>Rob Matthews |

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| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Cartmel Fell & District LHS<br>On The Home Front – War Time Industries<br>and Farming in South Lakeland          | Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell<br>Jean Turnbull                    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | North Lonsdale History Society<br>John Bolton, Ulverston’s Last Slave Trader                                     | Methodist Church Ulverston<br>Peter Wilde                     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Holme & District LHS<br>AGM – Members Evening                                                                    | Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall                                |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Friends of Helena Thompson Museum<br>The Pats – Museum Miscellany                                                | Helena Thompson Museum, Workington                            |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Sedbergh & District Historical Society<br>Waiter, Miner, Butcher, Spy – Germans &<br>Austrians in Cumbria in WWI | Settlebeck School, Sedbergh<br>Dr Rob David                   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Ravenstonedale Parish History Group<br>Recent Treasures from Cumbria                                             | Com. & Heritage Centre, Ravenstonedale<br>Prof. Ian Carradice |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Lazonby & District LHS<br>Tudor Carlisle                                                                         | Village Hall, Lazonby<br>Susan Dench                          |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Levens LHG<br>The History of Flying at Windermere 1911-<br>1919                                                  | Village Institute, Levens<br>Ian Gee, Lakes Flying Company    |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Orton & Tebay LHS<br>Cumbria Dialect                                                                             | Orton Methodist Church<br>Jean Scott-Smith                    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS<br>Display Commences                                                                                       | Whitehaven Archive Centre                                     |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | South West Cumbria Hist. & Arch. Society<br>Roman Surveyors in Cumberland                                        | Market Hall Supper Room, Egremont<br>Dr. Alan Richardson      |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Duddon Valley LHG<br>Transport Delights of the Isle Of Man                                                       | The Victoria Hall, Broughton<br>David Alison                  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Mourholme LHS<br>More from Windermere Jetty                                                                      | Village Hall, Yealand Redmayne<br>Margaret Reid               |

### March 2016

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Bampton & District LHS<br>The History of Appleby Fair            | Memorial Hall, Bampton<br>Andy Connell       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Sedbergh & District Historical Society<br>Telling it Like it Was | Settlebeck School, Sedbergh<br>Anthea Bolton |

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Friends of Keswick Museum<br>Cumbria Illustrated: early 19th century<br>artists and their prints        | Parish Room, Main Street, Keswick<br>Dr Mike Winstanley  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Cartmel Peninsula LHS<br>Archaeology in the Duddon Valley                                               | Village Hall, Cartmel<br>Ian Boyle                       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Kendal Historical & Arch. Society<br>Holme Cultram: A Border Abbey                                      | Shakespeare Centre, Kendal<br>Jan Walker                 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | North Lonsdale History Society<br>It Should Have Been Stopped. Decisions<br>affecting the Lake District | Methodist Church Ulverston<br>Maurice Steel              |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Lorton & Derwent Fells LHS<br>Emergency – life in the Lake District before<br>999                       | Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton<br>Judith Shingler            |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Cumbria Amenity Trust – Mining History<br>Wales weekend                                                 | Contact Society                                          |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS Penrith Group<br>Investigating, describing & preserving: 150<br>years of CWAAS                    | Friends Meeting House, Penrith<br>Prof. Angus Winchester |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Cartmel Fell & District LHS<br>Virgin Islands with local interest: Quakers,<br>Birketts etc             | Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell<br>Dr Michael Winstanley       |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Friends of Helena Thompson Museum<br>Derwentwater and the Surrounding Fells                             | Helena Thompson Museum, Workington<br>Norman Godfrey     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Sedbergh & District Historical Society<br>The Highland Clearances                                       | Settlebeck School, Sedbergh<br>Dr Mike Winstanley        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Orton & Tebay LHS<br>Cumbria County History & AGM                                                       | Tebay Methodist Church<br>Wendy Higgins                  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Levens LHG<br>Words Worth Writing; Researching &<br>compiling a History of Satterthwaite                | Village Institute, Levens<br>Sue Tiplady                 |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Lazonby & District LHS<br>Local Topics Evening                                                          | Village Hall, Lazonby                                    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Cumbria Railway Association<br>Conference @ Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle                                    | Contact CRA                                              |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | South West Cumbria Hist. & Arch. Society<br>The 1745 Jacobite Revolution                                | Market Hall Supper Room, Egremont<br>Paul Heslop         |

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| 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Holme & District LHS<br>Monasteries and Their Influence in Cumbria                                               | Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall<br>Dr Alan Crosby      |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | Duddon Valley LHG<br>The Kennedy's of Stone Cross                                                                | The Victoria Hall, Broughton<br>Robert Wheatley       |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Mourholme LHS<br>Debtor's lives in the 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> century:<br>Lancaster Castle Prison | Village Hall, Yealand Redmayne<br>Graham Kemp         |
| <b>April 2016</b> |                                                                                                                  |                                                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>   | CWAAS<br>Display Commences                                                                                       | Kendal Museum                                         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Cumbria Amenity Trust – Mining History<br>Inside "The Old Man"                                                   | Contact Society                                       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Kendal Historical & Arch. Society<br>AGM+ Appleby Fair, Myth and Reality                                         | Shakespeare Centre, Kendal<br>Andy Connell            |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Bampton & District LHS<br>Quakerism and its presence in Cumbria                                                  | Memorial Hall, Bampton<br>Alan Clowes                 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Cartmel Peninsula LHS<br>The Development of the Furness Railway                                                  | Village Hall, Cartmel<br>Leslie Gilpin                |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>   | CWAAS<br>AGM                                                                                                     | Senhouse Museum, Maryport                             |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Cartmel Fell & District LHS<br>Work of a Superintendent Registrar at CCC                                         | Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell<br>Sue Oliver               |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>  | CWAAS Penrith Group<br>Alms houses of the North West.                                                            | Friends Meeting House, Penrith<br>Dr Jean Turnbull    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>  | North Lonsdale History Society<br>300 Years of Schooling – Satterthwaite &<br>Rusland                            | Methodist Church Ulverston<br>Susan Tiplady           |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Cumbria Amenity Trust – Mining History<br>Carrock Fell                                                           | Contact Society                                       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>  | Holme & District LHS<br>The Border Regiment's Involvement in the<br>Battle of the Somme                          | Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall<br>Stuart Eastwood     |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Friends of Helena Thompson Museum<br>The Border Regiment's Involvement in the<br>Battle of the Somme             | Helena Thompson Museum, Workington<br>Stuart Eastwood |



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| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Levens LHG<br>The Enclosure of Bluecaster – Why Sedbergh hated the Stricklands | Village Institute, Levens<br>Kevin Lancaster |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Orton & Tebay LHS<br>The Splendour of the Settle to Carlisle Railway           | Orton Methodist Church                       |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Duddon Valley LHG<br>The Splendour of the Settle to Carlisle Railway           | The Victoria Hall, Broughton<br>David Alison |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS<br>Newland Furnace & Cunsey Forge Event                                  | See website                                  |

### May 2016

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Bampton & District LHS<br>TBA                                                              | Memorial Hall, Bampton                               |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Cartmel Peninsula LHS<br>Roughs and Respectables: The pleasures and problems of leisure    | Village Hall, Cartmel<br>Dr Mike Winstanley          |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | CWAAS Penrith Group<br>The First Roman Map Of Britain                                      | Friends Meeting House, Penrith<br>Dr Bill Shannon    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Cartmel Fell & District LHS<br>Private tour of Cartmel Priory and Village                  | Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell                            |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | North Lonsdale History Society<br>Short AGM followed by the history of the Coronation Hall | Methodist Church Ulverston<br>Gordon Crayston        |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Lorton & Derwent Fells LHS<br>Cumbria's Medieval Towns                                     | Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton<br>Prof. Angus Winchester |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS<br>Display Commences                                                                 | Carlisle & Kendal Libraries                          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Friends of Helena Thompson Museum<br>Safari in Limpopo                                     | Helena Thompson Museum, Workington<br>Anthony Payne  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Levens LHG<br>A History of Thirlmere                                                       | Village Institute, Levens<br>John Butcher            |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Orton & Tebay LHS<br>Appleby Horse Fair                                                    | Tebay Methodist Church<br>Andy Connell               |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | CWAAS<br>Ravenglass & Muncaster Walk                                                       | See website                                          |

### June 2016

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Cumbria Amenity Trust – Mining History<br>Greenside – Interpretation of water leaks and management systems | Contact CAT<br>Warren Allison |
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| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Kendal Historical & Arch. Society<br>Excursion – The Holme Mills                              | Contact Society<br>Geoff Pegg                       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Bampton & District LHS<br>The Cumbrian Chapman                                                | Memorial Hall, Bampton<br>Barry McKay               |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Lorton & Derwent Fells LHS<br>AGM + Why did Wordsworth and Coleridge<br>fall out?             | Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton<br>Tim Stanley-Clamp     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Cartmel Fell & District LHS<br>Private Tour of Leighton Hall                                  | Contact Society                                     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | North Lonsdale History Society<br>Urswick Parish Church Visit                                 | Contact Society<br>John Imlack                      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Levens LHG<br>Guided tour of Kirkby Lonsdale                                                  | Contact Society<br>Mike Kingsbury                   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Orton & Tebay LHS<br>Brougham Hall                                                            | Contact Society<br>Christopher Terry                |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Cumbria Amenity Trust – Mining History<br>NAMHO Conference                                    | Contact Society                                     |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS<br>Display Commences                                                                    | Penrith Museum & Kendal Archive Centre              |
| <b>July 2016</b> |                                                                                               |                                                     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Kendal Historical & Arch. Society<br>Excursion to Yealand Conyers                             | Contact Society<br>Barbara Blatchford               |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | North Lonsdale History Society<br>Lancaster Castle                                            | Contact Society                                     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Lorton & Derwent Fells LHS<br>Diary of a Wood – The Life and time of the<br>Holme, Loweswater | Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton<br>Prof. John Macfarlane |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Friends of Helena Thompson Museum<br>Lord Armstrong of Cragside                               | Helena Thompson Museum, Workington<br>Paul Heslop   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Orton & Tebay LHS<br>The History of Westmorland                                               | Orton Methodist Church<br>John Dunning              |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | CWAAS<br>Penrith & Eamont Bridge Walk                                                         | See website                                         |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS<br>Display Commences                                                                    | Tullie House & Senhouse Museum                      |

**August to December Events will be in the next Bulletin.**

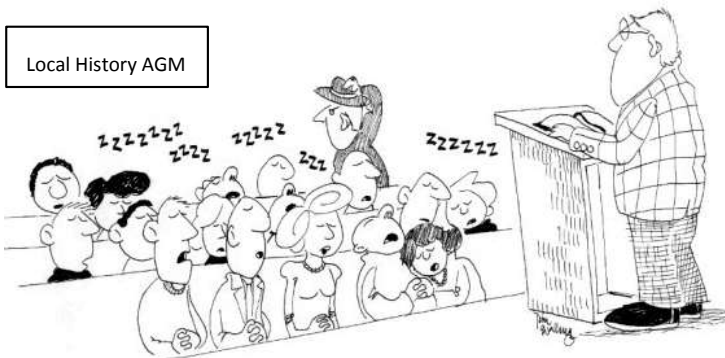
## Chairman's Prod

I should like to remind you all that Annual Membership renewal is here again! Please can you let us have your renewed subscriptions as soon as possible – it makes keeping the books so much easier. And on that topic: we still desperately need a treasurer or it will become difficult to sustain the Federation. Please give this serious thought – much of the work is done by the Membership Secretary & the former Treasurer will supply a spreadsheet, and possibly even a telephone tutorial. Samples available to potential treasurers with no obligation!

Jenni

## Editors Final Thoughts.

Does this scene look familiar? I know it cannot really be a depiction of a local history AGM as no man has a beard and everyone looks under 60 but how do you avoid this scene actually happening! Please let me know how you attract members to your AGM.



In this Bulletin you will see that I have asked you about your experience with oral history, something which many of you will have undertaken, and this prompted another thought. The CLHF is an organisation for the whole of Cumbria. Local can mean County. Is anyone out there researching a cross Cumbria subject? If so please let me know as other members may be able to help.

Thank you for reading this far. I hope you enjoyed this Bulletin and will contribute to the next!

Nigel

P.S. Did you wonder what relevance the cover picture of this edition has to the contents? No relevance at all but I am short of interesting images so please send me a few and explain their relevance. No prizes but you will be named as contributor!

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## Press Release Cumbria Archive Service.

Cumbria County Council will change opening times at its four Archive Centres at Barrow, Carlisle, Kendal and Whitehaven from week commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

**The new opening times will be Wednesdays to Fridays, 9.30-13.00 and 14.00-17.00.** The Archive Centres will no longer open on Tuesdays or Saturdays after 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

The new opening times reflect the changing pattern of use across local authority archive services as fewer researchers make physical visits to offices and increasingly use email and web resources. They aim to make the most efficient use of available staffing resources to support a greater investment in electronic services whilst maintaining a high quality visitor service.

Cumbria County Council welcomes feedback on these changes and will review opening times again at the end of April 2016 to ensure the best possible fit between public demand and staffing availability. Comments and suggestions from service users can be made via the online feedback form at <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/contact/fform.asp> or via the four Archive Centres.