

## SUMMER OF CELEBRATIONS

(The Beacon in Whitehaven went a bit over the top....)



Friends of Whitehaven Museum contributed to the cost of hiring the "Crown Jewels" in May.

## Bampton and District Local History Society

In June 2012 Bampton marked a double anniversary— 60 years of a monarch's reign and 10 years of activities by the local history society. Bampton has a tradition of village celebrations and the two occasions were marked with enthusiasm. The Jubilee saw the crowning of the village's own democratically chosen queen and a spirited tussle between patriots of opposing republican and royalist sympathies in a tug of war. Traditional feasting and carousing followed as the threatened rain held off.

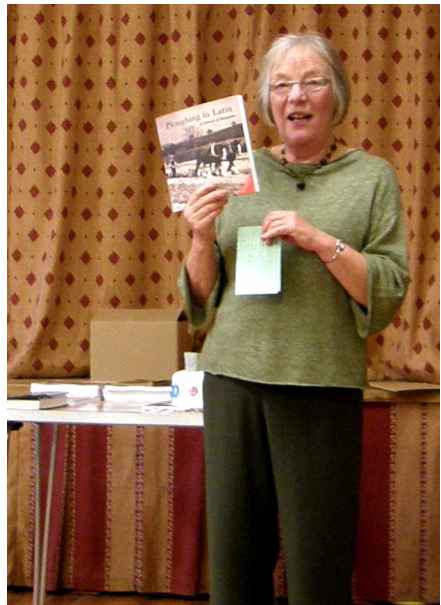


Book of the Year in 2001 but was out of print. A second edition, revised and updated, has been produced for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. As well as listing the changes that have occurred in the last 10 years, it considers where the changes are leading. In 2001, the traditional patterns of life in Bampton, the persistence of families, their names and their activities were still fundamental to the parish, but new influences can be seen in 2012. 'Bijou' tourism is planned to the north in Askham and Lowther while remote disused fell-side farmhouses are converted with ultramodern and environmentally advanced technology and facilities. Though the nesting eagles are gone from the head of Haweswater, United Utilities as landowners and RSPB as tenant farmers are bringing their particular kind of environmentalism to the valley. **Ploughing in Latin** records the traditional way of life still familiar at the beginning of the twentieth century, showing that, remote as it was, it did not escape the economic, social and political demands of the day.

*Patricia L Garside*

For its own 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, the BDLHS planned a BBQ at the house of one of its founding members in the hamlet of Rosgill (ravine where horses graze [ON]). Although the parish of Bampton has only 280 inhabitants, there are some 40 active members of the society. Its annual programme focusses chiefly on matters of local interest – flooding, farming practices, landownership, communications - and respects the rhythms of an upland community – no meetings in December or January for example. From 5 meetings a year in 2002, the BDLHS now holds 10 including an annual walk in May and a BBQ in June. A social as much as an historical group, the society is able to commit resources to projects that foster the growth of historical interest in Bampton. (Details on our website [www.bampton-history.org.uk](http://www.bampton-history.org.uk))

A major incentive to forming the BDLHS was the production of a history of the village at the Millennium. **Ploughing in Latin A History of Bampton** was a prize-winner in the Lakeland



## A JUBILEE IN COCKERMOUTH

Cockermouth Museum Group's summer exhibition started on 6th August at the Kirkgate Centre and, with our thoughts turned to the Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee, we decided that we would look back at Victorian Jubilee celebrations, under the banner of our exhibition title: 'What Did the Victorians Do For Cockermouth?'

Cockermouthians certainly knew how to party in the conclusion we have to come to, having researched both Queen Victoria's Golden and Diamond Jubilees. The Golden Jubilee of 1887 brought many improvements and changes to the town that we still benefit from today. The town's trees on Main Street and Station Street were planted then, and new bridges appeared: the Quaker Bridge on South Street and Waterloo Bridge were both opened on Jubilee day, 21st June 1887, and the foundation stone for the Victoria Jubilee Bridge was laid that day. There was an extension to the Fairfield Girls' School, and the purchase of the Cockermouth Gas Works by the Local Board. A commemorative booklet describes the day's events in great detail, including catering arrangements for the Celebration Dinner in the Drill Hall principally for workmen and their wives:

***Mr Thwaites had provided 28 rounds of beef, one for each table, the whole weighing 850 lbs. Besides this there was 27 stone of bread, 100 stone of potatoes, and 12 stone of peas. The other necessities provided by Mr Thwaites included 100 dozen large size dinner plates, 100 dozen tumbler glasses, 14 dozen table spoons, 10 dozen quart jugs, 7 dozen glass mustards, and 7 dozen glass salts. The ticket which each guest was provided bore the inscription:***

***QUEEN'S JUBILEE DINNER,  
COCKERMOUTH  
JUNE 21st 1887***

***PLEASE BRING YOUR KNIFE AND FORK***

There was even a half pint of special Jennings' Jubilee Brew for each person to enjoy.

The day began with church services at each of Cockermouth's churches. Christ Church was beautifully decorated for the occasion by flow-

ers sent from several large houses in the town, including Hames Hall, Holmewood, St Helen's, The Knowe and Derwent House.

Then came a procession to the Drill Hall, and a large crowd assembled at 11.30 a.m. near the Cockermouth end of the Derwent Bridge:

***The Cockermouth Rifle Volunteers were drawn up in line at the end of Crown Street near the bridge. The band played the National Anthem and the Volunteers fired a 'feu de joie', afterwards giving three cheers for the Queen. The procession then started, the band leading, followed by the Volunteers. Then came the Committee of Management. Next in order came the Industrial School Band, followed by members of the Loyal Cocker Lodge of Oddfellows who were headed by their handsome Banner. A large number of invited guests followed the Oddfellows. The Mechanics' Band brought up the rear.***

There were, of course, bonfires, fireworks in the Deer Orchard, and beacons lit later in the evening. Many people went on to the Hay and Slate Fell to see the beacons blazing on Skiddaw, Grisedale Pike, Moota and Tallentire Hill. In addition to all this there were concerts, dancing on the bowling green and, for those with surplus energy, a ball in the Drill Hall.

Children of the town were not forgotten, with a children's tea party, at which they were addressed by a prominent local benefactor, Mr William Alexander, who pointed out how much they had to be grateful for:

***They were not beaten in school, as formerly, and had now easy and entertaining lesson books to study. Their school managers and teachers treated them with kindness; they had Sunday School treats, Band of Hope teas, and trips into the country or to the seaside &c***

In those days of corporal punishment, it would be interesting to know if the children present agreed with this representation of their schooldays. After tea the children enjoyed games and amusements taking place on the

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Castle Lands. Finally, a telegram was sent to Queen Victoria:

***The inhabitants of Cockermouth, in public meeting assembled, congratulate Her Majesty on this day, and wish her long life and happiness.***



This was a very thorough and comprehensive programme of celebration for a relatively small market town. Not everyone had embraced the anticipated expense with enthusiasm; at a meeting of Cockermouth's Jubilee Committee, Mr Robert Mitchell (of the auctioneering family) asked to move an amendment:

***I propose that we, the loyal subjects of the ancient borough of Cockermouth, do pray (but not humbly) that in consideration of having, during a period of 50 years, contributed our quota to the £385,000 annually paid to your Majesty, as well as having provided for your offspring in a lavish manner, amounting in the 50 years, at compound interest, to no less than £84,000 sterling, in addition to which, at your Majesty's wish, provided lucrative and almost nothing-to-do situations for many of your German relatives and others – we therefore, in common reasoning, ask your Majesty to hand over one year's income, viz £385,000, to erect some useful and lasting memorial from a grateful Queen to her loving subjects &c.***

At that point Mr Mitchell was stopped in his speech and Cockermouth went ahead with its proposed celebrations. However, news of Mr

Mitchell's remarks spread far and wide, and proved a source of great amusement in the national and international press. A similar programme of celebration would be enthusiastically rolled out again ten years later in 1897 with Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

*Gloria Edwards,  
Cockermouth Museum Group*

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### ALSTON MOOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY 'ROUND THE COUNTY DAY'

Alston straddles the North Pennines and whilst it is now in Cumbria, it has a strong affinity with Northumberland e.g. the Anglican parish of Alston Moor is in the Newcastle Diocese. The Alston Moor Historical Society decided that they would take the diplomatic route of enrolling with both the Cumbria Local History Federation and the Association of Northumberland Local History Societies! The latter body holds an annual social event entitled 'Round the County Day', when one of the member societies hosts a day outing for members of other societies. This year the Alston Moor Society was delighted to be invited to undertake this role.

Advance bookings were taken starting in February but it quickly became apparent that the number of members wishing to attend exceeded all expectations and when the pre-booking total reached 65 (twice the expected number) it was decided that, for logistical reasons, no more could be accepted and many were sadly turned away.

The day began with members convening in Alston Town Hall where coffee was provided by the Friends of the Town Hall to help them recover from the trauma of trying to park a car in Alston on Gala Day. Items from the archives were on show and there was also a book stall featuring books of immediate local interest. The visitors were then given the option of going on a guided walking tour of Alston or remaining behind to hear an illustrated talk on the history of Alston Moor. Despite the risk of the being caught in a rain shower, most undertook the walk.

At lunch time a Wright Brothers coach was on hand to take the party to Killhope Mining Centre where a cooked lunch was provided. An excellent meal was served in one of the yurts, which are now an attractive feature of Killhope, and this gave a feeling of camping out - but under cover from the occasional rain! Groups of visitors were given a tour of the mine, including the underground section, and the exhibition of specimen minerals and the spa boxes were very popular.

The visit concluded with the return coach trip to Alston and, despite the occasional showers, the day proved to be most enjoyable. It was clear that many of the visitors were not familiar with the Moor and expressed an intention of returning, to stay a bit longer and look around more thoroughly. The trip was not strictly merely round the one county, but actually covered three counties, i.e. Northumberland, Cumbria and Durham.

The day was well appreciated by those who attended and served to give Alston Moor some valuable publicity and gave the Society an opportunity of showing that it is based in an area of rich historical interest and value.

*Laurence Law*  
*Alston Moor Historical Society*

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## PEOPLE LIVING IN RAVENSTONEDALE AND NEWBIGGIN IN 1952

This exhibition (based on information from the 1952 Electoral Roll) is part of a long-term project by members of the Ravenstonedale Parish History Group, to make, where possible, a 'history profile' of all the dwelling houses and farms in the parish - when they were built, who lived in them, if they were converted from other buildings etc. As part of the Parish's Jubilee celebrations we put together photographs (taken in the mid 1980s) of the dwelling houses in both villages with, where possible, photographs (although not necessarily contemporary with 1952) of the occupants alongside. Throughout the weekend a steady flow of people came to look at the exhibition.

The first port of call for most visitors was to see who was living in their house in 1952. There were expressions of surprise at those houses

differently named from today or which had become one unit where once there were two, had been used for business purposes or even did not exist then. Older residents could remember the changes and some of the occupants but quite often there was the comment, 'I'd forgotten the L family lived there ...just for a short time'. Explanations were given to younger inhabitants of why their house had changed or what it once had been. Similar intense examination and discussion took place over photographs from the 1950s & 60s of parish events and who was who. 'Isn't that Jim B? Nooooo...it's Bob R. Hmmm... yes you could be right'. Long forgotten stories and gossip from the past re-emerged. 'Didn't she run off with that chap from the pub?' or 'That lad was the evacuee with Mr & Mrs P, he fell down the school steps and broke his leg, he stayed on for quite awhile after the war...went back to Newcastle eventually, don't you remember?' A trip down memory lane for some...an impromptu history lesson for others.

*Caroline A. Morris*  
*Ravenstonedale Parish History Group*

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## CROSBY RAVENSWORTH CELEBRATES

In Crosby Ravensworth we have a Parish Archive established in 2006 in a converted former Smithy. It is run by a committee of volunteers. The majority are also members of Crosby Ravensworth Local History Society.

For the four days of the Diamond Jubilee weekend we held an exhibition. Alongside pictures of the Queen and the Royal Family from many old newspapers and magazines, we displayed a record of changes in the Parish during the sixty years of her reign. Some of the exhibits were from our own archival deposits. These were supplemented by scrap books, photographs and memorabilia lent to us by members of the community.

Souvenirs from the Coronation, Silver and Golden Jubilees were on show including mugs, cups, plates, tins, and commemorative albums. How would history survive without hoarders? A fascinating roll of coronation crepe paper was



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produced by one member. A pinafore on display, patterned with crowds watching the Golden Coach pass by, has been saved by the daughter of the former licensee of the Sun Hotel, long since closed as a public house.

On Saturday and Sunday members of the committee and other helpers served free teas in the Village Hall opposite to the Archive. Generous donations enabled us to send contributions to Great North Air Ambulance and Crosby Parish Responders.

Another group of residents organised a Street Party on Tuesday 5th June, enjoyed by many in spite of the showers. At events over the weekend, all local children of school age were presented with a jubilee mug by the Parish Council.

*Eileen Risk*

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### **CALDBECK AND HESKET NEWMARKET JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

In July 2011 two Caldbeck Parish Councillors organised a meeting in the Parish Hall at which interested residents, and groups (including Caldbeck & District Local History Society), were invited to discuss ideas for celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. A second meeting followed in September when volunteers formed a committee dedicated to raising funds and planning an event for the parish to mark this royal occasion.

The Jubilee Committee subsequently met many times and worked with enormous enthusiasm to organise a series of happenings for the long Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend. Their efforts were rewarded with an enthusiastic response from adults and children alike and the weekend turned out to be a most memorable and enjoyable occasion. Even the weather smiled on the festivities! During the winter and spring of 2011-12 many fund-raising activities took place, supported whole-heartedly by the community, so that a modest 'event' was able to grow into two days of celebrations, with something for everyone.

As the holiday weekend approached, the villages took on a very festive appearance with bunting, flags, and images of the Royal Family decorating homes and buildings throughout the parish. As finishing touches were put to floats and costumes, groups of volunteers prepared Fellview School playing field and decorated the Parish Hall in readiness for the ambitious programme of events that were shortly to take place.

On Sunday morning 130 people attended a Service of Thanksgiving for the Diamond Jubilee of her Majesty The Queen in St Kentigern's Church, Caldbeck. Throughout the afternoon the Thames Pageant was projected onto the big screen in the Parish Hall and the Local History Society presented a Display of photographs and memorabilia from the Coronation and previous Jubilee celebrations, and also some local Press coverage of the Diamond Jubilee itself.

Unlike the previous day, Monday was fine and sunny for the main celebrations. The events started at noon when the floats, defined as anything on wheels or legs, assembled at Heskett Newmarket. Following the judging, the floats were joined by lots of walkers, school children, cyclists and family groups dressed in a variety of costumes, to form a very colourful Jubilee Procession that made its way along Heskett Lonning to Caldbeck and up to Fellview School. In the village the procession was greeted enthusiastically by the many onlookers of all ages. The afternoon activities on the school field started with the National Anthem, followed immediately by the judging of the Decorated Crowns Competition. A full programme of novelty races and sports activities then took place, all keenly contested by competitors of all ages. Off the track the Face Painters were in great demand and, for the younger children, the Bouncy Castle was very popular. Ice cream and soft drinks were in great demand too judging from the size of the queues.












Small Jubilee badges were handed out to all children at the sports and Jubilee mugs were given by the Parish Council to every young person under 16 and resident in the parish. Throughout the afternoon delicious free after-

# EVENTS DIARY



Area indicators:    North     South     East     West     Central 

Meetings start at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated

## SEPTEMBER 2012

-  11    North Lonsdale Hist. Soc.                      Methodist Church, Neville St. Ulverston  
Some Villages of Low Furness – Walter Johnson                      01229 585542
-  13    Lorton and Derwent Fells LHS                      Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton  
The Baroness of Belsfield by Windermere - Ian Jones                      01900 85482
-  17    Holme and District LHS                      Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall  
Three Centuries of the Workhouse - Peter Higginbotham                      01524 782198
-  19    Lazonby and District LHS                      Lazonby Village Hall  
AGM followed by The Lowther Project - Andrew Mercer, Commercial Manager of  
the Lowther Castle and Garden Trust                      01786 898046
-  20    Levens Local History Group                      Levens Village Institute  
Commander Walter Strickland R.N. - Barry Jolly                      01539 560318
-  22    CWAAS South West Group                      Egremont Market Hall Supper Room at 2.00pm  
AGM followed by Whitehaven on Parade - Ralph Lewthwaite                      019467 24634
-  24    Shap LHS                      Memorial Hall  
Abbots, Canons and the Community (Shap Abbey) - Harry Hawkins                      01931 716244
-  25    CWAAS South West Group                      Meet at 2.00pm on road from Kirkland to  
T-junction above Croasdale (GR NY 085 183)  
Knockmurton and Kelton Head. The remnants of iron ore mining.  
An easy walk with Mervyn Dodd                      019467 24634
-  26    Duddon Valley LHG                      Seathwaite Parish Room  
The Thirlmere Way – David Fellowes                      01229 861511
-  27    Lamplugh and District Heritage Soc.                      Lamplugh WI Hall  
Whitehaven Potteries - Florence Sibson                      01946 861493
-  29    **CLHF Convention!**                      See centre pages

## OCTOBER

-  1    CWAAS Kendal Hist. & Arch. Soc.                      Shakespeare Centre, Highgate, Kendal  
Cave Archaeology - bones, badgers and burials - Hannah O'Regan                      01539 722439
-  2    Bampton and District LHS                      Memorial Hall, Bampton  
Lancaster Canal Trust- Before, Present and Future - Speaker - member of Trust                      01931 713645

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|    | 3  | Friends of Keswick Museum<br>Bleeding, Blisters and Opium: The Dispensaries of 18th Century Cumberland -<br>Dr Michael Sydney      | Crosthwaite Parish Rooms, Keswick       | 017687 73801 |
|    | 3  | Sedbergh & District HS<br>St. George as a Patron Saint in late Medieval England - Dr. Sam Riches                                   | Settlebeck High School                  | 015396 22505 |
|    | 9  | Appleby Archaeology Group<br>Medieval drainage, sanitation and health: An environmental analysis -<br>Don O'Meara (WA Archaeology) | Public Hall, Appleby.                   | 01228 558794 |
|    | 9  | Staveley and District HS<br>Mardale - echoes and reflections of a lost Lakeland community - Jean Scott-Smith                       | Staveley School                         | 01539 822229 |
|    | 9  | North Lonsdale Hist. Soc.<br>Measuring Time: Sundials from Cumbria and Beyond – Robert Sylvester                                   | Methodist Church, Neville St. Ulverston | 01229 585542 |
|    | 15 | Holme and District LHS<br>Fifty Years Past and Fifty Years Future of the Cumbria Wildlife Trust –<br>Peter Bullard, Director CWT   | Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall          | 01524 782198 |
|    | 15 | Upper Eden History Society<br>Oriental Influences on Cumbria - Rob David   | Kirkby Stephen Grammar School           | 017683 41007 |
|    | 17 | Lazonby and District LHS<br>Community Archaeology in the North Pennines - Paul Frodsham  | Lazonby Village Hall                    | 01786 898046 |
|    | 17 | Sedbergh & District HS<br>The Ancient Kingdom of Northumbria - Sheena Gemmel   | Settlebeck High School                  | 015396 22505 |
|  | 18 | Levens Local History Group<br>Members Evening - Where are we now?  | Levens Village Institute                | 01539 560318 |
|  | 23 | Duddon Valley LHG<br>The Work of a Natural History Curator – Carol Davies  | Seathwaite Parish Rooms                 | 01229 861511 |
|  | 25 | Lamplugh and District Heritage Soc.<br>West Cumberland at War - Jeff Wilson  | Lamplugh WI Hall                        | 01946 861493 |
|  | 29 | Shap LHS<br>English Folk Songs - Sheila Fletcher   | Memorial Hall                           | 01931 716244 |
|  | 30 | Bampton and District LHS<br>The History of Bells and Bell Ringing - Ronald East, Carlisle Cathedral                                | Memorial Hall, Bampton                  | 01931 713645 |

*Events list continues after Convention details*





# Cumbria Local History Federation Annual Convention

Saturday 29 September 2012

9am - 4.30pm

Higham Hall Bassenthwaite

## LOCAL HISTORY AND TRADITIONAL BUILDINGS

Cost, to include tea, coffee, lunch, etc. £20.00 (as 2011)

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### Programme

9.00 *Arrive and register*

9.30 CLHF AGM

10.00 **Coffee**

10.20 **Traditional Buildings in Cumbria**

Papers from -

- ◆ Dr R W Brunskill, written specially for this Convention  
(to be read out by a member) *Vernacular Architecture  
studies and Local History, the story so far*
- ◆ Sarah Woodcock *Traditional Buildings in Cumbria*
- ◆ Dr Rob David *Documents and Traditional Buildings*
- ◆ June Hall *Recording Traditional Buildings - Why,  
what and how?*

12.00 **Lunch**

1.00 **Field visits** to local buildings, introduction to recording  
methods (within 10 mins drive, shared cars)

3.00 **Tea**

3.20 Reports from visits.

Closing remarks.

4.15 Close

## CONVENTION BOOKING, for CLHF, Higham Hall, 29 Sep 2012

Each application will be acknowledged. Bookings will receive directions to Higham Hall and a suggested reading list.

Please reserve .....places @ £20.00.

Name(s) .....

Address.....

Post code..... Tel. No..... email.....

Member of .....Society OR tick Individual.....
















Enclosed, cheque for £..... Signed..... Date.....

Please complete and return this form, with payment, before 22 September, to -  
June Hall, Chapel Farm, Newbiggin, Stainton, Penrith CA11 0HT

**NB: Places are limited; so book now!**











## NOVEMBER 2012

-  5 CWAAS Kendal Hist. & Arch. Soc. Shakespeare Centre, Highgate, Kendal  
Of Eagles and Egos (history on screen): Lindsay Allason-Jones 01539 722439
-  7 Sedbergh & District HS Dent Memorial Hall  
Packhorse Ways, Packhorse Days - Janet Niepokozycka 015396 22505
-  8 Lorton and Derwent Fells LHS Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton  
An 1850 sketchbook - Wordsworth and the Lakes - Jeff Cowton MBE  
01900 85482
-  13 North Lonsdale Hist. Soc. Methodist Church, Neville St. Ulverston  
Inside a Lakeland Farmhouse – Andy Lowe 01229 585542
-  13 Appleby Archaeology Group Public Hall, Appleby.  
Bronze Age cremated human remains from Brackenber: Analysis and wider  
context - Samantha Walsh (UCLAN) 01228 558794
-  13 Staveley and District HS Staveley School  
History of the Thirlmere scheme - John Butcher 01539 822229
-  14 Friends of Keswick Museum Crosthwaite Parish Rooms, Keswick  
Keswick's Musical Stones: Playing the Lakeland Landscape - Dr Alan Smith  
017687 73801
-  15 Levens Local History Group Levens Village Institute  
The History of the Westmorland County Agricultural Show - Jim Dewhurst  
01539 560318
-  16 **CWAAS special event Kirkgate Centre, Cockermouth**  
**Writing the History of Cockermouth and its area – Angus Winchester**  
**(plus double book launch)**  
Tickets available from Rob David, 16 Green Rd., Kendal, LA9 4QR (with sae please).
-  17 Shap LHS Memorial Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm  
Social Evening Supper followed by 'Walking through History' - Maurice Steele  
01931 716244
-  19 Holme and District LHS Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall  
Droving and Drove Roads in Cumbria - Ruth Ansell-Davis 01524 782198
-  19 Upper Eden History Society Kirkby Stephen Grammar School  
Howling at the Moon: Lunacy in the Eden Valley in the 18th and 19th Centuries -  
Peter Lewis 017683 41007
-  21 Lazonby and District LHS Lazonby Village Hall  
Behind the Scenery: DVD presentation by Paul Harper about farming in autumn  
01786 898046
-  21 Sedbergh & District HS Settlebeck High School  
Recent excavations at Low Borrowbridge Roman Fort by Lunesdale  
Archaeological Society - Annie Hamilton-Gibney 015396 22505
-  22 Lamplugh and District Heritage Soc. Lamplugh WI Hall  
The History of Cooperative Societies - Bill Myers 01946 861493

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-  27 Duddon Valley LHG Broughton In Furness Victory Hall  
Off the Wall.....Hadrian's? – Clifford Jones 01229 861511

## DECEMBER 2012

-  3 CWAAS Kendal Hist. & Arch. Soc. Shakespeare Centre, Highgate, Kendal  
Lost Worlds - the Mike Davies Shiel slide collection - Geoff Brambles 01539 722439
-  4 Bampton and District LHS Crown and Mitre  
Quiz at the Crown and Mitre 01931 713645
-  5 Friends of Keswick Museum Crosthwaite Parish Rooms, Keswick  
Recent excavations at Roman Maryport - Professor Ian Haynes 017687 73801
-  5 Sedbergh & District HS Settlebeck High School  
Researching the history of your house - Katy Iliffe 015396 22505
-  10 Upper Eden History Society Kirkby Stephen Grammar School  
Members Evening (with mince pies) 017683 41007
-  11 Appleby Archaeology Group Public Hall, Appleby.  
Epiacum, the latest developments at Whitley Castle - the "Miner-Farmer" project,  
and Moles, the archaeologist's little helpers - Alastair Robertson (Local Historian)  
01228 558794
-  11 Staveley and District HS Staveley School  
Windermere lake-shore houses - Diane Matthews 01539 822229
-  11 North Lonsdale Hist. Soc. Methodist Church, Neville St. Ulverston  
Christmas Special including Supper 01229 585542
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*The Arnside Archive  
room in the village  
Educational Institute*

noon teas were served in the Parish Hall. After tea the hall was prepared for the evening events. First there was a Junior Disco; then from eight 'til late an Evening Entertainment and Dancing. For Hall safety reasons this was a 'ticket only' event that was sold out well before the day! A very happy atmosphere permeated the whole celebration.

A team of four 'Official Photographers' (two from the Local History Society) covered all the preparations and events associated with the Jubilee celebrations. The photographs have been posted on the parish website ([www.caldbeck.org.uk](http://www.caldbeck.org.uk)); they are all free from copyright and can be browsed or downloaded as required. A selection from these photographs - also on the website - has been chosen for archival purposes and will be retained by the Local History Society.

*John Price, President,  
Caldbeck & District Local History Society*

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## THE ARNSIDE ARCHIVE

The village of Arnside, and its Local History Society, have been fortunate to be able to establish an Archive Centre. Through the generosity of the Arnside Educational Institute, a secure room has been provided for the purpose. The provision has been greatly welcomed by the principal collector of post cards, photographs, slides, magazines, maps, guide books and ephemera relating to the Village. Dennis Bradbury, Chairman of the Local History Society, retired to Arnside 27 years ago and, for 25 years, has assembled a vast collection of historical material, which, latterly, has been seeking a more accessible home.

A team of interested residents has been identified to help organise, index and expand the collection. It is hoped that the Archive will soon be open for viewing and research, on a regular basis. Generous donations, to support the system, include a computer, a printer/ copier, and a scanner for slides, together with numerous boxes, files and folders to hold the variety of materials.

*Dennis Bradbury, 1927-2012  
Arnside LHS*

## THE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT KIRKBY IRELETH

The above took place in this Parish during the first weekend of June 2012 at St. Cuthbert's Church and in the marquee at the Community Centre. It was most successful in every way.

The proceedings commenced on the Friday with the children of Burlington School singing and dancing songs from the fifties and sixties. Highlights of this were performances of "Rock around the Clock" and "Don't be Cruel". The many parents and friends of the school who attended were delighted with the flare and imagination of the children who so obviously enjoyed playing to the audience.

Later in the day a party was held, attended by 120 children and their parents, at which Lady Cavendish presented commemorative medallions kindly donated by Burlington Slate Quarries. In her talk to the children she recalled her wonder at seeing the Queen's Coronation on a small black and white television set. There then followed tea at which the children had a Jubilee box of sandwiches and cakes and entertainment by Dave Simpson with games and a disco. The party concluded with the dances "Seven Springs" and that old favourite "The Hokey Cokey".

In the evening the film "Singing in the Rain" was shown in St. Cuthbert's Church with refreshments at 1952 prices.

The bells of St. Cuthbert's rang out on Saturday morning with Choral Matins taking place at 10.00 a.m. The whole church was magnificently decorated with flowers the theme of which being the Diamond Jubilee.

In the marquee during the afternoon upwards of a hundred people were royally entertained by the Barrow Steel Works Band accompanied by friends from Askam Silver Band and Holborn Hill Brass Band. This was a very special occasion as the Band from the Steel Works had performed in Kirkby at Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. They started with a lively rendition of the National Anthem and then played for over an hour favourites old and new. There then followed a



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Tea Dance with Afternoon Tea being served. The evening was completed with a Family Ceilidh organised by the Friends of Burlington School.

Sunday started with Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. and then at 10.00 a.m. a Celebration Eucharist for H. M. the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. At 3.00 p.m. the bell ringers of St. Cuthbert's joined with other churches to ring the National Peel of Bells. A "Songs of Praise" was held in the marquee for eighty people who enjoyed singing their favourite hymns accompanied on the keyboard by Ros Tyson and Lorna Tyson ably conducted by Gail Burns. The buffet following was equally enjoyed.

On the Monday Morning Prayer was conducted in St. Cuthbert's at 9.00 p.m. and then in the afternoon Kirkby Gala was held. Fine weather and the importance of the occasion brought out large crowds of people who enjoyed all the fun of the Gala and the highly competitive fell races. A record number of runners took part in the races the conditions being described as perfect.

The four days of celebrations concluded in the evening with dancing to Odd Sox in the marquee, a hog roast, a magnificent bonfire and the most spectacular firework display ever seen in the Parish.

All who attended the celebrations during the weekend enjoyed them immensely and thanks must go to all who played their part in providing such wonderful events for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

*Michael McPherson*

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***In case you didn't know...***

### **THE BEACON LOCAL HISTORY FAIR**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

The Beacon, Copeland Borough Council's museum, is currently planning its **2012 Local History Fair** and is offering Local and Family History Societies throughout Cumbria the opportunity to take a stall.

This year's event takes place on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** starting at **10am and finishing at 4.30pm.**

"We have chosen to hold our event separately to the national Heritage Open Days Festival which takes place in early September", said Alan Gillon, Learning Officer at The Beacon.

"This is because we want to give as many societies as possible the chance to get involved without missing out on the many great events that happen for Heritage Open Days".

Tables for the event are charged at **£14** per organisation. This is a useful opportunity to contact others who are interested in local history, spread the word about your group and recruit members. It is also a chance for the public to begin their journey into family or local history, learn more about their area, and for them to have an enjoyable day out with their families.

**Societies wishing to get involved should contact The Beacon on 01946 592302, or e-mail us at [thebeacon@copeland.gov.uk](mailto:thebeacon@copeland.gov.uk)**

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## **THE PRODUCTION OF JOURNALS AND BOOKS**

The banding together of people with a like interest is, or was, a common British trait. The greatest number of these organisations seem to have been founded since the Second World War in a period when there was more time available for people to pursue interests which had not been available to them in times when earning a living and supporting the family were a greater priority. A majority of the organisations that form the Cumbrian Local History Federation have a number of members that are of mature years, usually retired, and thus have more time available to pursue their interests.

On the founding of a new group, there was a pressing need to produce a newsletter to keep in contact with the membership. In early days, this was usually a typescript document, which was likely to have been produced using

some form of office printing method such as a Gestetner machine using wax-coated paper master, the words cut by using a typewriter. Photocopying was the next stage, and was a lot less messy than the Gestetner machine with the advantage that illustrations could now be included.

Any new special interest groups formed today have now have an array of electronic methods open to them as well as the internet to be able to communicate to members. The use of computers and the internet are not lost on even the older established organisations and a number use them to great benefit. The original newsletters have now developed into very sophisticated publications produced on a computer using some form of page-setting software. Some refer to this method as Desk Top Publishing (DTP) though I feel that this is a misnomer.

The Cumbrian Railways Association have been able to develop their publications using printing industry-standard software and computer technology to produce their members' journals as well as their books. This system is based on the page setting software in the Adobe range of products. The combined software goes under the name of InDesign Creative Suit. The group contains the necessary software not only to be able to set the pages ready for the printer, but also to handle images and drawings using Photoshop and to be able to produce a range of PDFs using the built-in Adobe Acrobat processor.

Whilst the skills of the newsletter editor have had to embrace this technology, the basic process of gathering material to publish still remains as one of the most important elements of his work. It is also important to be able to set out a scope for the publication. As Editor of Cumbrian Railways, the CRA's Journal, I take the view that if it has wheels and it runs on tracks then it is to be included. I also feel that the full range of railway history in the county should be covered, whether it be from the dawn of the railway age or that it happened yesterday is worthy of inclusion. To this end, the publication has built up into a useful reference document for the recorded history of the railways that did operate and are operating in the county.

I am ably supported by a number of people who make sure that sufficient copy is available for publication. The one thing I am always looking for is the large and detailed article that is the result of well-structured research.

I also have a team of people that are able to take on producing copy for specific parts of the publication. Regular reports appear covering what is happening on the railways today, schedules of special trains that have been operated on the lines during the period since the last Journal and reports on activities the Association has put on, particularly the field trips that are organised for members and others to look at interesting and historical railway sites.

In common with a number of organisations, the Association runs an electronic chat group where members are able to send in their queries on historical matters to harness the combined knowledge of others, as well as recording current railway operations that form an almost a live feed on the progress of any special trains as they are run. The information this chat group generates is priceless, and one of our members undertakes to do a distillation of the important points for regular publication in the Journal. Not only does this form a permanent record of the group's activities, it also allows those that do not have access to the internet to see what has been discussed, giving them the opportunity to continue the discussion or to add further detail. All of this generates very good copy for the Journal.

Other indispensable members of the team include a member that helps with sub-editing as well as the all-important proofreader who acts as the longstop for the content before sending the publication to be printed. The gestation period of an article for use in the Journal is long, so the Editor has to be patient and wait until the author is happy that he has managed to capture all the information he needs.

Recently I have managed to get some of the local history societies involved in writing for the Journal and these articles have been

successful. Usually people that do not have railway history as their main interest write them, and this brings to the articles a much wider appreciation of the broader subject, particularly in the form of social history, which is something I am more than pleased to publish. If there are any local history societies that have railway-related material for publication, I shall be pleased to hear from them.

The regular Journal, published four times a year, covers the history of the railways of the County and is supported by the 'Lakes Express', a newsletter recording information for the interest of members together with a certain amount of gossip. All this makes it an interesting read.

### Books

It is part of our undertaking as an educational charity to disseminate information on local railways to a wider audience, and no better vehicle for this is the book. These books are self-supporting and have proved very popular in the past, and the money generated by sales is used to support and add to the very large archive of material held in the record office at Kendal. The subscription paid by the member covers all the aspects of his or her membership services so none of the Association's income is available to maintain the archive. The money made from the sale of books also allows us to be able to purchase material at public auctions and on the open market that will enhance our collection.

The books are written by members of the Association and cover a wide range of subjects including the history associated with the towns and their railways in the county as well as histories of complete sections of the railways. Recently we have produced a photographic album using some of the stunning images from the cameras of the Pearsall brothers. This collection is very large and contains shipping subjects as well as the railway photographs. We are fortunate that a majority of the photographs are all properly recorded with date, time and location of each subject, together with a detail of the train featured.

Some of our books are now out of print, fetch-

ing high prices on e-bay and the like. However, popular titles are reprinted or revised whenever necessary. One of our most popular titles is the book on the Coniston Railway, which has recently sold out, and this will be revised and updated. This book in its turn was a reprint of the first book the Association published and it is hoped that the new edition will sell just as well. To aid and assist authors, we have a style guide, which is used for both the Journal and for our books.

I hope this gives the flavour of the busy life of a Publications Manager and I will be more than happy to hear from anyone that has specific points that I can help with as regards the production of publications.

*Mike Peascod  
Publications Manager,  
Cumbrian Railways Association*

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## Book Reviews

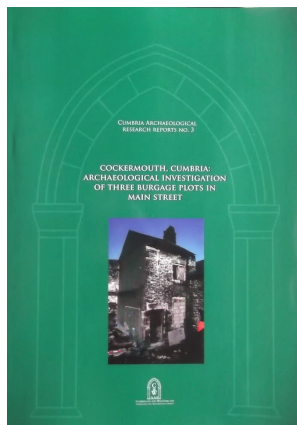
### **COCKERMOUTH, CUMBRIA: ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION OF THREE BURGAGE PLOTS IN MAIN STREET**

**(Cumbria Archaeological Research Reports No. 3)**

by R.H. Leech & R.A. Gregory

CWAAS, 2012, paperback, 80pp  
ISBN 978-1-873124-56-7 £12

As is often the case in archaeology, this volume reports the results of excavations which took place many years ago, the results of which have been analysed and evaluated with great care. The group of three plots, on Main Street almost opposite the public library, was excavated in 1980-81, and one of the key goals was to establish whether Main Street really existed as an urban development before the time of the oldest detailed documents in the mid-17th century (given that the Castle, the Market Place and the Church are all east of the River Cocker). The investigation considered the dilapidated standing structures on the site, as well as the subtle traces revealed



by excavation. The report is inevitably very technical, but by no means incomprehensible to any fan of "Time Team". In particular, the problems encountered by the archaeologists are presented, such as the basic difficulty that one of the recent buildings was

made with large cellars, which removed all traces of whatever may have been on that site before. Where such disturbances were not present, the result was something of a triumph - the 3602 medieval pottery sherds were nearly all found in good stratigraphical contexts, vastly expanding our understanding of the dates of medieval pottery styles in north-west England. The excavations certainly established beyond doubt that this part of Main Street was developing by the 12th century, in the earliest phases of Cockermouth's Norman growth.

The report is illustrated with very large numbers of plans, photographs and line drawings (the page of clay pipe details is a favourite of mine).

## THE COCKERMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BOOK

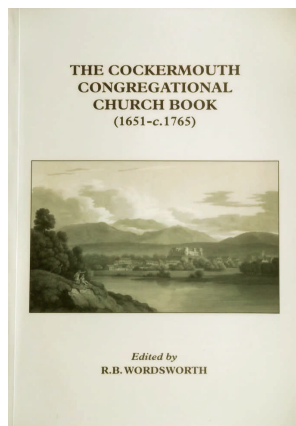
**CWAAS Record Series 21**

Edited by R.B. Wordsworth

CWAAS, 2012, paperback, 172pp  
ISBN 978-1-873124-55-0, £27.70

I first encountered extracts from this fascinating text in a Victorian church history, when researching the history of Broughton near Cockermouth. Although Whitehaven Archive Office has a full typed transcript, until now no proper published edition existed. Mr Wordsworth thus reveals in print for the first time many passages the Victorian scholar preferred to keep hidden, and corrects various errors in the typed version. He also provides the full academic armoury of

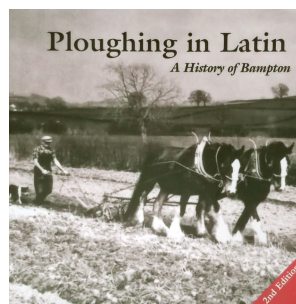
notes, historical introduction, and bibliography, essential to understand the context of many references in a work which mostly records events in the second half of the 17th century, one of the most turbulent periods in our religious history (the principal author, pastor George Larkham, being the source of more than a little turbulence himself).



## PLOUGHING IN LATIN: A HISTORY OF BAMPTON 2nd Edition

Bampton & District LHS, 2012  
Paperback, 184pp  
ISBN 978-0-955486-21-0, £14.95

The original edition of this work, published to celebrate the Millennium, was named Lake-land Book of the Year, and the group which had been formed to write it became a permanent society. A decade on, the decision was taken to republish it with some changes, most notably an appendix showing the accelerating change in and around Bampton since 2000. The new edition is now available, maintaining the high production standards of the original. The combination of personal reminiscence and documentary research remains irre-



sistible, but as is often the case with works on such an ambitious scale, I regret the lack of an index.

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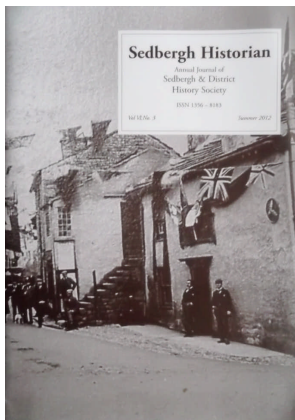
## **SEDBERGH HISTORIAN**

### **Volume VI, No. 3, Summer 2012**

Sedbergh & District History Society  
A4, 48 pages in fully illustrated card cover  
£6 to non-members

The Sedbergh society produces two journals, both published annually in recent years. Sedbergh Historian is the more ambitious of the two, in a large format with photographs in a special section on glossy paper. All but one of the seven

articles in the present issue are analyses of primary source material, on topics ranging from family history to the story of Baliol School (ancestor of the modern Foremost School). The odd one out is a collection of items from local newspapers on the timely topic of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, and the photo section features numerous images relating to this



and other Royal celebrations. At the end of the journal is a handy list of the contents of previous issues since 1998, both of this and the society's Newsletter.

It's worth noting that the high standards of this journal are not achieved lightly. A committee of four oversees production, and the society as a whole has a large number of active participants.

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## **THE SWARTHMOOR HALL HISTORIAN**

### **Number 1, Summer 2012**

Swarthmoor Hall  
History Group  
A5, 24 pages in paper  
cover



This new publication provides another example of a journal designed to gather information from group members in one convenient package. As the editor states in his introduction, "The articles that appear here are primarily a record; they do not claim high academic purpose." All the five articles featured in this issue are based on transcripts of source documents relating to Swarthmoor Hall, including some neatly-presented images of original material from 18th-century London newspapers. The result is very effective, and provided that an effective index is maintained, future issues of this little journal will build into a very valuable resource.

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