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Askam & Ireth Local History Group and History of Kirkby hosted the 2017 CLHF Convention

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT [No. 3]

As you may know, I missed this year's Convention in Askam because, without much notice, my son announced the same date for his marriage in Barcelona. While I had a wonderful time in Spain, I was also delighted to hear on my return that the Convention was very successful. We are grateful to the many involved in organising it, particularly Charles Rowntree and his colleagues in Askam, Ireleth and Kirkby. We will continue to move about the county for our annual Conventions and to collaborate with other organisations in arranging them.

We have worked hard to let as many people as possible know about the refurbishment of our website. Reactions have been very positive. We are particularly pleased to have had requests for additions to our Directory of Speakers. Instead of refreshing the list every two years or so, we will amend and add to it as the need arises, which seems a more effective way of managing this service..

In August at the dinner with our founder, Jill Wishart, she said that a constant difficulty in her time was obtaining feedback from members. Despite regular efforts via our *Bulletin*, we have had the same experience. So your Committee plan to go in search of feedback about our operations, and will be visiting a number of groups for this purpose. If any of you wish to be added to our timetable, please get in touch. We believe that the results of this exercise will benefit our future efforts on your behalf.

Finally, let us extend a warm welcome to our new Treasurer, John Poland. Having inherited an interest in local history from his father, John has been working informally with us for some months. Now that he is formally installed, he will not only manage our finances but review our constitutional arrangements to ensure that the Federation is well run. We already enjoy working with him. Prior to John's appointment, Liz Kerrey did a splendid job as Acting Treasurer. In addition to being Membership Secretary, she will now also co-ordinate our website operations.

Peter Roebuck

The CLHF 25th Anniversary

The Cumbrian Local History Federation was established across the summer of 1992 by Jill Wishart, the first Chairman, and several of her colleagues, with the first formal meetings taking place in the early autumn.

We are not an organisation which goes in for razzamatazz but it seemed entirely appropriate to find some way of marking this anniversary. So on the evening of Thursday 3rd August the Committee self-financed a dinner party at the Stoney Beck Inn, just off the M6.



To our delight Jill Wishart, who lives not far from there, was able to join us as our guest. We were also joined by Derek Denman, one of Jill's former colleagues on the Committee, who more recently has helped us enormously in setting up the new website. Jill has retained her membership of the Federation over the years and eagerly looks forward to the thrice-yearly appearance of the Bulletin. We spent a very pleasant evening of reminiscence with both of them. Jill told us that it was difficult to generate feedback in her day too; she admires the re-designed website and feels that it will help us to get closer to our members throughout the county and, indeed, beyond.

Peter Roebuck

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## CWAAS and the origins of CLHF

In a memorandum, 'Historical research topics for interested members of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society', circulated in early 1988 by Dr John Marshall (Reader in North-West Regional History, University of Lancaster, and a Vice-President of CWAAS), it was noted that 'one of the great problems besetting local history is that its many practitioners are often unaware of the research that has been done in a given area'; in contrast to archaeologists, 'historians seem condemned to working in the dark at the local level'. One solution that was adopted was the institution of a series of seminars for the promotion of the study of local history, three working groups being established, covering parish histories (led by Dr Angus

Winchester), industrial history (led by Michael Davies-Shiel) and Carlisle (led by Dr Marshall), the CWAAS's Research Committee agreeing to fund the group leaders' travel expenses. Meeting on Saturday afternoons at various locations in the County, the parish history research group received reports on its members' areas of interest. At a half-day conference, 'History of Local Communities in Cumbria', held at Carlisle under the auspices of CWAAS in March 1991, the presentations included that of Caldbeck Local History Society which had indexed the parish magazines 1911 – 79 and had conducted a series of 'reminiscence' sessions, the more recent being taped 'with varying success'. Writing at the time to CWAAS's General Secretary, Angus Winchester advocated a form of Cumbria-wide co-ordination, to support the work of local historians, who could feel quite isolated, as also to help confirm the Society's commitment to local history, overcoming the view of some local historians that the Society was biased towards archaeology; first steps could be the compilation of a register of local history societies and of research being carried out by groups and individuals in Cumbria, with the Society organising or sponsoring one or two Saturday conferences each year aimed at getting local historians together and giving them guidance in the regional historian context and in research methodology and use of sources.

On her arrival in Cumbria in 1989 from Oxford, where she had experienced a county-wide co-ordinating and support network for local historians, Mrs Jill Wishart became a member of the CWAAS's Kendal-based affiliated regional group. The results of a

questionnaire, she issued in early 1991 on behalf of the group to local groups and associations with an interest in their environment, their interest in the formation of a larger group organisation was recorded. In response to Angus Winchester's own paper advocating that CWAAS's Research Committee explore developing a county-wide co-ordinating and support role, in July 1991 the Society's Council agreed that the Society should hold a Local History Forum each year for three years but that so far as possible a unified approach should be adopted, involving Cumbria's record offices, the newly established Friends of Cumbria Archives, and Lancaster University's Centre for North-West Regional Studies; Mrs Jill Wishart was invited to continue her register of local history societies and groups and report to the Research Committee. At an Open Meeting held under the auspices of CWAAS's Research Committee in November 1991, it was pointed out that the local societies tended to see CWAAS as just another local society and might not think it appropriate for it to 'control' any umbrella organisation. In turn, the Local History Working Party set up after the Open Meeting was 'wary of too close an association with the Society'. While in March 1992 the Research Committee endorsed the need for the Society to take 'a prominent role in Local History matters', for the present it doubted the wisdom of another new body in this field, accordingly recommending a further meeting with various representatives 'to consider the development of local history activities in Cumbria, the need and scope for co-ordination, the activities which different organisations might undertake, and the constraints of geography and personnel'. This recommendation was

soon overtaken by a further meeting of the Working Party and the decision to launch a federation, the inaugural meeting of CLHF being held at Ambleside on 17 October 1992.

In January 2007, a meeting was held between Richard Brockington, chairman of CLHF, and Professor David Shotter, President of CWAAS, for a general review of the relationship between the two bodies, Richard Brockington later writing to reaffirm 'our view that in a general sense we have the same objectives and that we are not in competition but on the contrary could each give significant support to the other'. Noting that both bodies were supporting the Cumbria VCH project, he observed that 'it may well be that working together we can promote successful comparative research, combining the individual expertise of CWAAS members with the enthusiasm, knowledge and experience of our more advanced member societies.' In succession to Richard Brockington, Jenni Lister (a member of CLHF's Committee) now represents the Federation on the Outreach Committee of CWAAS.

Adrian Allan

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CLHF Members News.

News from Shap Local History Society

The Society has had a good summer, members and friends have enjoyed visits to Appleby Castle, Warcop Hall and village, and the Mayor's Parlour in Kendal. The Mayor's Attendant, with Councillor Tom Clare (Mayor in 2000 and 2014), gave a very interesting talk on the history of Kendal and the various

items on display – of particular interest were the two silver maces dating from 1645 and the Sword of State presented by Charles 1 which are still used on formal occasions.



Liz Amos with Mace

Another interesting item was the silver bound prayer book owned by Katherine Parr, the sixth wife of Henry V111. In size it is not much bigger than a matchbox, the pages are all handwritten by her and it is described as a girdle book. Only the Mayor's Attendant is allowed to handle it but there is a transcription.

Indoor meetings resumed in September with a talk in St Michael's Church 'Walking with St Michael through Cumbria' and in October Eric Hall, who with his wife Marjorie, has been a member of the Society for several years, gave a fascinating talk about 'My Great Grandfather' – a local farming legend of the late 1800s.

Our Heritage Centre in the Market Cross Building was open every weekend during July and August and we managed to help several people with their family history research. During the winter months it will be open on the first Saturday of the month, 1 – 4pm. The Society has also been given a lovely tea-set which was a retirement

gift to Miss Jane Foster, the last school mistress at Mardale School.

Following the success of our Mardale Book, published in 2011, we are also in the early stages of planning a book on Shap, with chapters written by different people. The Society is in a strong position financially, however, like many other local history societies, we continue to struggle to find people willing to join the committee.

Liz Amos

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## Cumbrian Railways Association

The Cumbrian Railways Association (CRA) travelled to Barrow for its Autumn Conference on Saturday 11th of November at the Abbey House Hotel. Widespread advance publicity and a strong speaker programme meant that there was another extremely good attendance of around 70. We were also delighted to welcome members of the Cumbria Industrial History Society who had a stand at the event.

The event proved, once again, to be another enjoyable and interesting day of presentations, discussions and friendly fellowship as people gathered round the display stands, listened to the speakers and enjoyed a convivial lunch. It was good to see some new faces and we even recruited some more members on the day!

The conference was introduced and led by Vice Chairman Mike Peascod - long standing founder member of the CRA who was standing in for Association

Chairman, Philip Tuer who couldn't be with us.

To start off, delegates were treated to a round the world photographic railway journey by Dr Les Nixon one of the best-known railway photographers in the country. His photographic odyssey spanned over 50 years and took us to such far flung locations as Sri Lanka, India, Peru, Canada, Egypt, China and South Africa, as well as many historic shots of railway scenes in the UK. Apart from being a visual feast, Les kept us all entertained with many fascinating anecdotes drawn from his travels.

Rob Murray from the Stainmore Railway Company then gave us a fascinating illustrated talk about several carriage and wagon restoration projects that he had been involved in, showing how, what looked like rusty underframes and rotting wood were carefully restored into beautiful examples of restored railway vehicles – all with a minimum of resources. One of his stories related to a historic railway coach that was brought back into full running order. One of the first passengers to get a ride in the restored vehicle was a 90+ year old woman who had last been in it many years earlier, on her honeymoon, when it was a holiday coach! The final speaker of the day was ex footplateman Raymond Penn who shared photographs and stories relating to his railway career based at Penrith and Carlisle Upperby locomotive sheds.

A further highlight was the launch of the new CRA publication, "An Introduction to Cumbrian Railways". Written by well-known railway historian and writer David Joy. (See later).



**CRA Membership Grows:** As mentioned above, we were delighted to welcome new members to the Association at the conference. Total membership now stands at 469 – an all time high in the 41year history of the Association.

The Cumbrian Railways Association Autumn Meeting will be held at the Carus Green Golf Club, Burneside Road, Kendal LA9 6EB. on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – a date for your diary. Further information and booking details will be available in due course on the CRA website [www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk](http://www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk). Non-members are most welcome!

Don Jary

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Cumbria Amenity Trust Mining History Society - Coniston Copper project

In 2016, the Heritage Lottery Fund awarded £450,000 to the Coniston copper project which was made up of a number of organisations including the Lake District National Park Authority, Cumbria Amenity Trust Mining History Society (CATMHS), Ruskin Museum, Rydal Estates and Mr Philip Johnston (land owners), Grisedale Arts and the YHA Coniston.

The grant was to conserve the remains of various structures at Coniston Copper Mines and the Penny Rigg Mill at Tilberthwaite Mine numbering 150

items of repair, stabilisation and reconstruction. Also, there is a huge amount of interpretation and public participation being carried out including working with Coniston primary and secondary schools.

The conservation work has been to a very high standard and hopefully will take the Coniston copper mines off the at-risk register as it is a scheduled ancient monument. Volunteers in associated with Northern Archaeological Associates have surveyed various sites in sometimes appalling weather, an archaeological dig has been carried out at Penny Rigg Mill which hopefully will shed light on how it operated. People have been delving into the archives unearthing new material which will be produced in a new publication. The school children have really embraced the project which has included site visits, re-enactments of some of the stories from the period of mining, practical exercises, etc, which all fitted in with the curriculum. There have been opportunities for people who wish to carry out guided walks both on the fells and in Coniston which will be including trail leaflets. This is just a snap shot of what (but not all) that the project has been about.



Part of the flagged floor unearthed at the Penny Rigg Mill during the dig-Sumer 2017

Warren Allison
Chairman of CATMHS

Duddon Valley LHG

The Duddon Valley Local History Group have just completed their second excavation of a longhouse after receiving a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and what an exciting time it has been. The dig took place over the last two weeks in June on the fell close to Seathwaite Tarn. This settlement has seen a continuation of three different phases with dating evidence to hopefully give occupation over several generations.

The settlement has a number of structures but we focussed our time on the main longhouse situated inside another structure. This was a two-roomed building with cross passage and a paved floor with hearth. There was enough charcoal in the hearth to send for dating, all of which was then cleared away to reveal a second cobbled floor also with hearth containing charcoal.



Continuing down we came to another cobbled floor this time extending out to the walls of the wider structure with substantial walls of around 5 courses. Outside the wall of this wider structure close to the cross passage was found our first piece of pottery which almost had the archaeologist dancing a jig. "15th century Silverdale/Arnsdale Ware" he declared. We then set to with renewed vigour and before long another piece of similar pottery was discovered on the other side of the

site. This, together with a small horseshoe and 2 other pieces of horseshoes were discovered by the metal detectorist, along with several other metal fragments, from different parts of the site.

Unfortunately the 2 weeks flew by with many questions still unanswered and we were soon backfilling, having first covered some sections still to tackle next year. Another longhouse adjacent to these two buildings was tantalizingly out of touch. The settlement is enclosed with low boundary walls snaking up and along the fell, with a stock pound set into the wall in one corner.

This has been a des- res for some medieval folk in a relatively sheltered area with some grazing for their stock and a homestead across the valley can still be seen at around the same height.

We now await the report from Oxford Archaeology North.

Sue Lydon

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## Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society: Two field trips in High and Low Newton

High Newton and Low Newton villages lie towards the north east of the Cartmel Peninsula. A road bypass built in 2008 took the A590 away from the villages and this returned them to a more peaceful existence. Two members of the society had researched the flax industry which disappeared at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in this specific area and this summer two field trips in and around the two villages took place. The first trip discovered the

remaining signs showing where this industry had been and the second looked at the vernacular buildings of High Newton. Both trips were oversubscribed and so there were two tours of each.

The first walk started at High Newton, where the weaving sheds were located on the edge of the village, and continued towards Barber Green. En-route, the retting ponds were pointed out, one of which is used today to collect run off rainwater from the A590. Retting is the process where the harvested flax was immersed for 10-14 days. In Barber Green the group visited the engineered water-course that provided the power to the fulling mill, a place where the bleached cloth was beaten to flatten the fibres. Then, just outside Barber Green, the fields where the flax was grown were identified and the amazing "consumption wall", created from the process of clearing the fields. Afterwards the group walked to Low Newton, viewing more retting ponds and the engineered water course.

Newton was mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 and the second walk looked at two vernacular buildings in High Newton. The road through the villages, between Lindale and Newby Bridge had been turnpiked following the 1818 Act, with a new section of road through High Newton. One of our researchers advised that by 1850, post for Grange was left by the mail-coach in "Newton -in -Cartmel" and addressed as such. The first house visited was the Post House. The earliest features are at the rear of the house, where there is a west-facing, previously external wall that is approximately five feet deep. Contained in this wall is an unusual flat



arch fireplace, with a beehive oven inside on the right. A room at the front of the house, with a floor of black slate, has a tie beam with roll moulding similar to a house in Field Broughton and also Cartmel Priory. Wood used in the house is some oak and in addition possibly some chestnut or elm. There is evidence of re-used timbers, several possible halvings, and curved principal rafters upstairs. The Jackson family appear to have occupied the building from the 1840s and generations of the family were described as postmasters in the census with Thomas Jackson described as postmaster dying in high Newton in 1965.



The second house visited was Newton Hall, a grade II listed house of 2 storeys plus attics, and 3 bays. The entrance door is central, with pedimented panel, with initials and date, A I D 1754. It was explained that the 1754 date over the front door represents the Georgian extension northwards, of an earlier house, which is evident from the rear. The walls are roughcast under a slate roof, with gable stacks. The staircase is superb, with a return stair, 5,2,7 steps up, and open well. The interior windows to the front are uniform, with sash window to facade, all 2 x 9 panels. There are no lugs, also known as horns, to the sashes. The glass is old, possibly original, with thick glazing bars. On the

west gable is a feature which may represent a former bread oven. To the rear, a gabled wing with small-paned fixed glazing, with opening lights. A room at the rear is open to the rafters with a tie beam still in position and empty mortices for floor joists, now removed. Both properties show that a front facade even with a datestone is not always to be relied upon in interpreting a building. With regard to the datestone on Newton Hall, A I D 1754, it is now so worn that it is not readable. Timothy Askew married Dorothy Seattle at Cartmel in 1753. Could thel have been a T? Askew Timothy Dorothy 1754. Timothy was described as yeoman of Newton.

The two trips enlightened members to the history of High and Low Newton in a specific period of time.

Barbara Copeland

*These walks were made possible due to the goodwill of local residents and members of the CPLHS who organised the walks. A special thanks goes to June Hill and other members of the Cumbria Vernacular Buildings Group who shared their knowledge and expertise with the CPLHS. I can personally recommend working with the specific interest Cumbria groups who are able to add a new dimension to local group trips and walks. Editor.*

## Orton & Tebay LHS

### All Saints Church, Orton Memorials

About 3 years ago Mary Jenkins and Heather Ballantyne of Orton and Tebay Local History Society embarked upon

the job of recording all the memorials in All Saints' Orton Churchyard and Church.

Over the years they had many enquiries, from people not living in the area as well as people visiting the village, regarding headstones. The starting point were two old surveys, one by Edward Bellasis in 1887/8 and the other by Leslie N.S. Smith in 1977. Over the last 40 years the memorials had deteriorated and many were now illegible so they felt as if this needed to be done.

It was decided that the Churchyard should be broken down into small areas and each memorial given a unique identity so that people looking for a headstone would be able to find them easily. They decided to photograph the headstones as well as recording the inscriptions. The very first one had a thick layer of debris on it and they could not read it. They had to refer to the earlier surveys to find out whose memorial it was and the inscription. Headstone 2 was in the same state and headstone number 5 which had fallen on its face and needed some muscle power to turn it over. This did not deter them it just meant that the job would take longer than first thought. With the help of people to turn over and re-erect fallen stones (and in one case dig up pieces buried under mud) they made steady progress. Trees and bushes were pruned or removed to find headstones that had not seen the light of day for many years and some stones needing gentle cleaning to read them, they managed to get the job finished in May 17.

Maybe if they had realised there were over 600 memorials they would have thought twice before embarking on this

project. Not all headstones were found that had been listed on previous surveys but some were found this time that were not found in 1977. Many interesting stories have also been found about how some of these people died and we hope to find more and link them to the alphabetical list on the web site.

During this time Orton had been taken into the Yorkshire Dales National Park and under the umbrella of Orton Churchyard Conservation Project supported by Sustainable Development Fund they have been able to get their work published and a copy is now in Kendal Archive and All Saints' Church.



The OTLHS website [www.otlhs.ukme.com](http://www.otlhs.ukme.com) has a copy of the map of the Churchyard and an alphabetical list of the names mentioned on the headstones. If people cannot get to Orton but want to know more about a particular memorial they can contact OTLHS via the web site giving the memorial number and we can arrange to e-mail a copy of the photo and the inscription. Heather Ballantyne

## CLHF 2017 Convention

The 2017 CLHF AGM and Convention on the 14<sup>th</sup> October was for the second year jointly organised and hosted by CLHF Group members and the CLHF

Committee. This year Askam & Ireleth and Kirkby History Groups were our hosts for what was a very successful event.

For the statisticians among you: People attending – 90, Talks presented 5, Table displays 10, Groups represented – 16. Sandwiches and cakes consumed – too many to count!



Here are a few talk summaries, more in next edition, and reflections of the event I have received:

**‘Antiquarians of Furness’, delivered  
by Dan Elsworth.**

A masterly account of the antiquarians of Furness, of the late 18<sup>th</sup> century and later, and the continuing value of their published work and surviving records was provided by Dan Elsworth. Raised in Ulverston, Dan established his own company, Greenlane Archaeology, in 2005.

Following the publication in 1774 of his substantial volume on *The Antiquities of Furness*, Thomas West (d. 1779), who had studied at the Jesuit College in Flanders and had settled in Furness in 1766, produced the first popular *Guide to the Lakes in Cumberland, Westmorland and Lancashire* in 1778; it was to be reprinted several times up to 1821. The vast collection of his correspondence, held by Lancashire Record Office, continues to provide

information not to be found elsewhere. A new edition of West’s *Antiquities* was produced by the surgeon and polymath, Dr William Close (1775 – 1838), whose own papers, including an unpublished history of Furness, are to be found in Manchester Central Library.

The 1840s witnessed the publication of a rash of books including Thomas Alcock Beck’s *Annales Furnesienses* (1844), a history of Furness Abbey, an enormous, lavishly illustrated tome, but it was in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century that a vast number of antiquarian / archaeological publications were produced, including James Stockdale’s *Annals of Cartmel* (1872), supplemented by his papers at Barrow Archive Centre, which, for instance, include drawings of urns, 1837, which have since been lost. In 1866 the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society (CWAAS) was founded and through its *Transactions*, the articles published in *The North Lonsdale Magazine* and through the activities and publications of the Barrow Field Club and the North Lonsdale Club, many articles relating to Furness were published, with Barrow Archive Centre also holding extensive papers of the Field Clubs and the antiquarians (including Harper Gaythorpe of Barrow) involved.

Highlighted as representative of the work of archaeologists and historians in the 20<sup>th</sup> century were W G Collingwood (editor of CWAAS’s *Transactions*, 1900 – 25), Marjorie Cross, and Alex Fell (who produced work on the early iron industry); also Barrow Archive Centre’s Furness local history holdings of the papers of James Melville (1899 - 1983), James Hobbs (1897 – 1971), and the local librarian, Fred Barnes; and, in particular, the large quantity of publications and papers of the

prehistorian Clare Fell (1912 – 2002) and the enormous quantity of slides of Mike Davies-Shiel (1929 – 2009), the industrial archaeologist, which Kendal Archive Centre holds. Attention was also drawn to the value of newspaper articles - a press report reproducing a photograph of a stone head found in Dalton providing the sole record of an object whose current whereabouts are unknown - and to theses, including Craig Appley's Sheffield University PhD thesis (2012) on the Prehistoric Environment of Furness. From the 1990s onwards, copies of the reports and records of archaeological units have been deposited in local record offices; Greenlane Archaeology's report (2007) on Sowerby Hall Farm, Barrow-in-Furness, providing an example. In the surviving archives of antiquarians may be found the only record of past excavations and finds and of buildings which no longer exist. Adrian Allan

### **“Askam Iron Works” delivered by Peter Burt**

Peter gave a very enthusiastic presentation of Askam Iron Works. It was clear from the start that Peter, a native of Askam was enthusiastic about the history of the village's largest employer and yet could recognise that success eluded the company through funding issues and the many benefits promised to the village never materialised.

Peter opened his presentation by passing round a small slug of kidney iron, which is 56% pure iron and was mined 3 miles south of the hall. He went on to discuss the various General Managers and Boards of Directors, who had steered the company in its growth and achievements, but ultimately had

to recognise the company was bankrupt and closed in 1909.

Finance was provided by a small group of Quakers through the Darlington bank, unlike its rival the Millom Iron and Steel Works, whose backers were mainly from Liverpool, but also included others from around the country.

At its peak it would have been an impressive site with a 325 feet chimney, reputedly the second tallest in England at the time and 4 blast furnaces. The site had its own railway sidings to aid the movement of materials. The plans for the village at that time included more houses, recreational areas and various promised environmental improvements. Drains were installed in 1878 following flooding problems appeared to be the only recorded improvement. Sadly none of the plans for houses etc. materialised and that area today is like a rabbit warren with many fields having been used for the slag and in time covered thinly with soil and grass. 25 acres of this land is the property of the Askham Village Hall Committee. To reduce transport costs a pier was constructed, but the strength of the gales and its exposure to the Irish sea, even within the Duddon estuary meant that only 1 ship was successful in this operation.

Operating in a very competitive industry, the comparatively small group of investors struggled until in 1909, it was made bankrupt and closed owing £103,000. The bankrupt company was sold for £100,000 to its neighbour and rival the Millom Iron and Steel Works, which itself closed in 1919. At its peak Askam had a population of close to 5,000, but today it is around 3,000 surrounded by the history and topography of its largest employer.

Peter Burt brought together in this presentation his pride in his own village's largest employer, but also there was a disappointment that so much more might have been achieved. He has diligently carried out his research and his records and photographs were of a very high standard. John Poland

**"Furness Abbey post Reformation: The Romance of the Ruins", delivered by Dr Christopher Donaldson .**

Dr Donaldson delivered a talk referencing some aspects mentioned by previous speakers and discussed the Abbey as others would see it or in other words the "spectator's view" of the Abbey ruins. Dr Donaldson explained that Furness Abbey as a Cistercian house was the second most wealthy of the Cistercian Abbey's owning vast areas of land and many productive industries.

Post Reformation the Abbey the spectator would have seen the extensive lead removed from the roof, sold and melted down and the local red sandstone used in the construction of local buildings. The ruins situated as they were in the Valley of Deadly Nightshade were seen as picturesque and the Abbey would have been on the early tourist route for visitors to the Lake District. It was mentioned in The Prelude by Wordsworth and Turner created several etchings of the ruins.

Dr Donaldson gave us a talk of historical context blending this with how a ruin was seen and perceived in art and poetry post the Reformation. Nigel Mills

*I received these reflections from a CLHF member:*

*"It was a misty day and my first ever visit to Askam-in-Furness, but the clear advance details provided about location and car parking, as well as the numerous CLHF signs made finding the venue and parking very easy. A range of displays by several groups provided a great insight into several aspects of local history, particularly from around Askam but also from elsewhere in Cumbria. It was interesting to see the variety in focus that different local history groups have based on their own unique areas".*



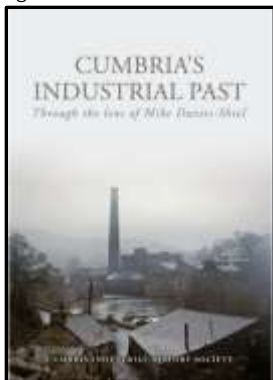
*"Excellent refreshments were available throughout the day to sustain the participants until we set off home with books and dates in our diaries for future events. As we set off we took the opportunity to have a drive around Askam in the sunshine to have a look for some of the places highlighted in the talk on the history of the settlement.*

*This was only my second attendance at a CLHF Convention and I came away from them both with a better knowledge of an area and aspects of local history I previously didn't know and enjoyed the very friendly welcome from the organisers and others in attendance".*

## Local History Books about Cumbria & Cumbrians

### Cumbria's Industrial Past

Mike Davies-Sheil was a local teacher and lecturer who spent many years studying the past industries of Cumbria alongside those that were coming to a close. He was never without his camera and he recorded all that he saw. A selection of these photographs has been drawn together by members of the Cumbria Industrial History Society with explanatory text to illustrate some of the industries that have been lost from the county over the last 60 years. The industries included are major ones such as coal, lead and iron as well as some of the less well known ones such as brush making and snuff manufacture.



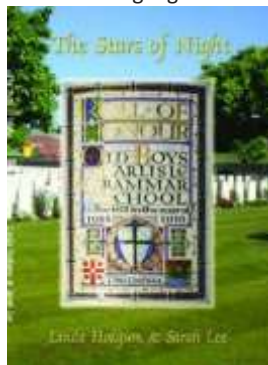
It is 136 pages, hardback and colour throughout. It costs £25 and is available from the Cumbria Industrial History Society. Further information can be found at <http://www.cumbria-industries.org.uk>

### The Stars of Night by Linda Hodgson and Sarah Lee.

My colleague Linda Wedderburn (formerly Hodgson) and I researched the 88 men who had attended Carlisle

Grammar School (CGS) and who had died in WW1. Carlisle Grammar School was later amalgamated with the

Creighton School for Boys and The Margaret Sewell School for Girls to form Trinity School, where Linda and I both teach. After completing our research we wrote "The Stars of Night", which tells the story of the 88 & 3 other men who had been missed off the original commemoration board, most of the men were Cumbrian. We were amazed at how interesting their stories turned out to be, most were soldiers but a few flew with the fledgling RFC and we had



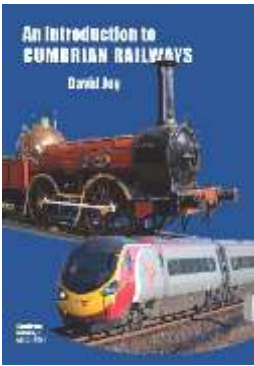
sailors too. They died in 14 different countries and were involved in all aspects of the war; as a piece of social history it is interesting too. The men came from all walks of life and include the son of a diplomat to a blacksmith's son from Kirkbride. The latter was awarded the MC and another was awarded the 'Croix de Guerre'. Our book can be bought for £5 from Trinity School reception on Strand Road, Carlisle or ordered by emailing myself at school [sla@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:sla@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk).

At Trinity we have three commemoration boards. As well as the CGS WW1 board, we have the CGS WW2 board and The Creighton School for Boys WW2 board. We are just beginning to collect information about

the men on the WW2 boards and if any of your readers have information about any of these 200 men we'd love to hear from them!

And finally we have wondered whether any of the women who attended the Margaret Sewell School for Girls gave their lives in WW2? We have no information about any of them!  
Sarah Lee.

### Cumbrian Railways by David Joy.



The CRA is proud to announce the publication of its latest book "An Introduction to Cumbrian Railways". Written by well-known railway historian and writer David Joy, this 96 page fully illustrated book, tells the fascinating story of the development of railways in what is now the county of Cumbria. The content spans from the earliest days in the 1830's to the present – from railway pioneers to rail privatisation.

Each railway line in the County is covered, from the main trunk lines, such as the West Coast Main Line, to the smaller railways that went to make up the network of lines serving local communities and businesses. The Industrial lines that served the County

also receive comprehensive coverage.

The book is priced £9.95 and will be available from November from bookshops or direct from the Cumbrian Railways Association by visiting [www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk](http://www.cumbrianrailways.org.uk).

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Help Requested.

If you can help these requests please reply direct or if no contact details given through me. Thank you. Editor.

I represent the Guernsey Society, and we are trying to trace the descendants of a Cumbria man whose skills as an architect are celebrated in the island of Guernsey.

John Wilson was born in 1781 at Cardewlees Farm, Dalston, the son of Robert and Mary. He joined the Board of Ordnance as a mason, which took him to Guernsey, Channel Islands. While he lived there, he undertook private commissions and was the architect for what are now considered some of the island's finest buildings.



However, until recently very little was known of his origins. He died in

Southampton in 1866 - and left a sum of money to his great nephew, John Wilson to build a house in Cumbria. We know that his heir was the son of Rev. Robert Wilson of Maryport - but know nothing of his descendants. In 2018, there are a number of activities planned to mark the 200th anniversary of St James Church, one of his designs. We would like to make contact with anyone who may know any more about this family.

If you know anything about this family, please contact Stephen Foote at stephen.foote@quernsey-society.org.uk

CLHF Member Dr Maureen Bravington e-mailed me as follows:

I am a writer and am researching for my next novel, which will be set in the Lake District. The last time I visited this area, I was told about the Damson Valley and I immediately 'felt a story coming on'. My informants told me of a dreadful time when all the damsons died and people who depended on their sale, plus jam-making and even the dyeing of leather with their juice, were near to starvation. Perhaps your members could tell me whether this legend is true? In any case, I will develop a 'who dunnit?' over the next year. My ancestors came from Crosthwaite, name of Moore, and I have managed to trace them back to c.1753. I would love to go further back but don't know where the relevant records might be.

A request from Dick O'Brien.
I'm preparing a talk on the Pilgrimage of Grace in Cumberland and Westmorland 1536-7 and if anyone has any source material I would be glad to

hear of it. I will be available to give the talk in 2018, no fee but travel expenses would be appreciated.

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## Other News from our Members

Peter McWilliam, an individual member of CLHF, tells me that he has launched a new website which covers local history, walks and much more. For example he has re-drawn the Tythe Map of Kirkby Stephen township (1839) and Apportionment Schedule (1842) and a digitised version of the Mallerstang tithe map is in hand. The website address is <http://www.westmorland-dales.co.uk> and is well worth a visit.

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Cumbria's Speakers Corner. Recommended Speakers

"Harry Hawkins was excellent in the talk he gave on the Monasteries of Cumbria". Name supplied.

I am still keen to encourage CLHF member groups and individuals to recommend to others, through the pages of the Bulletin, the lectures and lecturers that you have enjoyed listening to. More recommendations and why you recommend the speaker would be appreciated and will be treated as confidential.
Editor.

Recommended Visits

West Cambrian Railway Museum, St Bees recommended by Helen Cauldwell. Facebook describes this museum:- A collection of local Cumbrian railway artifacts and social

history from the 1840s to the present day. It's a diverse group of items that should have something to interest everyone - totems, nameplates, posters, lamps, carriage prints, signalling equipment; maps, enamel & cast iron signs and much more. It is generally open one week per month or by appointment for special interest groups and it is free although donations are welcome - contact petergrooke@btinternet.com. Recommended by Helen Caldwell.

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## Museums in Cumbria.

### News from Keswick Museum

Recently Keswick Museum celebrated two anniversaries: 120 years since it opened in 1897, and 3 years since it reopened after major refurbishment. It is a very busy place. It still retains its Victorian gallery of curiosities, full of treasures and quirkiness, while the fabulous 'art gallery' space displays rolling exhibitions of very high quality. The current exhibition (which ends on 4 January) "Blencathra: life of a Mountain" explores many aspects of this iconic mountain, and is packed with information relating to landscape, geology, mining, fox hunting, Threlkeld village life, mountain sports etc. The curator Sue Mackay worked closely with the film-maker Terry Abraham on its design.

The next exhibition "Herstory: Women of Keswick" starting in January will explore the lives of a diverse set of women past and present - writers, artists, climbers, community leaders, a suffragist, housemaids, and more. Don't miss it! The Museum is open 7 days a week, 10.00 – 16.00.

Below the building is a very popular cafe, where you can sit outside on the patio (weather permitting!) to enjoy a fabulous view across the cricket field in Fitz Park, and keep an eye on children/grandchildren in the nearby children's play area. A meeting room seating 40 is available for rent, and adjacent there is a small lobby area for displays.

Throughout the year on the first Thursday of the month at 1.00pm the Museum holds free lunchtime talks (30 minutes plus discussion) on a fascinating range of topics. And the Friends of the Museum arrange monthly evening talks through the winter on Wednesdays. Check the website for further details: [www.kmag.org.uk](http://www.kmag.org.uk) or ring 017687 73263. Finally, the Museum is always looking for more volunteers, to assist with research projects, to help organize the archives, respond to queries or help at reception – lots of opportunities and a great place to volunteer.

If you are already a member please get in touch with me. Editor.

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Cumbria County History Trust Victoria County History

The Cumbria VCH project, now in its seventh year, is making steady progress, and across the county there are volunteer researchers building up specialist knowledge of Cumbrian places in history. I have decided to include in each Bulletin a short profile of one such VCH volunteer both to recognise their contribution to local history and to encourage others to become a CCHT Volunteer:

Jane Penman of Martindale

My academic background is in Classics and Ancient History. I graduated from St Anne's College, Oxford, in 1971 in Literae Humaniores ("Greats") and spent several further years in Oxford researching for a D.Phil. in Hellenistic history. My thesis, on the historian Hieronymus of Cardia, was

subsequently published in the series Oxford Historical Monographs by the OUP. After a series of jobs as a research assistant and in university teaching I was appointed Head of Classics at Wycombe Abbey School and remained in this post till I retired in 2008. I then returned to the north, to live in the family home in Martindale, an upland valley on the east side of Ullswater.



I was delighted to hear of the VCH Cumbria project, which offered an opportunity to research the history of the place I live in with the guidance of a first class team of scholars. British history was a new field to me and one I have thoroughly enjoyed exploring. My knowledge of Latin has been an advantage in reading older documents, though palaeography remains a challenge. Currently I am working on the religious history of my township and on landownership. Discovering (from his

Will) the existence of a Martindale curate in the mid-16th century, 70 years earlier than the first curate previously known, also (from a sketch in Thomas Machell's marginalia) that our 17th church originally had a quite different configuration, were exciting moments. A longer term task is the matching of medieval land charters to archaeology on the ground to form a picture of land tenure in Martindale over the past millenium – a painstaking jig-saw puzzle which constantly absorbs, frustrates and rewards me. Contact with skilled archaeologists has been yet another enlightening new experience.

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## BALH Local History News acknowledges the new CLHF Website

An overhaul and re-design of the website of Cumbria Local History Federation has recently been completed. The results went live on Tuesday 12 September 2017 and can be seen at [www.clhf.org.uk](http://www.clhf.org.uk) The well-illustrated site contains full details of the Federation and its member groups. In addition to an archive of its thrice-yearly *Bulletins*, there is the latest edition of its Directory of Speakers, Walks/Tours & Research Assistance and an Events Diary. There is also a Guide to the other organisations which have a major county-wide role in local history, together with a comprehensive list of links to on-line resources and organisations supportive of local historians in Cumbria.

## Events Diary 2017/18

Please see [www.clhf.org.uk](http://www.clhf.org.uk) for member group contacts and further event dates.

### January 2018

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Friends of Keswick Museum<br>The Derwentwater Disaster of 1898                                | Crosthwaite Parish Room, Keswick<br>Ray Greenhow                  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Kendal Historical & Archaeological Society<br>The Rise and Fall of the Northumberland Kingdom | Shakespeare Centre, Yard 76, Kendal<br>Fiona Edmonds              |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Cartmel Fell & District LHS<br>Jonas Barber, Clockmaker                                       | Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell<br>Tim Sykes                            |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | CWAAS Penrith Group<br>AGM                                                                    | Friends Meeting House, Penrith                                    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | North Lonsdale HS<br>From Clay to Shale                                                       | Methodist Church, Ulverston<br>U3A Furness project on brickmaking |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Staveley & District HS<br>How to study the history of your house                              | Staveley School<br>Rob David                                      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Kirkoswald & Renwick HG<br>The Pilgrimage of Grace                                            | Methodist Chapel, Renwick<br>Dick O'Brien                         |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Lorton & Derwent Fells LHS<br>The Derwentwater Disaster                                       | Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton<br>Ray Greenhow                        |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Holme & District LHS<br>Railways and the growth of Arnside                                    | Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall<br>Dr Stephen Caunce               |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Upper Eden History Society<br>Musical Evening for Candlemass                                  | Kirby Stephen Grammar School<br>Catharine Ashcroft and others     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Friends of the Helena Thompson Museum<br>Morton Sundour and Solway Dyes                       | Workington<br>John Hudson                                         |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Sedbergh & District HS<br>How Water Shaped Kendal                                             | Settlebeck School<br>Geoff Brambles                               |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Levens Local History Group<br>Science Superstition & Sorcery                                  | Levens Village Institute<br>Ian Hodgkinson                        |

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| 19 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS Carlisle<br>The Stainton West site and its importance             | 7.15 Tullie House<br>Fraser Brown                     |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | South West Cumbria Hist. & Arch. Soc<br>The Ancient Woodland of Cumbria | 2-4 pm Egremont Market Hall<br>Forester Edward Mills  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Shap LHS<br>The Shap Stones                                             | Memorial Hall, Shap<br>Patrick Neaves                 |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Duddon Valley LHG<br>Broughton Soldiers in the Great War 1917           | Victory Hall, Broughton in Furness<br>Peter Greenwood |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Mourholme LHS<br>Cumbrian Stone Circles                                 | Yealand Village Hall<br>Tom Clare                     |

## February 2018

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Warwick Bridge LHG<br>Cumwhitton Moss                                                                                    | Corby Hill Methodist Chapel.<br>David Park            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Cartmel Peninsula LHS<br>For Tortola: Quakers, Lonsdale merchants<br>and West Indies 1750-1850.                          | Village Hall, Cartmel<br>Mike Winstanley              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Kendal Historical & Archaeological Society<br>The History of Coniston Copper Mines                                       | Shakespeare Centre, Yard 76, Kendal<br>Warren Allison |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Sedbergh & District HS<br>The History of Holme Mills                                                                     | Settlebeck School<br>Geoff Page                       |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS Penrith Group<br>Outside the Law'. Crime and Policing in the<br>Victorian North West                               | 2pm Friends Meeting House, Penrith<br>Mike Winstanley |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Cartmel Fell & District LHS<br>Watermill History                                                                         | Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell<br>Charles Rowntree         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Kirkoswald & Renwick HG<br>Droving in Cumbria                                                                            | Methodist Chapel, Renwick<br>Peter Roebuck            |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Staveley & District HS<br>Liverpool Cowcatchers                                                                          | Staveley School<br>David Joy                          |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | North Lonsdale HS<br>Having fun in Cumbria                                                                               | Methodist Church, Ulverston<br>Bill Myers             |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Levens Local History Group<br>Over Sands to the Lakes; Journeys over<br>Morecambe Bay before & after the Age of<br>Steam | Levens Village Institute<br>Dr Christopher Donaldson  |

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| 16 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS Carlisle<br>A 17th Century Time Capsule                                                            | 7.15 Tullie House<br>Chris Craghill                  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | South West Cumbria Hist. & Arch. Soc.<br>The Archaeology of Duddon Valley<br>Longhouses                  | 2-4 pm Egremont Market Hall<br>Stephe Cove           |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Upper Eden History Society<br>The History of Cross Keys and it's Quaker<br>connection                    | Kirby Stephen Grammar School.<br>Alan Clowes         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Holme & District LHS<br>AGM – followed by The Barony of Kendal –<br>from Border Wars to the 21st Century | Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall<br>Barbara Blatchford |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Friends of the Helena Thompson Museum<br>A Museum Miscellany                                             | Workington<br>The Pats                               |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Sedbergh & District HS<br>St Helena – a final voyage?                                                    | Dent Memorial Hall<br>Mike Beecroft                  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Shap LHS<br>From the Romans to the Restoration                                                           | Memorial Hall, Shap<br>Jean Jackson                  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Mourholme LHS<br>Fishermen on Morecambe Bay                                                              | Yealand Village Hall<br>Michelle Cooper              |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Duddon Valley LHG<br>Jack Kitchen –The Windermere Inventor                                               | Victory Hall, Broughton in Furness<br>Diana Matthews |

## March 2018

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Cartmel Peninsula LHS<br>300 years of schooling in Satterthwaite and<br>Rusland.                                          | Village Hall, Cartmel<br>Dr Suzanne Tiplady          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Kendal Historical & Archaeological Society<br>Worlds in Transformation; Celtic Art &<br>Roman Conquest in Central Britain | Shakespeare Centre, Yard 76, Kendal<br>Hunter Fraser |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Sedbergh & District HS<br>Discovering a landscape of industry                                                             | Settlebeck School<br>Andrew Lowe                     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Lorton & Derwent Fells LHS<br>The Great War, Ambleside's Story                                                            | Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton<br>Judith Shingler        |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS Penrith Group<br>The Oral History of Cumbria                                                                        | Friends Meeting House, Penrith<br>Elizabeth Roberts  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Cartmel Fell & District LHS<br>Stone Circles and Burial Mounds                                                            | Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell<br>Dr Tom Clare            |

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| 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Staveley & District HS<br>The Lakes through Victorian Slides                                         | Staveley School<br>Ian Jones                        |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>  | North Lonsdale HS<br>Millom, several years of history                                                | Methodist Church, Ulverston<br>Dave Kelly           |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Kirkoswald & Renwick HG<br>Re-enactment of 19 <sup>th</sup> C Poacher trial (using trial transcript) | Methodist Chapel, Renwick<br>TBA                    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Levens Local History Group<br>A Trip to Switzerland in 1916; A little known aspect of WW1            | Levens Village Institute<br>Tony Foster             |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Orton & Tebay LHS<br>James Bland Sheep Farmer                                                        | Orton/Tebay<br>John Sharpe                          |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>  | CWAAS Carlisle<br>The Galloway Viking Hoard                                                          | 7.15 Tullie House<br>Andrew Nicholson               |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>  | South West Cumbria Hist. & Arch. Soc<br>The Early Maps of Cumbria                                    | 2-4 pm Egremont Market Hall<br>Dr Bill Shannon      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Holme & District LHS<br>St Kilda – A Social History                                                  | Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall<br>Steve Halliwell   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Upper Eden History Society<br>The Mining & use of Gypsum in the Eden Valley                          | Kirby Stephen Grammar School<br>Graham Brooks       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Friends of the Helena Thompson Museum<br>Wainwright's Coast to Coast Walk                            | Workington<br>Norman Godfrey                        |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Sedbergh & District HS<br>From Iron Age track to motorway; Two thousand years through the Lune Gorge | Settlebeck School<br>Graham Hooley                  |
| 26 <sup>TH</sup>  | Shap LHS<br>The Shap Fell Road                                                                       | Memorial Hall, Shap<br>Liz Amos                     |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>  | Duddon Valley LHG<br>Settlement and Field Names in Finsthwaite                                       | Victory Hall, Broughton in Furness<br>Sophia Martin |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>  | Mourholme LHS<br>The Arthurian Legend in Lancashire and Beyond.                                      | Yealand Village Hall<br>Dr Andrew Breeze            |
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| 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Warwick Bridge LHG<br>The Quintinshill Disater                                                       | Corby Hill Methodist Chapel<br>Stephen White        |

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| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Cartmel Peninsula LHS<br>If God Permits: Myths and Realities behind the Stagecoach Era               | Village Hall, Cartmel<br>Mike and Kate Lea           |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Cartmel Fell & District LHS<br>Any Old Iron: Fingerposts and Foundries in Cumbria                    | Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell 8pm<br>Mike and Kate Lea   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Kendal Historical & Archaeological Society<br>AGM & Guarding the Pass: Low Borrowdale in Tebay Gorge | Shakespeare Centre, Yard 76, Kendal<br>Graham Hooley |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Staveley & District HS<br>AGM & Members Evening                                                      | Staveley School                                      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | North Lonsdale HS<br>The Harringtons of Gleaston Castle                                              | Methodist Church, Ulverston<br>Isabel Sneesby        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Kirkoswald & Renwick HG<br>Pagans, Ranters, Quakers and other Dissenters on Alston Moor              | Methodist Chapel, Renwick<br>Alastair Robertson      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Cumbria Family History Society                                                                       | One Day Conference at Seascale                       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Holme & District LHS<br>The Cumbria Monastries                                                       | Burton in Kendal Memorial Hall<br>Harry Hawkins      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Upper Eden History Society<br>AGM & Evolution of Commercial Barnard Castle                           | Kirby Stephen Grammar School<br>Carl Dougherty       |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Friends of the Helena Thompson Museum<br>Boggles of Cumbria                                          | Workington<br>Alan Cleaver & Lesley Park             |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Levens Local History Group<br>The Boundaries of Beetham                                              | Levens Village Institute<br>Peter Standing           |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Orton & Tebay LHS<br>A Horrible History of Cumbria Railways                                          | Orton/Tebay<br>Bill Myers                            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | CWAAS Carlisle<br>The Penrith Workhouses and their connections.                                      | 7.15 Tullie House<br>Peter Lewis                     |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Shap LHS<br>Smoke over Shap                                                                          | Memorial Hall, Shap<br>Jean Scott-Smith              |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Duddon Valley LHG<br>Unearthing the Past                                                             | Victory Hall, Broughton in Furness<br>Stuart Flett   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Mourholme LHS<br>AGM followed by 'If God Permits; Myths and Realities behind the Stagecoach Era'.    | Yealand Village Hall<br>Dr Stephen Counce            |

## Editor's Final Thoughts.

Thank you for reading this far! If you have enjoyed this edition of the Bulletin but have not yet contributed please think about doing so. (What I really mean is that whether or not you enjoyed reading this issue please send me a contribution or comment on anything of interest by the end of January 2018). For instance, let me know if you or your Society or Group did anything remotely historical to celebrate Christmas?

Also please send me some historical images for the Bulletin front cover. One member commented that they liked to see an image on the front cover. I just hope that they did not mean they looked no further! If I do not receive any images my previous "threat" to publish one from my own collection may have to be implemented. Here is an example: The Pinfold at Deanscales.



Please have a good Christmas and New Year.

Nigel Mills, Editor.

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