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Chairman's Chat.

The recent spell of glorious weather prompts thoughts about the impact of climate on history. The great threat to local communities before modern times was harvest failure. Crisis mortality rates were often the result, not just of outbreaks of deadly disease; and the two sometimes combined. Cattle droving was fundamentally affected by climate, only getting underway sometime from mid-April once grass growth removed the need to use hay as fodder. Bees have rarely had such a good start as this year to their foraging season, reminding us of the significance of honey as the major sweetener before sugar became widely used. Cane sugar was first grown by the Portuguese in Brazil during the 16th century but entered the British market from the Caribbean only from 1650. Not until well beyond 1700 was it cheap enough to rival honey. The numerous bee boles and other shelters for straw skeps (hives) in Cumbria pay tribute to the care with which bees were kept. Beekeeping was no mere pastime but an activity of considerable economic significance. Other examples abound. (*See image below*)

The first of our planned museum visits – to the Ruskin Museum in Coniston – was blessed with good weather. There are two others for you to join, if you wish, before year-end: to the Dent Heritage Centre & Museum on 18 September, and the Helena Thompson Museum in Workington on 13 December. We now also have a date (Tuesday 22 January 2019) for the first of our guided library visits, to the Central Library in Carlisle with Stephen White. All bookings to Liz Kerrey at membership@clhf.org.uk (07452 972206). I am glad to report that, as you will see below, our endeavours with the Cumbria Archive Service are promising: continue to watch this space.

We are beginning to gear up for this year's Convention: 'The V.C.H. Cumbria: Studies in Local History', which will be held in The Village Hall, Newbiggin, Stainton CA11 0HT on Saturday 6 October. There is plenty of free parking at this venue, which is just off Jt. 40 on the M6. Copies of the booking form have been circulated and are available on the website. Bookings to Liz Kerrey. A revised Constitution will be submitted to the

AGM: this is designed to strengthen our organisation and underpin an application for charitable status. Modest increases in our rates of subscription will be proposed in support of our efforts to diversify our services.

I hope your programmes of speakers, now no doubt in full swing, are proving very successful. I look forward to seeing many of you in October, if not before.

Peter Roebuck, Chairman, CLHF



Bee boles at High Hesket – Fiona Roebuck

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## CLHF Members News.

### **Introducing..... Holme & District Local History Society.**

Founded in 1979 by a group that had previously attended Adult educational classes, the Society meets in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal. We cover the area of Burton, Holme, Beetham, Hutton Roof, Lupton, Preston Patrick, Heversham, and Milnthorpe

The Society has approximately 60 members and we have archives for Burton-in-Kendal, Holme and Beetham; members on request can access these archives. The Holme archivist has researched the families of Holme,

extracts from the Westmorland Gazette in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, soldiers who served in World War 1 and the burial ground of names of the people on the church gravestones (Lives beneath our Feet).

In Burton the archivist has an extensive collection of photographs and documents on Burton and District. He has also produced books of old photographs and one on the Soldiers of WW1. Burton was lucky because there were photographs of most of soldiers that went to War there being three photographers resident in the village.



Beetham is a smaller collection with research into the families and buildings of the 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries in the area and also a book on World War 1 soldiers

The society meets each month on the third Monday at 7.30pm in Burton Memorial Hall, from September to April, with a variety of talks on topics of historical interest. There are outdoor visits to places of interests in the months May to September plus an annual trip in the summer.

### **Cumbria Railways Association - Railways and Cumbria**

I am sure that many readers of the CLHF Bulletin are aware of the Cumbrian Railways Association, the county's railway history group. But perhaps what is not known is that they are keen to publish the results of research work, whatever the source. I'm sure also that there are a number of local history groups in the Federation with members that are interested in the railways of their given area. As Editor of the Journal of the CRA, *Cumbrian Railways*, I am always happy to hear from groups outside the Association that are undertaking research projects with a view to making their work known to a wider audience.



If you are working on anything that you think might be of interest, please get in touch with me at [editor@cumbrianrailways.org.uk](mailto:editor@cumbrianrailways.org.uk). Well-researched and worked-up articles will add to the important record of railway history in Cumbria.

Mike Peascod, Editor, *Cumbrian Railways*.

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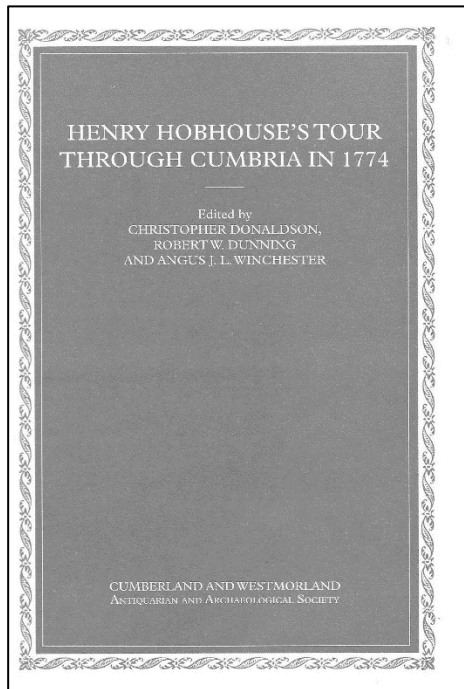
Local History Publications – submitted by CLHF Members

Henry Hobhouse's Tour through Cumbria in 1774, edited by Christopher Donaldson, Robert W Dunning, and Angus J L Winchester. Tract 27, Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society, 2018 £10.

This book packs a wealth of useful information into its 61 pages and, as the preface notes, is a “serendipitous collaboration” between the editors. Combining their various strengths has resulted in a fascinating account of Hobhouse's background, the Tour's place in travel literature, the transcription of the journal, and plentiful footnotes to illuminate details of the journey.

Hobhouse's journey pre-dated much of the rise in travel writing about the county, and he displays a great interest in “curiosities” – a term that includes natural phenomena, antiquities, manufacturing, and industrial workings – as well as the geology, landscape and

agriculture he observed. There is a map showing the route from Kirkby Lonsdale via Ambleside to Keswick, an excursion to Penrith, and his onward journey to Whitehaven, then via Maryport, and Allonby to

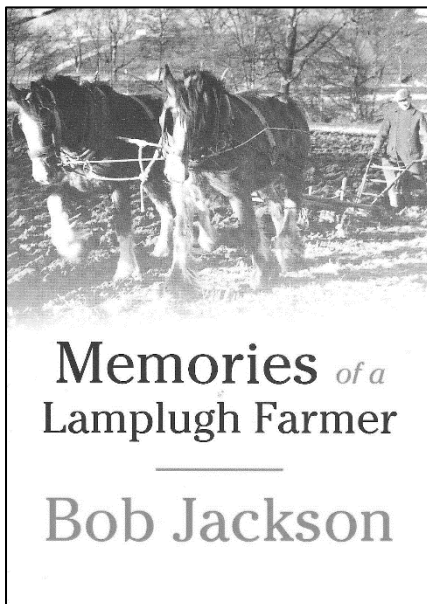


Carlisle. Hobhouse writes as interestingly of the romantic Lakeland scenery as he does of the west Cumberland pits and foundries, and clearly takes what we might now describe as an holistic view rather than that of a mere tourist. The book has a full bibliography and a useful index and is well worth its modest price.

Bob Jackson: Memories of a Lamplugh Farmer, published by Lamplugh & District Heritage Society, 2018. £7.00 plus £1.50 P & P.

These short pieces were originally written for the local parish newsletter, and the monthly notes between April 2013 and May 2017 have been collected into this little book. Seasonal observations and musings, snippets of country lore, and descriptions of life on the family farm in bygone days are interspersed with photographs old and new. The Jackson family originally farmed at Cropple How in Eskdale, moving to Scalesmoor at Lamplugh in 1946/7. Bob's description of the eight hour journey between the farms, with two horses and the plough in the cart, to get ahead with the autumn ploughing is matter of fact, but redolent of a way of life long gone. The 1930s image of the hay cart fording the Esk really caught my imagination, as did Bob's description of the well-set plough singing in the furrow. I found this a delightful book with much to interest those who enjoy glimpses of older country ways. It's a pity there are a few typographical and spelling errors, but there's nothing sufficient to spoil your enjoyment.

Jenni Lister



Other News from CLHF Members

Cumbrian Railways Association (CRA) 2018 AGM and Spring Meeting

Carus Green Golf Club at Kendal was the venue for the CRA Annual General meeting and Spring Conference on Saturday 17th March 2018. This was our third visit and once again it lived up to all expectations. However, outside the window the view of swirling snow showers reminded us that winter was not yet past!

The meeting was opened by Chairman, Philip Tuer, after which we had our first speaker of the day. David Spaven, well known author, railway consultant and campaigner. David presented a talk entitled "Battle for the Borders Railway – and Prospects for Extension."

Following this first talk our Chairman opened the Annual General Meeting. He passed through the various officers' reports, which had been previously circulated to members, all of which were accepted without challenge. All the six existing Trustees were standing for re-election and were re-elected unopposed. Additionally, member Barry Stephenson stood for election as an additional trustee and was duly elected.

The afternoon session began with CRA member Geoff Holme presenting his talk "Major Hext's Coniston Railway". This is not the main line railway branch from Foxfield but a 7 ¼" gauge garden railway built by the late Major Hext in the grounds of Holywath House at Coniston. Construction started in 1953. Extensions and additions continued throughout the years. Once a year the Major opened the railway to the public, all proceeds going to charity. In later years this event was discontinued owing to safety issues. Geoff showed us a short film containing a narrative by the Major himself, detailing how the idea for the railway came about and how it was put into practice. This was followed by Geoff showing a map of the railway and how it travelled ¼ of a mile through the sounds and displaying photographs of all the locomotives and rolling stock. Following the Major's death, the line was broken up and all its equipment and stock put up for sale by auction. This was a fascinating insight into a remarkable little railway.

Our third talk was by railway photographer, Peter Fitton. Peter has been taking photographs of railways since 1959 and has accumulated a huge number of images. Under the banner of "1960s Steam Images" He

showed us a selection of his photographs accompanied by an amusing, note free and entertaining talk. The sharpness and clarity of these shots, taken around fifty years ago, were superb. So ended another successful meeting.

Don Jary

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## Cumbria Vernacular Building Group

This is the perfect time of year to join the group, as subscriptions are due for renewal at the end of July, and anyone joining for the first time will get a full year of membership. See website for contacts. [www.cvbg.co.uk](http://www.cvbg.co.uk)

Forthcoming events from August to the end of the year are as follows -  
August 9<sup>th</sup>: Visit deserted settlements in Little Langdale, with Dr Helen Evans.

August 18<sup>th</sup>: Record a farmhouse near Millom, with Richard Wilson

September 13<sup>th</sup>: AGM and visit to Hutton in the Forest with Lord Inglewood.

October 13<sup>th</sup>: Appleby, in conjunction with the Heritage Action Zone project. Claire Jeffery and Adrian Bamford.

November Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>: Workshop. Ulverston. House plans, with June Hill and Dan Elsworth.

December 19<sup>th</sup>: Christmas lunch. Priests Mill, Caldbeck.

So far this year, we have visited record offices in Carlisle and Kendal; held a workshop on the development of doors and windows, in Troutbeck; had walking tours round Whitehaven and Askham, in April and June, been over the county border to Ryedale Folk Museum; and in July, saw Hutton John medieval hall and Dacre Castle and village, and had a hands-on day building with clay, at Canonbie, just into Scotland about two miles north of Longtown. Our members are happy to help with queries about buildings. We have several requests each year from owners of buildings, about their history and features. This year, several events have been organised by members. If you have a suggestion for a visit to a building, or a subject for a study day, please contact the group.

June Hill.

## **Cumbria Archive News.**

The two items which follow represent the first fruits of CLHF's discussions with the Cumbria Archive Service – see Chairman's Chat above.

### **Revealing the archives of the Musgrave of Edenhall family and estate**

Of the leading families in Cumbria over many centuries, besides the Lowthers, Earls of Lonsdale, and the Howards, Earls of Carlisle, one can single out the Musgraves, baronets of Edenhall, near Penrith. But whereas the Lowther and Naworth estates remain nowadays, in 1921 Sir Richard Musgrave sold most of the family estates in Cumbria, the mansion at Edenhall itself being demolished in 1934. The extensive archives of the Lowthers formed the first major accession to the Carlisle Record Office, on its opening at the Castle in 1963, with the archives of the Howards of Naworth being more recently transferred to the Carlisle Archive Centre from the University of Durham's Library; by contrast, the archives of the Musgraves have suffered loss and dispersal which has only been addressed in more recent years. Nowadays, through an initial major deposit by the then head of the family, and purchases subsequently made by the County Council and others, the Archive Service is fortunate to possess extensive Musgrave archives at both its Carlisle and Kendal Centres. Regrettably, a number of estate archives, including letters and vouchers, have come - and continue to come - on to the market in more recent years; fortunately at auction Penrith and Eden Museum was able to acquire Edenhall-related vouchers dating from 1728, Dr Petra Mitchinson was able to purchase a further large quantity of estate records advertised on e-bay, generously making them available to Carlisle Archive Centre, and in 2015 the Centre was able to make copies of further 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century estate papers which had been bought by a private individual at a book auction in Carlisle.

The Musgraves came eventually to own very extensive properties in both Cumberland and Westmorland, many of them straddling the line followed by the current A66. Besides the extensive records (including

court rolls and books) of the manors of Blackhall, Bleatarn, Crosby Garrett, Edenhall, Glassonby, Great and Little Musgrave, Hartley, Kirkby Stephen, Kirkoswald, Lazonby, Lupton, Staffield, and Soulby, there are deeds dating from the late 12<sup>th</sup> century onwards, and account books dating from 1678 – 1921. Surviving letters (and vouchers) illuminate the administration of the estate in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. In the correspondence between the successive Stewards, later Estate Agents (including Christopher Dobson, Steward for over 50 years from the 1730s) and the baronets, who spent much of their time at their London and Kempton Park properties, light is thrown on agricultural practice, industrial developments (particularly mining), local politics and the economy, and society in the North West. Taking a sample letter of June 1767, Dobson writes to Sir Philip Musgrave at Kempton Park on a wide variety of subjects. On the political front, Dobson notes that Sir James Lowther has been entertaining Penrith with a review of his militia but the cry at present is rather for the Duke [of Portland]; he hopes that Sir James has no great hopes for either the County or Carlisle. Ore is being raised on Musgrave's Birket estate, Dobson recording that he had sold about £40 worth of lead this year. On the agricultural front, Dobson reports that he had bought some Scotch heifers but complains of the lack of hands, the ploughman having left with a lad hired in his room at near £8/8/- p.a. On the social front, he reports on the marriage of Mr Heelis, Lord Thanet's Steward, a widower (whom he had met recently), to the eldest daughter of the Machells. Finally, he assures Sir Philip that there would be no problem should he decide at short notice to visit Edenhall, though noting that ale would be difficult to obtain; Penrith Brewery's ale was not fit to drink, though Carlisle Brewery's ale was tolerably good.

The dispersal of the archives – of any archives – has, by its nature, compromised the key archival principles of provenance (of grouping records by the body with which they originated) and original order (maintaining the records in the order their creator left them in). Though elements of the Musgrave archives have been listed, much remains to be

done to replace very summary descriptions of deposits by lists and make such lists available online, per CASCAT. Given the significance of the archives and the work that remains to be done to open them up to research, the Archive Service intends to submit a bid to 'Archives Revealed', the national cataloguing grants scheme administered by The National Archives, for a grant to employ an archivist to undertake this work. With the notable exception of our chairman, Professor Peter Roebuck, in his studies of cattle droving in Cumbria, few researchers have exploited these archives. If records are regarded like pieces in a jigsaw, to be fitted together before a picture begins to show, then the Musgrave jigsaw is more complicated to assemble than would have been the case if adherence to the principles of provenance and original order had been followed in respect of all its records, including those evidently left behind at Edenhall which have since found their way on to the market.

Adrian Allen

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Help Requested.

Carlisle Archive Centre is seeking volunteers to help with their collections and indirectly of course to help us with our research:

Volunteer Role: Jim Templeton of Carlisle Collection. *Jim Templeton (13 February 1920 – 27 November 2011) a fireman by trade, was a keen local historian, photographer and collector of photographic material. Carlisle Archive Centre holds some of his vast collection.*

The Jim Templeton of Carlisle Collection (collection reference: DX 416) spans more than a century, containing material from the mid-19th century to the early 21st which relates largely to Carlisle and its surroundings. The material includes original photographs, photograph albums, copy photographs, negatives and postcards. In addition there is a series of printed material and scrapbooks containing images of the city, its people, industries, events and activities. Much of the collection is unlisted or partially listed and there have been various attempts over the years to establish a full catalogue. It is our finest photographic collection and deserves recognition.

At present, access for researchers is limited and it is a priority for us to make the collection more widely available, whilst increasing its profile.

We are seeking a volunteer to undertake an overhaul of the collection, which would involve:

- *Establishing a new cataloguing scheme for the collection*
- *Re-cataloguing existing listed material (using a spreadsheet)*
- *Cataloguing unlisted material (using a spreadsheet)*
- *Wrapping, packing and labelling the collection*

The skills and knowledge we are looking for are as follows:

- *Good local knowledge (in order to identify locations and buildings)*
- *Experience of cataloguing work*
- *Ability to use an Excel spreadsheet*
- *Attention to detail*

The project would run on either Tuesday or Thursday and hours are flexible. An introduction to the collection and guidance will be given by Community Services Staff.

*For further details, please contact: Catherine Hinson, Carlisle Archive Centre, Lady Gillford's House, Petteril Bank Road, Harraby, Carlisle, CA1 3AJ
Tel: 01228 227285*

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**Tourism and the Railways.** The local railways in Cumbria saw the benefits of promoting services for the tourists wishing to visit the area. As well as special trains put on by the major national railways, the Furness Railway had its famous 'Twenty Tours' programme, offering the visitor the chance to take advantage of many areas using their rail and lake steamer services. These services were supplemented by road transport by coaches between the lakes and the railheads.

As a railway researcher, and one that is looking at the tourist traffic in detail, the railway side of things is relatively easy to follow up but my knowledge does not extend to how the coach traffic operated in conjunction with the railway.

I would be glad to hear from anyone that has made a study of the coach operators and their services, ranging from those that operated by the earlier horse-drawn carriages (Riggs of Windermere are one such operator) to the later motor Char-a-Bancs that superseded them.

The whole subject of how the tourists could get about the area is a fascinating one and a fuller appreciation of how the road traffic operated would make the study much more interesting. If anyone can help, I would be pleased to hear from them and they can contact me, Mike Peascod, at [editor@cumbrianrailways.org.uk](mailto:editor@cumbrianrailways.org.uk).

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Introducing CLHF Committee member – Graham Brooks

I was brought up on Teesside in the 60's and 70's surrounded by the heavy industry of steel, chemicals and ship building. I also walked the North York Moors looking at the remains of the iron and Alum mining industries and this stimulated from an early age an interest in the history of these industries. Following a science career I moved to North Cumbria in the early 1980s and rekindled my interest in industrial history and other historical subjects. I joined the Cumbria Industrial History Society at its foundation and have been an active member since serving on its committee for a long time and editing their publications. I have also served on the CWAAS Industrial Archaeology committee and have now joined the CLHF committee.

Over the years my research subjects have ranged widely through Gypsum mining, limekilns, brick making and upland coal mining. I have been drawn to the North Pennines and Eden valley as my main area of interest. I volunteer regularly at Nenthead Mines Conservation Trust helping with the maintenance of the site and doing guided walks to explain the history and features of this unique site. I am a great believer in people publishing their research no matter how small it may seem to them and try to encourage people to publish as they go. A lot of people feel they have to get ever possibly last fact before publishing and end up not doing it and their researches are then lost.

Graham Brooks

CLHF Museum Visits

Ruskin Museum, Coniston- Tuesday, 19 July, 2018

This was the first in our series of museum visits around Cumbria. The introduction to the Museum, its collections and the people represented there, by Vicky Slowe, the Director, showed us just how many notable and influential people were associated with Coniston and surrounding area. Apart from **John Ruskin** (1819 – 1900), a towering national figure who



was instrumental in founding the Museum, the main individual for our investigations, so many lives are represented in the artefacts on display. During our visit, work was in progress to install a display telling the story of the Coniston Copper Mines. Mining copper has been practised in Coniston area for centuries, but was developed by Queen Elizabeth 1 and Lord Burghley's company, The Mines Royal, founded in 1568. The man in charge was a German engineer, **Daniel Hochstetter**, (or Hechstetter), from Augsburg. Documents have been found and published (*) which contain lists of names of miners, expenses for travelling, for their household, items (bed sheets, candlesticks), and wages. **John Ruskin** himself came to live at Brantwood, on the opposite side of Coniston Water from the village, in his late years. While there, he promoted arts

and crafts, such as the Ruskin Lace and linen textile crafts, and influenced people like **Canon Rawnsley and Octavia Hill**, who formed the National Trust. The Ruskin gallery is filled with his possessions and his art work – paintings of rocks, plants, scenery and architecture, as well as the numerous books he wrote, which changed the way society evolved in the nineteenth century. One striking exhibit is a letter he wrote to his father, when he was twelve years old. In immaculate handwriting, it is signed 'John Ruskin', showing a degree of formality unknown today. From his later years, personal items such as his socks and walking stick tell something of his life at Brantwood.

In museums throughout Cumbria there have been exhibitions celebrating the lives of significant women. At the Ruskin, it was **Elizabeth Smith**, (1776 – 1806), whose life was highlighted. She was from a family of girls, whose mother encouraged them to be adventurous. They lived for some time in Patterdale, and climbed mountains, when most women were either working until they dropped or indulging in “ladylike” pursuits such as embroidery and playing piano duets. She was a linguist and Blue Stocking. Ruskin referred to **W G Collingwood**, (1854 – 1932), his dear friend, as his Commander in Chief. It was Collingwood who helped Ruskin with his work, and eventually designed his grave memorial in the churchyard of St Andrew's in the village. Collingwood was a significant historian, antiquarian and artist, who explored the Viking era, the connections with Iceland, and worked with the CWAAS. His son, Robin, also made a name for himself as a philosopher, historian and archaeologist.

A whole gallery in the Museum is devoted to the life and death of **Donald Campbell**, (1921 – 1967), and the attempts to beat the world speed record on water. He remains the only person to hold both land and water speed records. He lived, of course, into the present period, so that film is available to supplement displays. His last boat, Bluebird, has been conserved and put on display here. (see image)

Members of CLHF were free to explore the Museum, with this background, especially the many facets of Ruskin's life. In and around Coniston there is much to see, such as Ruskin's grave, the parish church, and his home at Brantwood. The steam yacht 'Gondola' is a restored boat from the nineteenth century, and is now operated by the National Trust. A free leaflet, 'Walking in the Footsteps of Ruskin' is available from the Museum. We hope that CLHF members will support these visits to

Cumbria's museums. They are rich in every aspect of local history.

The next visit is to Dent Heritage Centre and Dentdale, on Tuesday 18 September, 2.00 – 4.00 pm. Dr Alan Smith will talk on the life of Alexander Fothergill, the 'Father of English Geology', born and educated in Dent and Cambridge. Notes for exploring the dale will be given to attenders. To book, contact Liz Kerrey e-mail: membership@clhf.org.uk

June Hill

* Ref. G Hammersley, Daniel Hochstetter the Younger, Memorabilia and Letters, 1600 – 1639, Copper Works and Mines in Cumbria. Frank Steiner, Weisbaden, 1988.

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## Cumbria County History Trust - Victoria County History

This is the third short piece from a volunteer researcher that I am including in the Bulletin to recognise their contribution to local history and to encourage others to become a CCHT Volunteer.

**Ruth Lawley of Croglin.** Croglin has been our family home for nearly forty years. My work as an Obstetrician in Carlisle and four children left little time to explore the history of Croglin Parish. My partner's business, 'Croglin Toys' ensures we have a place in Croglin's history. Now as a novice historian a new more detailed world is opening up which enriches our lives.

Through Kirkoswald and Renwick History society I met Richard Brockington who has encouraged me to participate in the VCH project. A fast learning curve requiring much background reading. I



am becoming familiar with available resources online and at the archive

centres in Carlisle and Whitehaven, and have attended VCH drafters meetings and a Palaeography course at Arnside.

Croglin may be small with an estimated population peak of 345 in 1688 and its location on the East Fellside dictates that it has forever been remote from major centres. However, the river Croglin gave it a mill dating back to at least the 12<sup>th</sup> century and the churchyard has a tombstone to Robert de Chalize, Bishop of Carlisle d. 1278. The first Lord of the manor was Phillip Hastings who was given the parish by Richard II for services rendered in the Crusades. From then it passed through marriage to the colourful Wharton family with whom it remained until 1739, when it passed to the Earl of Somerset. Croglin had an endowed school from 1723 and includes amongst the alumni Dr John Leake, founder of Westminster Lying Hospital, one of the first maternity hospitals in the UK. This is of personal interest as I have spent the last 7 years supporting the Ethiopian Ministry of Health to strengthen their services, which includes establishment of many more maternity units.

## Victoria County History - Update

It is now certain that the combined article 'Kirkoswald and Renwick', which will deal with the history of the whole of the modern day parish of Kirkoswald, will be published later this year as a 'VCH Short' by the Head Office of the VCH project at London University. The book will be based on my research and my three draft township articles posted on the CCHT website, and will be published in my name and that of Sarah Rose, assistant editor of VCH Cumbria. In it I acknowledge the considerable help given by many of Cumbria's specialist historians, and by very many of the people who live in the parish of Kirkoswald. It will be in a real sense a community achievement, as well as the first printed VCH material about the Lake Counties/Cumbria, and the most northern publication of VCH England so far.

The number of Cumbrian townships under research, and the number of volunteers involved, continues to increase - but we are still, as a Federation, without any proposal from one of our societies to create a team to study and write about their own area

for the VCH. Our Convention in October will be an occasion to think about future developments - perhaps in new ways which will encourage more people to participate for the pleasure of being involved in high quality research. There is no pressure however, and nobody is expected to embark upon something which they do not want to do: 'volunteer' after all means a person who wants to do something to help, and as always work is done best by those who want to do it. But if you enjoy historical research, it's a tremendous opportunity.

We have now said farewell to James Bowen who filled in for Sarah Rose during her maternity leave: it was not an easy assignment for him, and we were fortunate to have James' help during the last twelve months. Sarah is now back at her desk, and that's very good news too.

Richard Brockington

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CLHF - Proposed new Constitution

Your Committee are looking at ways of translating the Federation into a charitable organisation and a revised draft constitution will be published on the Federation website in the next 3 weeks. All members and member societies are asked to give this careful thought and to raise any issues with Peter Roebuck well in advance of the AGM - in the hope that it will not be necessary to have a prolonged debate at the AGM itself.

CONVENTION: Details of the day, booking form and information about the Speakers is all on the website. Booking via the website or membership@clhf.org.uk. Get in now before the summer rush!

WEBSITE: Don't forget that you can send me your annual program details for inclusion on the website Events Diary- and if any of you have a report and/or photos from a stimulating talk or site visit, do let me have them to promote you on our forthcoming website NEWS page!!

Liz Kerrey

Funding for Local History Societies.

Treasurer or Money Launderer?

Congratulations or commiserations on your election as the Treasurer of your Local History Society. Is it a new challenge or an addition on to your other duties?

Having collected subscriptions, visitors' fees and paid the Speaker's expenses, found the cheque book, paying in book and the bank statements file, you head for a branch of a dwindling number of local branches of the big banks to deposit a meagre sum. You advise the bank of your new appointment and very efficiently numerous forms are produced. You are advised that you must complete the forms, produce a copy of the constitution of the local society, a copy of the Minute duly signed confirming your new appointment together with many forms of personal identity. The forms have to be sent to a distant department in another part of the country.

The object of this department is to convince the world that you are not just looking after the finances of the local history society, but are in fact a money laundering operation that threatens the stability of the pound, dollar, euro and yen and even the Zambian kwacha. Needless to say despite the best efforts of the local branch, the forms have been changed and your efforts have to be repeated.

On behalf of my fellow Treasurers can the Bank of England Monetary Advisory Committee and the big banks not appreciate that we are busy people volunteering to look after the finances of our many local societies. The local branches work hard to help us and are very patient, but often seem in awe of this department.

Could the local branches not be trusted to handles these changes?

John Poland, Treasurer, CLHF

General Data Protection Regulations

Here are some basic tips: Storing information about your members: Only keep essential information about your members (for instance, name and postal address, email address, and telephone number) - and be able to justify why you have it!

Tell your members what information you hold on them, why you hold it, and ensure you have their consent for their details to be kept. Be able to give an assurance that their details will be kept private and **not passed to any other group or used for any other purpose**. This can be updated annually at subscription time.

Make sure you have similar consent from new members as they join.

Keep members' information in files that are securely locked away or on a password protected computer. A USB stick is not acceptable unless password protected!

Remember to delete contact details of members who have left - now is the time for that clear-out!

Day-to-day use. Most vitally - **never** pass one person's contact details (whether phone, address or email) to another unless you have their explicit permission.

NB. Group emails must **ALWAYS** be sent '**BCC**'. It's no longer acceptable to send out emails revealing a long list of email addresses!
Liz Kerrey.

Useful Websites

Recording Morecambe Bay. The Morecambe Bay Partnership has developed an interesting and informative website with the help of local groups and societies that will be of interest to our readers especially those in south Cumbria. The website address is <https://recordingmorecambebay.org.uk>

Heritage Open Days for 2018. This website lists over 5000 events and for the September Heritage Open days in 2018 and describes these events as

“your chance to see hidden places and try new experiences”. For example David Robson has advised me that The Newland Furnace near Ulverston will be open on 8th, 9th, 15th and 16th September this year.
*Please send me a few words for the next Bulletin about the heritage open days you visit. Did **you** see hidden places and try new experiences? Ed.*

Regional Heritage Centre, Lancaster University. This website offers opportunities and events which may be of interest and you can subscribe to an e-newsletter to ensure you do not miss any events.

<http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/users/rhc/index.php>

Events Diary 2018

Please see www.clhf.org.uk for contacts and further event dates.

September 2018

6 th	Cartmel Peninsula LHS Archaeology Projects around Morecambe Bay	Village Hall, Cartmel Louise Martin
10 th	Cartmel Fell & District LHS The Packhorse Trade, its Routes and Bridges	Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell 8pm Margaret Dickinson
13 th	Lorton & Derwent Fells LHS “Breaking up is hard to do”	Yew Tree Hall High Lorton Dr Alan Crosby
17 th	Holme & District LHS Man & Limestone	Burton Memorial Hall Dr Peter Standing
18 th	Friends of the Helena Thompson Museum Cumbria On The Edge	Workington David & Mandy Thomason
19 th	Ravenstonedale PHG Cattle Droving Through Cumbria 1600 - 1900	Community and Heritage Centre Peter Roebuck
20 TH	Levens Local History Group Hubert at the Front – The WW1 Experiences of Sgt Hubert Simpson RAMC	Levens Village Institute Margaret Owen
20 th	Orton & Tebay LHS Agriculture in Cumbria WW1	Orton/Tebay Richard Preston
20 th	Askam & Ireleth LHG Memories & Memorabilia Night	Duddon Rd Church, Askam
24 th	Shap LHG The Border Reivers	Memorial Hall, Shap Christopher Robson

25 th	Duddon Valley LHG A History of Mining in the LDNP	The Victory Hall, Broughton Mark Hatton
28 th	Barrow in Furness Civic & HS Heath's - A Family Business	Trinity Church Centre, Barrow Philip Heath

October 2018

3 rd	Sedbergh & District HS The strange decline of the Cumbria Statesman	Settlebeck School Chris Craghill
3 rd	Friends of Keswick Museum Orkney: the Ness of Brodgar	Crosthwaite Parish Room, Keswick Bruce Bennison
4 th	Cartmel Peninsula LHS Great Grandad's Army	Village Hall, Cartmel Kevin Grice
8 th	Cartmel Fell & District LHS Riders of Renwick – Life on a Hostile Frontier 1500-1600	Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell 7.30pm Richard Brockington
15 th	Holme & District LHS 17 TH Century Furniture of Cumbria	Burton Memorial Hall Frank Wood
16 th	Friends of the Helena Thompson Museum AGM & Slides "Problem Peeps"	Workington
17 th	Sedbergh & District HS Log Boats to Edwardian Steamboats	Dent Memorial Hall Diana Matthews
17 th	Ravenstonedale PHG No Labour, No Food, No War	Community and Heritage Centre Richard Preston
18 th	Levens Local History Group Heritage at Risk in Cumbria; Threats, solutions and successes.	Levens Village Institute Sarah Howard
18 th	Orton & Tebay LHS Cattle Droving Through Cumbria 1600-1900	Orton/Tebay Prof. Peter Roebuck
18 th	Askam & Ireleth LHG Tales from the Headlines	Duddon Rd Church, Askam Bill Myers
24 th	Shap LHG James Barker Bland 1854 - 1942	Memorial Hall, Shap John Sharpe
24 th	Duddon Valley LHG Great Grandad's Army	The Victory Hall, Broughton Jeremy Rowan-Robinson
26 th	Barrow-in-Furness Civic & LHS The Stories Behind The Stones – Ulverston Cemetery	Trinity Church Centre, Barrow Rod White

November 2018

7 th	Sedbergh & District HS The Yards of Kendal	Settlebeck School Trevor Hughes
7 th	Friends of Keswick Museum Thorneythwaite in Borrowdale	Crosthwaite Parish Room, Keswick Penny Webb or Tom Burditt
8 th	Lorton & Derwent Fells LHS TBC	Yew Tree Hall High Lorton
10 th	Cumbria Railway Association Autumn Meeting	TBC
12 th	Cartmel Fell & District LHS From Log Boats to Steam Launches in the Lake District	Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell 8.00pm Diana Matthews
15 th	Levens Local History Group The Lake District World Heritage Site	Levens Village Institute Jamie Lund
15 th	Askam & Ireleth LHG A Tour of Morecambe Bay	Duddon Rd Church, Askam Dr Jean Turnbull
17 th	Shap LHG Social Evening	Memorial Hall Booking essential
19 th	Holme & District LHS Old Silverdale	Burton Memorial Hall Rod Ireland
21 st	Ravenstonedale PHG Soldiers from Ravenstonedale	Community and Heritage Centre Val Fermer
21 st	Sedbergh & District HS A railway for Sedbergh	Settlebeck School Robert Western
30 th	Barrow in Furness Civic & HS Holidaying in the Lake District 40's and 50's	Trinity Church Centre, Barrow Dr Rob David

December 2018

5 th	Sedbergh & District HS Charity, The Poor Law and Workhouse	Settlebeck School Mike Winstanley
5 th	Friends of Keswick Museum Dining with the Lakeland Poets	Crosthwaite Parish Room, Keswick Ivan Day
10 th	Cartmel Fell & District LHS Holidays in the Lake District in the 40's and 50's.	Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell Rob David
17 th	Holme & District LHS My Life in the Gutter	Burton Memorial Hall Archie Workman

Final Thoughts. Instead of a homily from me I leave you with the following to ponder.

Naming of a new village?

It is proposed to build a new Garden Village south of Carlisle, currently referred to as St Cuthbert's Garden Village. It is expected to have 10,000 new homes together with supporting services. Although it has received Government support has the name been finalised?

Over the border in County Durham a new town was built in East Durham in 1947 to meet the housing needs of the many pit villages in that area. The new town was unique as the application to the Government came from the local people through their Member of Parliament. The name chosen by Durham County Council, who had a Labour majority, was Peterlee. Peter Lee was the first Labour Chairman of Durham County Council elected in 1919. He was well known as a local, national and international Trade Union Leader. He was President of the National Federation of British Miners and Chair of the International Miners Conference. He died in 1935. However his reputation lived on and 12 years later it was his name that was given to the new town in East Durham.

What consideration will the Labour majority on Carlisle City Council give to the name of the new village? Will the current Leader or former Leader's names be put forward?

What name would you put forward and why?

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