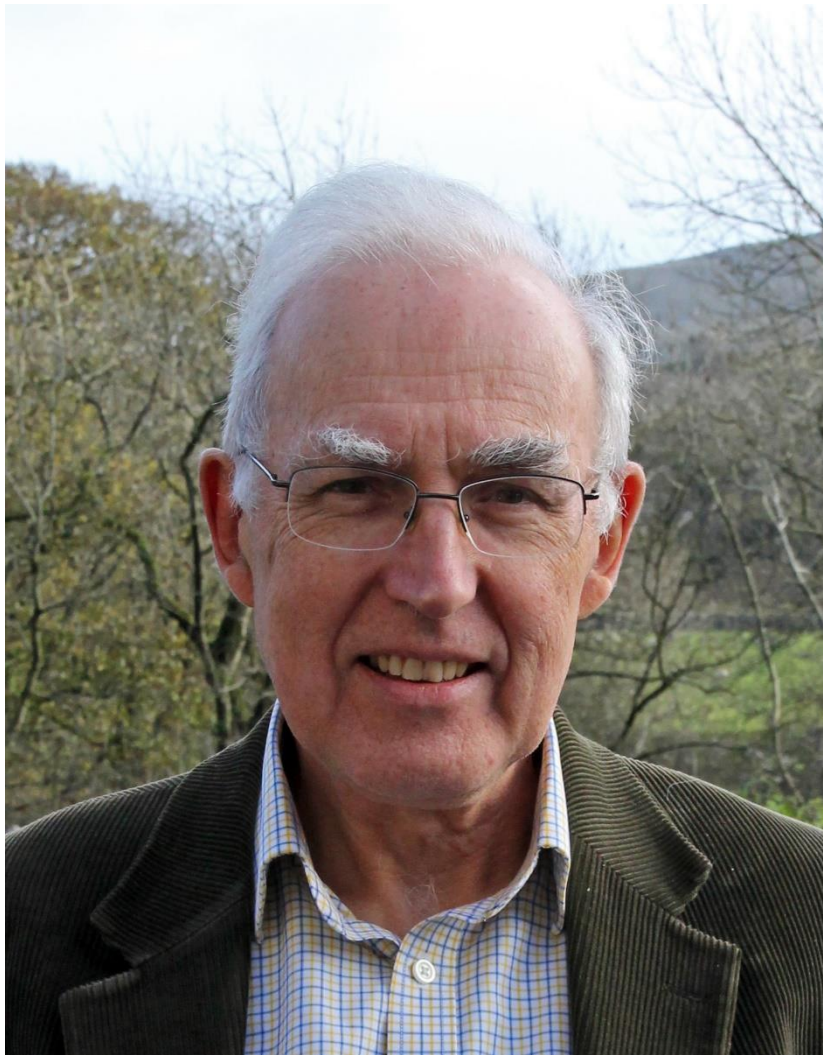


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## Our Speakers

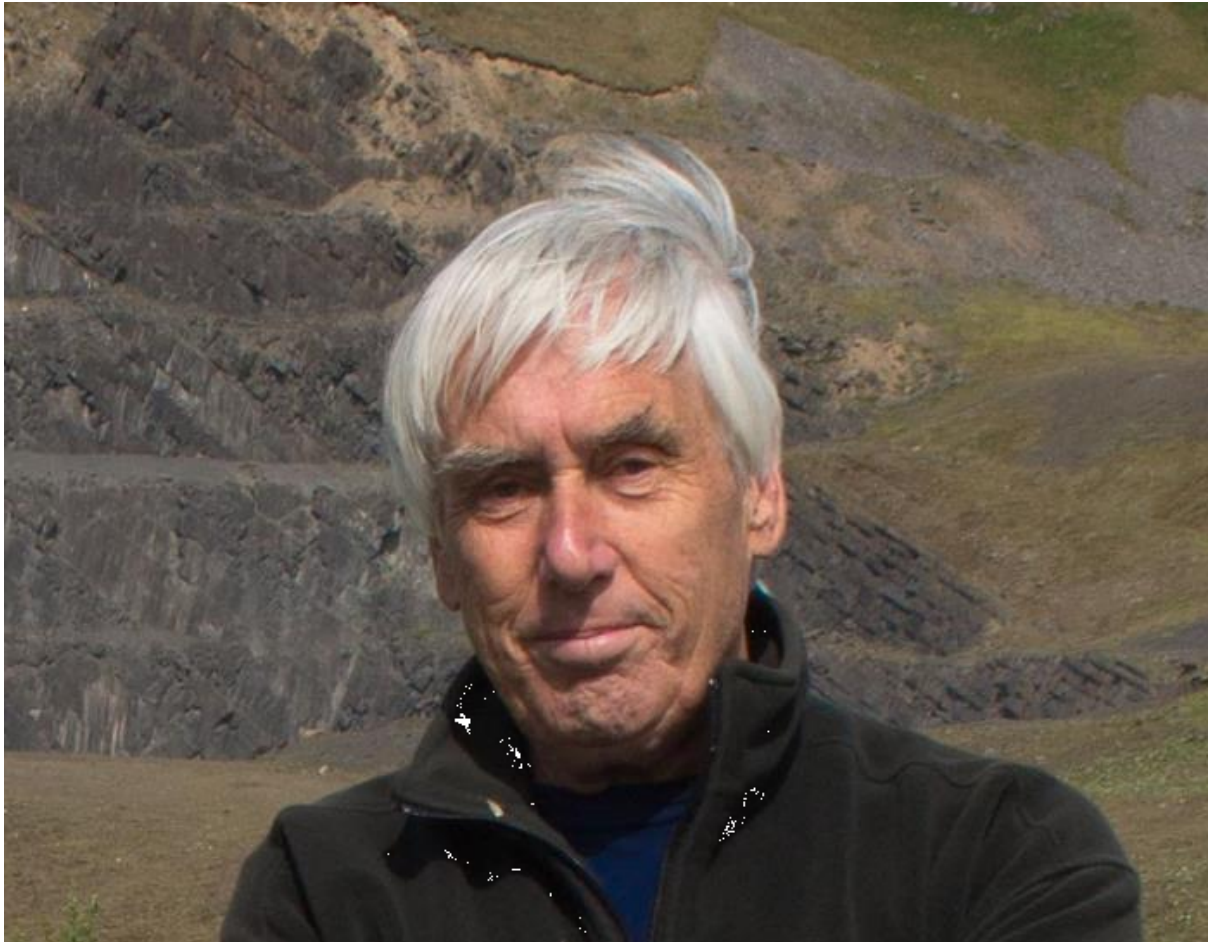


### Angus Winchester

**Angus Winchester** is Professor Emeritus at Lancaster University. He has longstanding research interests in agrarian history, especially in Cumbria, and has a particular interest in the history of common land. His books include *Landscape and Society in Medieval Cumbria* (1987), *The Harvest of the Hills: Rural Life in Northern England and the Scottish Borders, 1400-1700* (2000), *The Language of the Landscape: a Journey into Lake District History* (2019), and *Common Land in Britain: a history from the Middle Ages to the Present Day* (to be published September 2022).

### Talk summary

Angus will look at the changes in livestock farming within Cumbria from the medieval period into the early modern period. How and why these changes came about and the effects they had on the rural environment and economy.



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## David Johnson

David's initial training was as a geographer, with a specialism in historical geography, and a historian and his enduring passion for archaeology was fired by practical work on Palaeolithic sites in Central Africa as a young man. His more recent interests, as a landscape archaeologist, have focussed on vernacular uses of upland landscapes – lime burning and usage, agricultural improvement (the focus of his doctoral thesis), brickmaking, upland millstone production and the story that dry stone walls can tell.

His work has been published as a dozen or so books and in a number of peer-reviewed journals, including an account of quarrying in Cumbria and a history of agricultural improvement in the county. His latest book, on upland millstone production sites in the Pennines and North West England, is currently in press. He has been leading a research programme on early medieval settlement around Ingleborough since 2008. He was Chairman of the Ingleborough Archaeology Group for over 12 years, and is a regular speaker to local societies and an active field and landscape archaeologist



## Keith Cooper

When researching the history of a farmstead in the village of Great Asby, Keith came across a diary, kept for the year 1875, when one of the owners of the farmstead had been farming at Halligill, just north-west of the village. Using contemporary farming manuals and commentaries, contemporary newspapers, recollections of farming practices by a local retired farmer, as well as a wide range of secondary sources, Keith has attempted to provide some context for episodes of life on a mixed upland hill farm in Westmorland in 1875, The book - *A Year in the Life of Halligill: John Brunskill's Diary from 'deated some oats' to 'puling turnips'* - is available from all good bookshops in the county or, if you having a problem getting a copy, please contact [books@hayloft.eu](mailto:books@hayloft.eu) or see the [www.hayloft.eu](http://www.hayloft.eu) website.'

## **Three members of the Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society**

**Pat Rowland:** Following retirement as a Chartered Surveyor, Pat undertook a Lake District Studies course and was awarded an MA in 2011. The skills gained enabled her to expand her interest in Local History research which had started in 1990 researching Mary Winfield Lambert's family tree following the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of St Mary's Church and School at Allithwaite which Mary had endowed.

**Phil Rowland:** An Environmental Chemist with no interest in history before retirement, became interested in Local History research, coincidentally when St Mary's were celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, when we were asked to give a talk on the History of the Church. In addition to recording the History of Allithwaite, Phil is becoming increasingly interested in the agriculture of the Peninsula and enjoys collating data on the topic.

**Jennifer Gallagher:** After retirement from teaching, Jennifer became involved in the Duddon Valley Local History Group and National Trust project Ring-cairns to Reservoirs, involving landscape investigation, detailed documentary research and subsequently archaeological investigation of Pikehouse Farm and Longhouses.