

Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society

Founded in 1996 with the aim of promoting an interest in local history within the area

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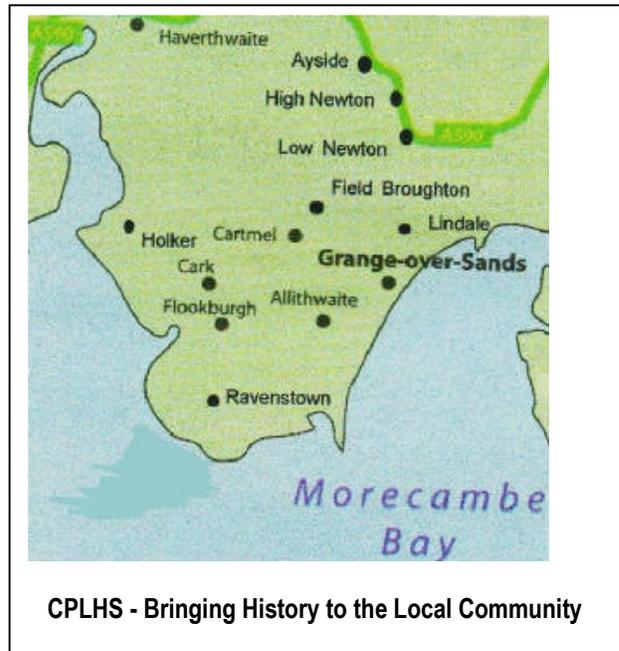
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Chairman's Message

Welcome to the first of our new style of Newsletter. As indicated in the last edition (January, 2018), the Newsletter in its previous form could not accommodate all the articles and material we now receive. This is a healthy sign of the enthusiasm of our members!

In future the Newsletter will be briefer, directing members to our website where research papers will be able to be read in full. We shall continue to feature news and access to reviews of past lectures as well as details of forthcoming lectures and visits – as you will see in the following pages.

Grateful thanks to Lyn Prescott for editing this issue and agreeing to do so for future editions.

We have reports of the two research meetings held earlier this year. These meetings are important, not only to facilitate individual research but to help all members to discover new insights into the history of our fascinating and beautiful part of Cumbria. Some members are unable to attend the meetings and the reports will, hopefully, enable them to see what can be offered, leaving them to ask for support and guidance which is always willingly provided.

The launch of our Archive will, I am sure, be welcomed by all.

We do hope that this new form of Newsletter will be well-received. Any comments will be welcomed, to any member of the Committee, please.

Reports

Research Meeting: William Field Logbook 15 February 2018

Present: Phil & Pat Rowland, Barbara Copeland, Margaret Brandon, Stuart Harling, Nigel Mills, Lyn Prescott, Catherine Bottomley, Sue Jones, Rose Clark, John & Robert Kerr.

Pat presented a background and progress report of the logbook project. Full notes are available on the CPLHS website (under Latest news or Resources). The Log Book has been transcribed and proof read and the transcription is now being finally corrected. If the original logbook is donated to the Cumbria Archives they require it to be conserved at a cost of approx. £180 (2013 estimate).

Currently the digitised document will only be available to those who attended the meeting, but in the future we plan to make it available to all members of the Society. A draft is available to the above via the Members Only Resources Page (password to be advised). In future, there will be a William Field page for the website.

The Kerrs showed some photos of the Field family. It is hoped that the individuals will be identified and the pictures made available for future publications. A family tree is also required.

Publication of the transcription was not thought viable because of the limited market but the resource provides a superb opportunity for research and publishing articles/booklets based on the research. Although we now own the copyright, John Kerr agreed to ask the family if they had any concerns over publishing material from the document.

The main interest appears to be in a series of themed booklets eg Family, Buildings, A year in the life, Church, Trade, Sports etc. Those present were asked to provide further feedback on how they plan to use the resource for their research. Pat will produce an index of the research she has carried out and share articles that she has written.

Research Meeting: Census Records 12 April 2018

CPLHS held a research meeting on 12 April 2018 in the supper room of Cartmel Village Hall. The main topic for the meeting was an illustrative talk on the use of the digitised census database. Phil Rowland showed the census records relating to Outerthwaite Farm. From the digitised spreadsheet the records were easily accessible in contrast to Findmypast where it is more difficult to extract information by location. The main strength of the resource is the ability to extract statistics and Phil presented data on the population and occupations in the Parish of Cartmel. The difficulty arises because there was no standard method for recording each occupation. To overcome this, Peter Roden, the architect of the project, has produced a standardised description for occupations. For examples, agricultural labourers are described 45 different ways! The other issue which has been addressed by Peter is the location of the property. Only an address is recorded in the census and he has allocated a village or area to each record. This enable me to present information on the main occupations of those residing in the village of Allithwaite. Members should contact Nigel Mills to receive a USB stick with this spreadsheet. The memory stick also contains the digitised 1939 register, a document archive (also demonstrated at the meeting), a photo archive and other resources at a modest cost. After the presentations, two members talked about their research.

The next research meeting will be held in the Cartmel Village Hall supper room on 29th November 2018 from 2:00-4:00pm. Members who are conducting research on Agriculture will give short presentations on topics such as Field names, Wyke, Speelbank and Outerthwaite Farms, Land improvement, short-horned cattle and pounds and Pinfolds. Do come along to support this event.

Phil Rowland

Visit: Old Hall Farm, Bouth

On 3rd May a group of seventeen members assembled at Old Hall Farm where we were greeted by Charlotte Sharpouse who gave us a history of the development of the Farm since its purchase by her, her husband, Alex, and his father, Mark. The farm now gives an authentic portrayal of how a traditional Lakeland farm would have been in times past.

It was fitting that our visit began with a demonstration of the use of two Shire horses in chain harrowing a field which it was proposed to plant with maize. Charlotte worked the horses, walking with them and giving them commands. One was more experienced than the other and it was fascinating to see them working together.

We then had a tour of the farm buildings, seeing the stables, the workshops, the steam engines, blacksmiths shop and the dairy and milking parlour. There is a wealth of steam engines - in which Alex is particularly interested. The farm experience is one that children can readily share as there is a play barn, pedal tractors and ample opportunity to meet and feed the animals.

The farmhouse has been renovated to retain many of its vernacular features and the old barns and the farm workers cottage can be seen.

Our visit concluded with refreshments in the Chicken Shed Tearoom where the cakes were a particular attraction.

Sadly, we were not blessed with the best of weather but a return visit was in the minds of most of us. An enjoyable visit full of interest and a true glimpse into the past.

Stuart Harling

News

CPLHS Archive Launch

We have just compiled and now make available to members our archive of documents, images, transcriptions of oral history interviews and other items of interest to researchers collected by the CPLHS over our 20 year history.

The following archives are in the first release:

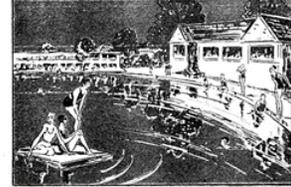
- 1. CPLHS Document Archive:** An excel spreadsheet with 119 documents listed and searchable. They are described primarily using village name and available on line as a pdf or hard copy on request. Work is still in progress to enlarge this database and provide more detail of each document in the spreadsheet.
- 2. CPLHS 2016 Anniversary Image Archive.** The images in this collection of 275 images from 2015/2016 were submitted by members to our Anniversary Year Competition. They represent the "Tapestry of Village Life" in the peninsula and the collection is still growing.
- 3. CPLHS Pre 2016 Image Archive.** This collection of 625 images contains donated images of photographs and postcards, **not all having copyright permission**, and form an historical collection invaluable to local history researchers interested in the Cartmel Peninsula.
- 4. CPLHS Grange Then Collection.** This is a collection of 2580 images collected by the CPLHS and the Grange Photographic Society in 2000 with additional images added since. **They are for reference purposes only but some real historical gems can be found in this collection.**

The planned additions to the archive include:

5. **Copies of 1848 OS maps.** Four zoomable maps of the Cartmel Peninsula. Added April 2018.
6. **The CPLHS Census Database.** An archive containing copies of original Enumerators sheets and an excel spreadsheet of all entries. Added April 2018.
7. **The 1939 Register.** An archive containing copies of the original register entries with redacted lines, and an excel spreadsheet of entries. Added April 2018.
8. **CPLHS Library Archive.** Books and publications held by CPLHS and available for use by members of CPLHS.
9. **CPLHS Oral History Archive.** List of interviews conducted by CPLHS and Cartmel Village Society and transcriptions. Recordings of interview are also available from CPLHS.

The archive is still very much “a work in progress” and is being added to regularly by members donations.

A recent donation by Peter le Mare is a pdf copy of the document *Souvenir Programme of the Grange Over Sands Bathing Pool Official Opening in 1932*. A fascinating read full of detail. If anyone has any documents of interest to lend to us for copying please get in touch.



GRANGE-OVER-SANDS
BATHING POOL
Official Opening
August 18th, 1932.
SOUVENIR 2d. PROGRAMME.

The Archive is available to members at a cost of £10 to cover the cost of a USB memory stick, will be updated free of charge as additions are made and is mainly comprised of Excel spreadsheets, pdf and jpg files. Please get in touch with me if you are interested, can add to the archive or want a copy. Nigel Mills nigelmillspp@gmail.com

Website

Lecture Summaries

Lecture summaries are published in Grange Now and on the website under lecture summaries.

New Research Articles

The new Newsletter format no longer includes research articles, however they are all available on the website. Since January 2018, twenty three articles have been added to the website. Topics include the William Field Log Book, William Marshall, Ridehalgh Family, Stockdale Family, house & farm histories, pub histories, flax, beeboles, buses, police and town development, so lots of interesting information. For the latest articles click the link and scroll down the page www.cartmel-peninsula-lhs.org.uk

Research – Agriculture and Farming

A reminder that the focus for this year’s research is agriculture and farming on the Cartmel Peninsula. Articles on Farm Histories and/or field names would be welcomed as there is very little written on these topics.

Research - can you help?

Parkers Motors in Grange

A plaque on a seat by The Prom Café led Bill Robinson, who is looking into the development of local bus services after WW1 in the then North Lancashire area, to contact us to ask if we had any information. I have carried out some research and written an article which will be on the society website soon. If you have any information or memories please contact me via the website. Pat Rowland



Lindale in the 1930s and 1940s

In March this year, Brenda Tyler, who lives in Shropshire, informed the society that she had been born in Ulverston in 1943 and that she had lived with her grandfather, Matthew Winder, at 3 Yew Tree Terrace in Lindale. Brenda's mother had worked at the Grand Hotel as a waitress in 1942 and 1943.

Brenda asked two questions:

- Did anyone remember a Fish and Chip shop in Lindale run by Matthew Winder and his daughter Elizabeth Winder in the 1930s or 1940s?
- Does anyone know anything about a bus accident on Lindale Hill during WW2 that killed soldiers? Were any munitions factories in the area in WW2?

Sylvia Woodhead, by asking local residents, discovered that one person remembered the Winders and that the Fish and Chip shop was next to the Mason's Arms and she forwarded photographs of Yew Tree Terrace and the Mason's Arms to Brenda Tyler. No-one could remember a bus accident that killed soldiers. Brenda was also informed that the nearest munitions factory was in Barrow in WW2.

If anyone reading this also remembers or knows about the Winder's Fish and Chip shop in Lindale or a bus crash involving soldiers in WW2 or even a closer munitions factory than the one in Barrow then please contact one of the committee members so Brenda can be informed. Barbara Copeland



Online Resources

Cumbria Past Website

Cumbriapast.com is the website of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society. The CWWAS articles from 1874 – 2016 can be searched online at https://cumbriapast.com/cgi-bin/cwaas/cp_main.pl?action=cp_transactions_content_search

Elizabeth Roberts Working Class Oral History Archive

The website for this archive of oral history recorded in Barrow, Lancaster and Preston in the 1970s and 1980s was launched on 19th May 2018 by the Regional Heritage Centre. There are limited transcriptions on the site at present but these will be added to over the next year. The transcriptions can be searched by location or subject. <http://www.regional-heritage-centre.org/>

Google Books

Several books about the Cartmel peninsula are included on Google Books. These include [The Annals of Cartmel by James Stockdale](#) 1872, [Baines Directory of Lancashire](#) 1825, [Piggot's Directory](#) 1828/9

To search for available books: <https://books.google.co.uk/>

Dates for your diary

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm in Cartmel Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

7 June 2018 : Ian Jones - A magic lantern tour of Victorian Lakeland

(please note change of speaker)

6 Sept 2018 : Louise Martin - Archaeology projects around Morecambe Bay.

Louise is the Cultural Heritage Officer for the Morecambe Bay Partnership H2H project which has involved communities in archaeology projects around the Bay.

4 Oct 2018 : Kevin Grice – Great Grandad’s Army: Rifle ranges of the Lake District. Kevin with others researched, investigated and then published a book in 2016 on abandoned rifle ranges in the Lake District National Park.

1 Nov 2018 : AGM

Details to be announced.

29 November 2018, 2 to 4 pm CPLHS Research Meeting

To be held in Cartmel Village Hall Supper Room. The theme for this meeting is Agriculture & Farming.

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News and Article Submission

Members are invited to submit news items or snippets to the Newsletter Editor, Lyn Prescott (lynprescott@hotmail.com) by the deadline indicated at the end of the Newsletter.

Research articles for inclusion on the website should be submitted to the Website Editor, Phil Rowland (philrowland414@gmail.com)

Copy deadline for the next Newsletter: 30 September 2018