

Allithwaite School History

Mary Lambert

On 14 May 1851 Mary put into trust a piece of land called Little Templand Field and in her will dated 12 Nov 1857 she bequeathed £1000 for ‘the erection of a schoolhouse and suitable offices and a playground attached... and also a residence for the School Mistress who should teach in the said schoolhouse’. The schoolmistress should be ‘employed solely for the education of the children of the labouring classes of the Township of Lower Allithwaite’. She also left £1500 to be invested by the Minister and Churchwardens to produce an income for the school mistress. She specified that the school mistress should not be a resident of the Parish of Cartmel prior to being appointed. The children were not to be educated beyond 14 years of age. £500 was bequeathed for investment and the income was to be used to purchase books. Surplus income was to be used towards ‘expenses of conducting the school’.

School Buildings

1866 opened

1889 extension built

1970s additional classroom built

1992 additional classroom built

1999 Mary Lambert Hall added, jointly funded from the Education Authority and parishioners of St Mary’s Church.

Pupil numbers

Data for 1888-1918 is from the Cartmel Almanac

In the **1861** census about 70 children in Allithwaite are described as scholars but this falls to about 60 in the **1871** census.

1882 30 pupils rising to 60 by 1888 according to 1888 newspaper report on bazaar to raise money for extension

1889 there are about 75 scholars and an attendance of 79%

1890 there are about 75 scholars

1891 there are about 76 scholars and an attendance of 71%

1892 there are about 72 scholars and an attendance of 77%

1893 there are about 73 scholars

1894 there are about 65 scholars

1895 there are about 67 scholars and an attendance of 81%

1896 there are about 70 scholars and an attendance of 77%

1899 there are about 75 scholars and an attendance of 86%

1901 the school has 67 registered pupils and an attendance of 89%

1912 there are 90 pupils.

1985 there were 45 pupils.

1990 there were 87 pupils aged between 4 and 11; expected to rise to 100 by 1993/94

1992 107 pupils; four full time teachers and three part time staff (Westmorland Gazette article on opening of extension)

Adverts for teachers

In Manchester Courier 15 May 1882 there was an advert for

a certified Master, with wife to take the sewing, honest Protestant churchman, qualified to train a surplice choir and play the organ. Salary totalling approximately £130 with house and garden free.

In 1909 an advert appeared in the Lancashire Evening Post for *an uncertified assistant mistress, disciplinarian, at a salary of between £45 and £60 per year depending on experience.*

Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses [1]

Mr Williams

Mr Williams was in charge at the Institute before the present school was erected. No other information has been found for this teacher yet.

Mr Walter Winson 13 January 1868-1882

Born in Bakewell, Derbyshire in 1841 Walter was the schoolmaster at the Union Workhouse, Bakewell in the 1861 census. He subsequently moved to Dewsbury. He married Elizabeth Atkinson in the second quarter of 1868 in Bradford and in the 1871 census he was the schoolmaster at Allithwaite living at Lambert House, Allithwaite with his wife and daughter Edith who had been born in 1869 in Allithwaite. Walter had taken up the post of Allithwaite schoolmaster in 1868 and for the next 15 years he became a significant figure in the development of Allithwaite. Soon after his arrival he established a reading room in the Institute and was the honorary Secretary, and he was very involved in running the church and other choirs in the district. In recognition of his contribution to the Institute, the village presented him with a walnut writing desk when he left the village. He was a very keen cricketer despite having lost an arm in an accident in a saw mill in 1853 when he was about 12. He played cricket in Allithwaite, Grange and Cartmel and was thought to be the founder of the Allithwaite and Grange clubs, and it is said that he had the best batting average for Allithwaite in one season.

By the 1881 census his wife Elizabeth had taken on the role of school mistress and four more children had been born. Carrie Beatrice arrived in 1871, Effie Bertha in 1873, Laura Annie in 1875 and Florence Mabel in 1878. However in 1882 Walter's father died and he moved back to Bakewell to run Matlock Gas Works. He composed many pieces of music during his lifetime including the hymn 'Forgive them, oh, my Father'. Walter died in 1899 in Stockport.

Mr William Joseph Lamb 1882 – 1897

William Joseph Lamb was born in West Derby, Liverpool in 1847. He married Elizabeth Entwistle in 1871 and the 1871 census records that they were living in Cartmel and he was the schoolmaster at Cartmel National School. He had qualified as a certified teacher at Chester Training College. He had been appointed schoolmaster at Cartmel National School in October 1870 and he remained until the summer of 1876. He moved to Liverpool to run a new school associated with St Bridget's Church. The 1881 census records him and his family in Oswestry but the 1891, 1901 and 1911 census shows him in Allithwaite. He was headmaster at Allithwaite from 1882 until 1897 and he and his family lived at Lambert House, now known as The

School House. Although he left the school in 1897 he was reappointed headmaster temporarily again for three months from October to December 1916.

He had five children. Albert was born in 1872 in Cartmel; William was born in Liverpool in 1874; Edwin was also born in Liverpool in 1878; Annie was born in Edge Hill in 1882 and Percy was born in Allithwaite in 1890. By 1901 he was living at Greenfield House Allithwaite and was described as a teacher of Music. He was very involved in Church and village matters and was the organist and lay reader for 47 years. He was the rate collector, captain of the fire brigade, member of the Allithwaite National School management, member of the Technical Instruction Committee and secretary for numerous organisations including the Church Institute, the Cartmel Parish Horticultural Society, Cartmel Entertainment Committee in 1899, Church of England Men's Society and Cartmel Sheep Dog Trials. He was a member for Allithwaite Lower of the Divisional Committee for Highways and Public Health of Cartmel Parish Council and he was Guardian for the Poor. He also found time to be the local correspondent for the Westmorland Gazette and Kendal Courier. William died in Allithwaite in 1929. Following his death money raised by public subscription was used for an electrical installation in the church and a plaque in the church commemorates this.

William Joseph Lamb was Chief Officer of Allithwaite fire brigade



William Joseph Lamb

In his choir surplice and mortar board, but no information about what the medal was awarded for.



During Mr Lamb's headmastership he oversaw an expansion of the school .
The following report appeared on August 11 1888 in the Westmorland Gazette Bazaar at Grange

A bazaar, under influential patronage, was opened on Wednesday afternoon, at the Institute, Grange on behalf of the enlargement of the day school at Allithwaite. The bazaar was continued on the following day. The present building, together with the Parish Church, was erected twenty-two years ago and for some time has proved quite inadequate to the wants of the neighbourhood, and a wish has often be expressed for larger and more convenient premises. The village of Allithwaite is situated amid beautiful scenery, about two-and-a-half miles from Grange, and the School, which is of a mixed character, is at present crowded with sixty-six children. It has, however, made great progress under the present master, Mr W J Lamb, who has had the conduct of it during the past six years. The attendance in fact, has more than doubled itself; in 1884 the number of children was 30 while at the present time, as already stated, there are sixty-six. But notwithstanding the adverse circumstances, the

Government grant earned during the present year has been the highest ever yet reached by the school. Plans have been prepared for the enlargement, by Mr Greenwood, of Cartmel, and these show an additional space of twenty feet with accommodation for fifty more children. The building of the new wing is placed at the modest aura of £150. Besides being cramped for the purposes of education, the schoolroom, has also been found inconvenient for the purpose of holding meetings and lectures, and the work of the respected Vicar (the Rev. J Hammersley) has consequently been restricted. This is the first time that an earnest effort has been made to carry out the improvement, and it is satisfactory to have to state that the work necessary to make a bazaar successful was entered upon most cheerful and voluntarily, by the parishioners. All alike have been animated with a desire to carry out the laudible object, and the work exhibited in the bazaar was the outcome the labours of the rich and poor.

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The first stall at the head of the room ...was replete with a large and charming variety of articles, comprising shawls, children's frocks and underclothing, some beautifully cross stitched table cloths, a swiss musical box, Brazilian feather flowers, silk bags and four pretty water colours, a gift of a lady. There were a number of pictures of Rev J Hammersley, fan screens, slippers, plush frames, work baskets, pincushions, toilet sets, painting on glass, easel frames, tea coseys, and a large quantity of plain and fancy needlework.

The second stall ...The centre piece on the stall was the excellent photograph of Lord Hartington, while a carved table and two pairs of carved bellows, the work of Mrs Standing, attracted attention. Mrs Firth's handiwork was also represented by an ebonised work table. There was also on the stall handsomely worked splashers, cruel work, beaded cushions, dolls, fans, basket boxes, satchels, scent bottles, flower baskets, ferns and moss hand-painted plaques, pottery ware, hand painted blotting pads, Japanese fans, story books, 'a hundred years old', handscreens, woollen goods, mats, plush bags, dresses, underclothing, fancy ware etc.

The third stall, which was flanked on either side by large bunches of pampas grass.... Most of the ornaments on the stall were filled with beautiful flowers. There was an endless variety of goods, embracing plush and satin baskets, dolls, fans, screens, brushes, fancy articles, children's clothing, woollen goods, albums, knives, purses, pottery, sealed 'surprises' for bachelors, doll cradles, bellows, books, table-cloths, sticks, pottery ware, glass etc.

The fourth stall was chiefly a receptacle for fancy work...Useful goods there wer in abundance, and to show the practical utility of the stall, it only need to be mentioned that soap, starch and mustard were to be found upon it. A good sale was effected among the aprons, dresses etc. There were several specimens of Brazilian native work.

The refreshment stall... was a tempting array of viands.

A doll stall was attended by Miss Nellie and Miss Marrion Frith, who also 'ran' a bridecake for dipping into.

Altogether the bazaar was well stocked, and sales were numerous.

The following year the newspaper reports the school reopening with its new extension and the occasion was marked by a concert arranged by Miss Dunkley of Moorhurst, Kents Bank. The extension, measuring 20 feet by 17 feet was built of stone from

Allithwaite Quarry. A revolving shutter separated the new room from the old one. The room was fitted with one of the new patent Manchester firegrates, which supplied a constant stream of hot air in addition to the heat obtained from the fire.

In 1896 a newspaper report on Education Department warnings listed problems at Allithwaite School for discipline and elementary subjects. They received a warning.

Lichfield Mercury 30 October 1896

liberated.
 According to a return issued on Tuesday, the Education Department has warned the following public elementary schools:—British (Mixed) School, Rock-st., Oldham; Wilson's Endowed School (Mixed), Overkellat. The reason assigned in both cases is "elementary subjects." The Allithwaite (Church of England) Mixed School, and the Lancaster Girls' Blue School have been warned for "discipline and elementary subjects." In Cheshire the Antrobus and Sevenoaks, and the Frodsham National School have also been warned, "elementary subjects" being given as the reason.

Mr Benjamin and Mrs Alice Hodkinson 1898-1904

In Allithwaite School Admittance Register it states that Mr and Mrs Hodkinson took charge of the school in January 1898 and left in August 1904. The 1901 census records that Benjamin Hodkinson was the schoolmaster at Allithwaite, living at the School House with his wife and 3 of his children. He was born in 1865 in Manchester and he married Frances Alice Lowe in 1890. His children were Elsie born in Manchester in 1892; Dorothy also born in Manchester in 1893; Wilfred Claude born in Allithwaite in 1900; Irene Gladys born in Particroft, Lancashire in 1908. He initially trained as a book keeper but by 1895 he was teaching night classes at Burwardsley in Cheshire. In 1896 he was awarded his teaching certificate at Chester School of Science and Art.

Picture taken by Albert Lamb, son of previous headmaster



Lancashire Evening Post 29 April 1904

NORTH LONSDALE SCHOOLS.—At the monthly meeting of the North Lonsdale Education Committee at Ulverston on Thursday, the following scholastic recommendations were passed:—Cartmel Fell School, Mrs. Craghill's resignation be accepted; Dalton National, W. J. Lancaster be appointed in place of Mr. Brockbank, resigned; Allithwaite Church of England, Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkinson be given three months' notice; Askam, W. D. Bell take the place of F. W. Jenkinson; Ulverston Wesleyan, Miss Hill's resignation be accepted; Broughton Beck School, the headmaster be paid a salary of £103; Satterthwaite and Rusland School, the joint appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, at a salary of £120; Newton-in-Cartmel C.E., Miss Gertrude Johnson be assistant teacher; Newton School, Miss H. E. Grigg in place of Miss Carter, resigned.

The 1911 census shows the family in Salford. Benjamin emigrated to Manitoba, Canada in 1912 where he continued teaching until 1934. He remarried in 1929.

Mr John Marshall Batty 1904-1915

In Allithwaite School Admittance Register it states that Mr Batty came to the school in August 1904 and left in October 1916. In 1905, Miss Burton was also teaching there as the Schoolmistress and the number of scholars were recorded as 67. [1]. By 1911 the number of scholars had risen to around 90, and then there were 3 School mistresses: Miss Ewan, Miss Wilson and Miss Peacock [2] in addition to Mr Batty. The 1912 Cartmel Almanac notes 3 mistresses, as well as the headmaster, Miss Ewan, Miss Wilson and Miss Pearson, as there are 90 pupils registered. The 1914 Almanac shows Mr Batty, Miss Wilson and Miss Pearson with about 90 scholars. The 1916 Almanac show Mr Batty, Miss Kendall and Miss Clarke at the school with about 90 scholars.

Lancashire Evening Post 6th October 1909

Schoolmasters, Mistresses, &c.
WANTED, Uncertificated Assistant Mistress; disciplinarian; Allithwaite School; salary, £45 to £60, according to experience.—Apply, by the 9th inst., Vicar, Allithwaite, Grange-over-Sands.

John Marshall Batty was born in Lancaster in 1869. In the 1891 and 1901 census he is described as a school master living and working in Lancaster. In 1903 he married Mary Ellen Mount in Hendon, Middlesex. The 1911 census records him as head teacher at Allithwaite. At this date he had one child, Thomas, born in Allithwaite in 1910. Mr Batty died in post at Allithwaite aged 47 in 1916.

Mr William Lamb was in charge for three months until December 1916. Miss Clarke was still teaching at the school in 1964.

Mr John W Mitchell 1917-1928

Allithwaite School Admittance Register states that Mr Mitchell took up duties in January 1917 and left in May 1928. The 1917 Cartmel Almanac records Mr Mitchell, Miss Kendall and Miss Clarke at the school with 90 pupils. Richard Newton Mitchell, his son, is recorded on the Great War 1914-1918 Roll of Honour in the Church.

John W Mitchell was born in 1868 in New Mill, Yorkshire. He married Mary Ellen Williamson in 1899 and they had 2 sons. Richard Newton was born in 1900 in Yorkshire and John Williamson was born in Colton in 1903. In 1901 and 1911 census he was a public elementary schoolmaster at Finsthwaite. No further details have been found of his career or death. He was a prominent member of the church: vice chairman of the church council, lay representative at the Diocesan conference and sidesman.

Mrs L Cooke 1928

In Allithwaite School Admittance Register it states that Mrs Cooke took over duties in May 1928 and left in August 1928.

Mr W. W Greenwood 1928-1932

In Allithwaite School Admittance Register it states that he took up duties in September 1928 and left in November 1932.

Miss Knowles 1932

In Allithwaite School Admittance Register it states that Miss Knowles was in charge in December 1932.

Mr L H Davies 1933 -1950

In Allithwaite School Admittance Register it states that he was in charge from January 1933 to November 1950.

Grange Red Book records him as headmaster from 1933 and at this time the Red Books begin to record societies in Allithwaite. Between 1934 and 1936 he was Group Scout Master for the 3 years that the Boy Scouts in Allithwaite were operating. In 1936 he was first noted as a lay reader. In 1938 he was involved with the Young People's Society and the Football Club as the hon. treasurer. He was still there in 1948.

Mr A Wilkinson

In Allithwaite School Admittance Register it states that Mr Wilkinson was in charge from April 1951 to August 1969.

Mr K Rowley

In Allithwaite School Admittance Register it states that Mr Rowley was in charge from 1 September 1969.

Mr Robin Govier 1974 -1993

Robin, his wife Maureen and children Michael and Alison moved from Somerset to Allithwaite in 1974. They lived in the schoolhouse next door to the school. Maureen was school secretary and the children attended the school. In 1977 when an article appeared in Woman magazine the school was still being used as a meeting place for village groups such as girl guides and parish and church meetings.

In 1977 a proposal to replace rural village schools including Allithwaite with a high rise school in a location convenient to all of the villages was made. Following fierce local opposition the proposal was dropped.

In October 1992 The Bishop of Carlisle opened a new extension which cost in excess of £100,000. The school had been bursting at the seams and 18 pupils had been housed in a portacabin which had been donated as a temporary classroom. A resource area had also been used as class space. The extension was built in the former backyard of the schoolhouse and comprised a new classroom, entrance hall and office. Work started in 1991 and was completed in June 1992. During the digging of the foundations for the extension a large underground tank was found that had originally held the school water supply.



This mysterious water-hole was uncovered in the playground of Allithwaite Primary School by workmen preparing the foundations of a new classroom.

The builders thought the cube-shaped hole was an air raid shelter at first, said Mr Robin Govier, headmaster, who is pictured here with pupils from the school.

But they now believe this was the school's old water supply. It was probably used in the last century to collect rain water from the school and school house for use in the buildings.

In the past a hand-pump would have been somewhere above the tank, said Mr Govier.

What's all this then?

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The discovery delayed work on the 30-seater classroom while builders worked out the best way to empty the tank.

● The pupils looking on are (left to right) Gavin Braithwaite, Jamie Copeland, Lynn-Marie Wilson, and Victoria Roscoe, with headmaster Mr Robin Govier. (91K-101-22)

Westmorland Gazette 22 Nov 1991

Robin took early retirement in 1993 on ill health grounds. In October 1993 a retirement party attended by many people from the village was held in the Community Centre.



is Mr Robin Govier trying out his new Mountain Bike. This was one of the many retirement gifts he received at the farewell party organised by Allithwaite School PTA, in grateful recognition of his work as Headteacher at the school for many years.

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Some of the other teachers working at Allithwaite School during this period were Mrs Hay (remarried and became Mrs Bell), Mrs Brierley, Mrs Hogg

Mrs Barbara Glover 1993 - ?

From Allithwaite School website 1 May 2015

Mr Jones

Hello I am the Headteacher of Allithwaite School. I have taught in various schools in Cumbria and Derbyshire. I love spending time with my family; my two daughters keep me very busy! We love going for walks our favourite holidays are beach holidays; we especially like the Scottish Islands, skiing or camping! My wife and I also like to squeeze some youth work into our very busy lives. I am from Northumberland and I am a big food lover but my favourite food is a simple stotty, ham and pease pudding, much to my families' disgust!

Mrs Humphries

I run an Eco club each week as I enjoy the outdoors and protecting the environment. I love being outdoors and enjoy watersports. I have a canoe and a boat I love to swim in Coniston - can't you tell I'm a Pisces !! I have been a keen cyclist since I was 16, and ride my mountain and road bikes when I can. Music is a hobby and I have always played an instrument. I play clarinet and trumpet, and I love going to gigs.

Mrs Elliot

I began teaching in 2002, and have taught in a variety of settings. Allithwaite is a welcoming and caring school. I enjoy spending time with my two children and enjoying this beautiful part of the world that I live in.

Mrs Pearse

I love being a teacher because the children make me smile and laugh every day and I get to read lots of different stories to my class. I love Gary Barlow, chocolate and gin and tonic. When I grow up I would like to be a spy.

Pat Rowland Aug 2016

References

[1] Allithwaite School Admittance Register lists the dates that each headteacher started and finished at the school.

[2] Cartmel Almanac, 1905.

[3] Cartmel Almanac, 1911.