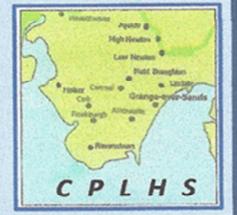


CARTMEL PENINSULA LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

"Bringing Local History to the Local Community"



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

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Chairman's Message

Happy New Year to all Members!

This year we once again have a full programme of lectures on varied subjects - something for everyone - (see the final page for details), and our summer trips will be planned over the next weeks, to be announced in February or March.

In the meantime this Newsletter gives (in an easily-digestible form) details of NEWS, RESEARCH and SOCIETY INFORMATION to inform, interest and stimulate us all after the long holiday period (which I hope you have all enjoyed). Thanks to Lyn, once more, for putting everything together so well.

Please let us have ideas, details of your research and any news or articles for next time. We have a thriving society. Thanks to everyone for your enthusiasm.

Stuart Harling

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NEWS

Cumbria Archives

- Kendal Archive Centre is currently closed for major re-organisation works and will re-open on 5th March 2019. A new advance ordering system will be operating with a week's prior notice being required to order documents prior to visiting the Archives. The microfilm collections have been re-located to Kendal Library.
- Whitehaven Archive Centre is due to close for re-organisation works from mid 2019 to 2020.

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/whatsnew/default.asp>

Events

Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society

CWAAS events or those of their members are open to non-members for the payment of a small fee.

https://cumbriapast.com/cgi-bin/cwaas/cp_main.pl?action=cp_listevents&events=y

Cumbria Archives

Barrow Archives is hosting a free talk '130+ years on wheels: Public Transport in Barrow' at 7pm on 24th January. To book a place call 01229 407377.

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/whatsnew/events.asp>



Lancashire Archives

Lancashire Archives hold free monthly events on the second Friday of the month, online booking is available.

Family History Surgery with Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society - 10 am to 12 noon.

Family History lunchtime talks (various speakers and topics eg parish records, house history, newspapers) - 12.30 pm

Getting to know the Archives (Archivist explains archive resources & procedures) - 2pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lancashire-archives-8555544504>

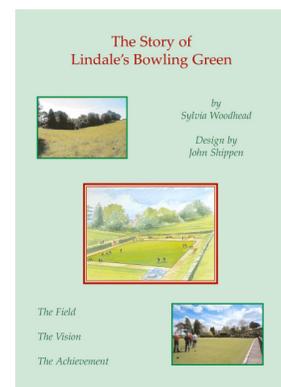
Historical Road Signs

Cumbria County Council's Highways department is currently undertaking an inventory of historical road signs (fingerpost directional signs) and way-markers in Cumbria. This is to identify those that are most in need of repair, and to assess requirements for their refurbishment. Members of the public are asked to report their local signs that require refurbishment or repair by telephone (0300 303 2992) or online (<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/WDM/roadmarkings.asp?cg=RMOS>)

New Publication

A history of Lindale's 'new' Bowling Green 1992-2006

The initial inspiration for this new book was John Beckett's article in the CPLHS Newsletter of June 2017, about the opening in 1992 of a bowling green at Allithwaite Bowling Club. The new green at Allithwaite was the topic of conversation in Lindale's Top House (The Royal Oak) one evening when the idea for a bowling green in Lindale was first raised. In the 1990s Lindale didn't have much provision for leisure. But after a meeting in the Top House a few people decided to see if there was interest in making a bowling green in Lindale. A public meeting in 1992 showed enough support, so a team of people investigated where a bowling green could be built, not an easy job in a steep village like Lindale. In the end a small group of hard-working individuals constructed the green themselves; a tremendous achievement. Some of them spent every weekend for three years on the work parties. In 2006 the Bowling Green was officially opened by Tim Farron. Lindale's bowling green is only just over 10 years old; very recent history, but the CPLHS have suggested that we should record the present day as 'tomorrow's history'. In 2016 I submitted a short account to the CPLHS about the group of Lindale peo-



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ple who had constructed Lindale's bowling green. Some of these people are no longer with us. Nigel Mills commented that this account needed more historical research and documentary evidence. These materials have been collected, and are presented in a detailed appendix to the new book. Illustrated with photos of the green and its constructors, details of the fund raising events, such as the Grand Auction of Promises and the Fashion Show, this book, compiled by Sylvia Woodhead and designed by John Shippen, is on sale for £5 from either Lindale Bowling Association or from Lindale Stores. Copies will be available at the 2019 CPLHS meetings.
Sylvia Woodhead

RESEARCH

Online Resources

WESTMORLAND GAZETTE.

Kendal, May 23, 1818.

Truth being single, and error all but infinite, every intelligent reader of a public Journal must be aware of the many difficulties which beset the path of investigation; and will be prepared, in common candour, to expect the fallibilities incident to human judgment. Diligence in the pursuit of truth he has a right to require; and, with that diligence, the faculties of a cultivated mind; but he would forfeit all pretensions to discrimination, or to justice, were he to expect that

Historical Newspapers

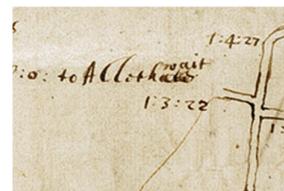
Cumbria Library members can access Historical Newspapers online, including the British Library Collection, 17th and 18th Century Burney Collection & 19th Century Newspapers. Titles include: Lancaster Gazette (1801-1894), Soulby's Ulverston Advertiser (1848-1909) & Westmorland Gazette (1818-1909).

https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/online_resources/newspapers.asp

Kuerdon Maps of Cartmel

A series of hand-drawn maps of the Cartmel peninsula, c.1684. These ten maps are the working papers of a surveyor, thought to be Richard Kuerden, of Kuerden near Preston. A physician by training, he began the task of compiling material for a history of Lancashire with Christopher Towneley of Carr Hall, near Burnley. The surveyor set out to map the whole of the Cartmel peninsula in two groups of surveys, mapping both the roads and the administrative boundaries.

<https://regionalheritage.omeka.net/items/show/67>



Peterloo Massacre

The University of Manchester has an online digitised archive featuring the events leading up to and following the Peterloo Massacre on 16 August 1819. Magistrate William Hulton ordered the yeomanry to arrest speakers at a demonstration at St Peter's Field in Manchester. His collection of documents bought by Lancashire Archives in 2014 included a 1418 document from John Till, Prior Provincial of the Order of Dominicans in England, in favour of William, Prior of Cartmel, promising prayers for William on his deathbed. [https://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/search-resources/manchester-digital-](https://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/search-resources/manchester-digital-collections/digitisation-services/projects/peterloo/)

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Red Rose Collections

Lancashire County Council have an online collection of digitised images including photographs, newspapers, historical documents, local book index, Preston Guild, Police Index & Fleetwood Online Archive of Trawlers. <https://redrosecollections.lancashire.gov.uk/>



Research - can you help?

Eve Bernstein gave a lecture to CPLHS in 2004 about land reclamation in the Flookburgh Area and she also led a walk later in the year. Sadly she died in 2005. I have been told she had an exhibition in Grange and I wonder if anyone has any information about the exhibition and the research she carried out?

Graham Whalan who has researched local amateur Operatic Societies is looking for information about a Flookburgh, Cark or Lower Holker Amateur Operatic Society that was formed in possibly 1920. I have not been able to find anything but it is possible that someone has some old programmes that list previous productions.

Pat Rowland

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Research Interests

This is a new newsletter item to enable members to contact others with an interest in the same research topics. Please contact direct using the details provided.

John Beckett (beckettpost@gmail.com)

- Bowling clubs/greens in the Cartmel Peninsula pre WWII.
- Families living at the original Head House (there are two much newer properties), near High Newton, especially the Barrow family, 1674 to early 1800s.

Rose Clark (roseclark83@gmail.com)

- Cark: its shops, trade and commercial activities based from the railway and related to the Over Sands route and the opening up of the railway station. Land ownership in Cark especially the Rawlinson & Grayrigg families.
- The Newby family of which there are several branches on the Cartmel Peninsula: Barber Green, Wall Nook, Beckside and Grange. Related to this family are the Harrisons of the Landings & Wraysholme. The Meredith family and Newby Wilson who died in Ambleside in the early twentieth century.

Les Gilpin (l.gilpin@btinternet.com)

- Industries in Cark & Lower Holker township generally, with a focus on the mills in Cark including Holker Mill.
- Flookburgh Farm/Stockale Farm.
- Shipbuilding activities at Cark and across the peninsula, which appear to have hit a boom around 1730.
- Railways, especially across the peninsula, the complexities of land ownership and the Stockdale family.
- Priory rentals and related documents from just before and at the reformation. All are in a free rather than formal hand, are in late mediaeval latin thus meaning they'll take a lot of patience to interpret and translate.
- Late 16th century court rolls for Cartmel and Flookburgh Manors. These appear to be in English but again in a free hand of the period. Any offers of help from anyone experienced in medieval latin texts would be much appreciated.

David Hornby (senhor125@gmail.com/Mobile 07845702773)

- Research of the History of Cartmel Peninsula, including farms and agriculture.
- Wraysholme Tower including crops, field names & drainage.
- Local Families: Johnson, Robinson, Butler, Lowther, MacMahon, Gregson.

Background to David's research on Wraysholme Tower:

I have lived and worked in the Peninsula for 50 years. The early years of my life were spent working on the farms Raven Winder and Canon Winder. While working on the farms I became aware of many tales and legends that sprung up along the way, those tales left me wondering if the tales could be substantiated. I chose Wraysholme Farm to research because to my mind many tales seem to emanate from there. While visiting Stephen Morris and his mother Margaret at Wraysholme Tower I explained what I had heard and how I came to be here, at this point I was shown many documents and other items that substantiated much of what I had learnt over those many years. I asked the Society Committee for help, for I knew that in all probability the task was too much for me. Many of the documents were water-stained and some were stuck together and needed careful handling. The situation was made much easier for me with the help of Pat Rowland and her husband Phil to whom I owe many thanks. With these documents much information was gleaned. Pat and Phil helped with other information like wills which they retrieved from the Archives at Preston and records from newspapers of the families from Wraysholme. The timeline of the Tower can now be seen from the time of the Dickinson family through to present times. The Haveringtons and the Stanleys are families that were there before the Dickinsons. Much of their history can be found in the many historical books that have been produced over the years and to my surprise I found a lot of similarity in how the Haveringtons (Harrington's) family arrived in the Cartmel Peninsula to my own and through research I find that my ancestors had connections with Cartmel Priory from early mediaeval times. This is still a work in progress. Information that I have yet to uncover is when farming on the site first occurred, different crops that were grown in various times, names of the fields & did the land have to be drained. I think that when it was built it was built on an island surrounded by the sea, and to my thoughts there could well be a Grave book (Reeve book). This would be a book kept by the farmer nominated by the lord of the Manor or by the other farmers to collect rents and taxes and basically see to the overall running of the farms of the Manor (my own family once held this position on another manor not too far away).

Lyn Prescott (lynprescott@hotmail.com)

- Agriculture, field names & uses, particularly in relation to Speel Bank Farm, the Green and Wraysholme Tower.
- Families including Bigland, Bownass/Bowness, Greenwood, Johnson, Machell, Morris and Sumpton.
- Flookburgh & Lower Holker Parish.

Pat Rowland (patrowlanduk@gmail.com)

- The history of the Cartmel Peninsula area, all aspects of the history of Kents Bank, Allithwaite and Grange but with a particular interest in land ownership and development.
- 16th and 17th century probate papers, which include wills and inventories, in the Allithwaite area and researching the Spencer and Barrow families who lived in Allithwaite and Kents Bank until the start of the 19th century.
- Evidence of the weaving industry throughout the Peninsula which includes flax, hemp and linen production on the Peninsula.

Phil Rowland (philrowland414@gmail.com)

- Allithwaite: currently preparing a short booklet for publication in May 2019 at the lecture in the Mary Lambert Hall.
- Recently produced an article using the census data.
- Working on a short article on farming in the village.
- Looking at the inhabitants in the village prior to the census using the Lancashire Online Parish Clerk website.
- The history of Outerthwaite Farm.
- Exploiting the digital database produced by Peter Roden and his team, currently looking at farming.

Research Update

The Society was contacted recently by a person looking into his family history, the Rigg family. He had visited Cartmel recently and come across our website. One of his ancestors had the name Sill in his forenames and he discovered the article about the Sill family on the website. After a little more research from himself and committee members he then realised that he was descended from a different Rigg family that he had for years thought he was descended from. It is amazing how sometimes a missing piece of the jigsaw completes the picture and the Society is pleased that our website helped to find the missing piece. Barbara Copeland

SOCIETY INFORMATION

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Catherine Bottomley, (coblever@hotmail.co.uk)

Rose Clark, (roseclark83@gmail.com)

Membership Renewal for 2019



Do you want the good news or the bad news first? OK firstly the Bad News: CPLHS Membership fees are now due for 2019. The fees have been kept at £9 again this year and ideally I would like them paid BEFORE our first lecture on 7th February 2019 to avoid queues on the night if possible please. A cheque made payable to **Cartmel Peninsula LHS** sent to me at Broughton Grove Farmhouse, Field Broughton, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 6HW or by internet banking/BACS direct to account 00716089 sort code 30-14-40 please with your name as reference. Membership Form: <https://cplhs.files.wordpress.com/2018/12/2019-cplhs-application-v2dp.pdf> Next the Good News:

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Christine Dawson is joining the CPLHS Committee and will take over from me as Treasurer following our first lecture. I will inform you of her contact details once we have completed the handover. I will be staying on the Committee and will still be pestering you with emails but I hope not too many. Please continue to support her as you have done me, especially on lecture nights by signing in. Best Wishes Nigel Mills. 😁

Meeting Programme

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

7 February 2019 - Richard Sanderson - Backbarrow Ironworks

Backbarrow Ironworks have been described by Historic England as “the best illustration nationally of iron-smelting technology development from the early C18 to the C20”. The site has featured on the Heritage at Risk register for many years, and there have been a number of previous attempts to “save” it without success. Richard will tell us more about what is happening now and plans for the future.

7 March 2019 - Michelle Cooper - Fishing Traditions of Morecambe Bay

An oral history project run by Morecambe Bay Partnership as part of Headlands to Headspace (H2H) is focusing on the small inshore fishing communities especially those at Flookburgh, Morecambe and Sunderland Point. Michelle will give us an insight into what memories have been collected.

4 April 2019 - Arnside Archives - Arnside Maritime Heritage

Research is being undertaken on boatbuilding by the Crossfield family of Arnside and The Severn, a 1912 yacht, built by Crossfield returned to Arnside in April 2018. This talk will be about the project.

9 May 2019* - Dan Elsworth - Allithwaite Archaeology (at Mary Lambert Hall, Allithwaite)

Dan of Greenlane Archaeology will update us about important and exciting archaeological finds in Allithwaite in the past and more recently. * Amended date.

Summer trips TBA

5 September 2019 - Alan Cleaver and Lesley Park – The Corpse Roads of Cumbria

3 October 2019 - Peter Roebuck - Cattle Droving through Cumbria 1600-1900

7 November 2019 - AGM

News and Article Submission

Members are invited to submit news items or snippets of interest to other members to the Newsletter Editor (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)

Publicity

Any member able to help publicise the Society is invited to contact any Committee member.

Website

New Research Articles

Since the last Newsletter in October 2018, several articles have been added to the website. Topics include the Census Project, Flookburgh Farm, An early list of farmers and land owners in Cartmel, Allithwaite School History, Rev James Gilbertson, Cartmel's Smithies, William Cavendish and the world class Shorthorn Cattle Herd at Holker, The development of Allithwaite Village in the 19th Century & The Cartmel Peninsula: a bibliography (updated).

Copy deadline for the next Newsletter: 1st May 2019

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