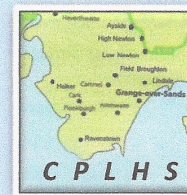


CARTMEL PENINSULA LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

"Bringing Local History to the Community"



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

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Chairman's Message

I do hope that you are all well and that you are keeping safe. Our new "normal" continues; very different from the "normal" we all knew. As you are aware, we have been unable to resume our lectures for the rest of this season and plans for next season are in doubt while the pandemic persists. Even so, we remain optimistic and have ideas in mind if it becomes safe to meet in person: we shall keep everybody closely advised.

Our Annual General Meeting was due to take place in November. Your Committee has considered a "virtual" meeting but we feel that this cannot be inclusive as there will be many members without access to Zoom or other on-line facilities. The A.G.M. will therefore not take place this year. The National Trust has been obliged to do this – so there is a precedent.

- The usual A.G.M. format includes a look back at this season and a look forward to next season (both impossible in the circumstances).
- Annual accounts will be prepared and can be formally approved at our next A.G.M.
- We shall need to cancel any elections of Committee members and to allow all Committee members to continue in office for a further year. If any member should disagree, please come back to me.
- Also, if any member wishes to raise any question or to volunteer to join our Committee please let me know.
- Current membership will continue until further fair and careful consideration can be given after the resumption of regular meetings.

You will find in this issue a whole host of ideas to keep your interest in local history alive. Do sample the ideas that follow and we all look forward to the resumption of face-to-face meetings as soon as they can be safely conducted. Thanks are again due to Lyn Prescott for compiling this Newsletter and to all the contributors. Ideas and research are continuing despite the new "normal". Keep safe and stay well. Stuart Harling

Archaeology, Archive & Library News

Cumbria Archives

Cumbria Archive Centres remain closed and staff are not on site to answer enquiries however they are preparing to re-open to public access on a restricted basis later this year. Cumbria Archives users will need to obtain a new Archives Card to access the collections in future. For further information visit <https://www.archives.org.uk/what-we-do/archives-card.html> A number of services you can access digitally are: Online research guides, indexes and CASCAT (Cumbria Archive Service Catalogue) https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/online_catalogues/default.asp

Cumbria Libraries and Local Studies

Cumbria Libraries have re-opened their 6 main Libraries at Barrow, Carlisle, Kendal, Penrith, Whitehaven and Workington however the Local Studies collections are currently closed until further notice. Kendal Library is open Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 1 pm. Twelve branch libraries will be open from 21 October including Grange Library which will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 1 pm from 21 October. All re-opened libraries have amended opening times so it is recommended that you check before visiting.

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/locations/librarylocations.asp>

Lake District National Park Annual Archaeology Conference

This was due to be held in November but has now been cancelled and short videos about this year's archaeology projects in the National Park will be posted on their website in November. Next year's Conference will be held on 13 November 2021. <https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/learning/archaeologyhistory/archaeologyconference>

Lancashire Archives

Lancashire Archives will re-open on 6th October 2020. Visitors to the archives will need to pre-book an appointment and apply for an Archives Card before the visit. The Archives will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4pm, for pre-booked appointments only. The archives will close from 12.30pm to 1.30pm and there will be no public access so that the public areas can be cleaned between sessions. For more information and to book an appointment visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates/archives/>

Morecambe Bay Partnership

Morecambe Bay Partnership have been holding some interesting history based zoom lectures in the last month. Dr Bill Shannon has talked about fire and he demonstrated how fire was created before the safety match was invented in 1820 (lecture available to view online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfLBp9Jccw>). A second lecture also by Bill demonstrated how ink was produced from oak galls and he also talked about and showed us how feathers were used as pens (lecture available to view online at <https://youtu.be/S-cfmVOTYus>). Another lecture is planned for 13th October when Michelle Cooper will be playing some of her favourite recordings from the oral history work she has been involved in creating. <https://m.morecambebay.org.uk/events>

North West Film Archive

The Archive are posting select films on their Twitter feed. Postings include Burlington Slate Quarry, Charcoal burning in Grizedale Forest, Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Ulverston & Grange Lido.
<https://twitter.com/NWfilmarchive>

Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society Archive

Our archive is slowly but surely increasing in size and interest. The latest additions are mainly documents discovered by members and include:

- The 2004 Conservation Plan for the Gatehouse in Cartmel.
- An 1874 flyer issued by the Cartmel Agricultural Show announcing that a silver cup worth 3 Guineas would be awarded to the person who grew best 2 acres of turnips using manure purchased from Robert Rumney of Ardwick Manchester. In 1874 you could see the cup displayed at Mr William Brickell's Printers in Devonshire Place, Cartmel. (Anyone know which house that was please?)
- A programme issued in 1992 by the Outdoor Swimming Pool in Grange to celebrate its "60 Years of Fun". It boasts it is "Open 11.00am to 5.30pm when the weather is fine"

We are also developing a number of local research resources for use by members that includes:

- An 1810 Survey of fields and some dwellings in the peninsula drawn up by Buttles, a surveyor, showing owners and tenants at that time.
- Cartmel Parish Registers from 1559 to 1837.
- Legal papers and deeds have been transcribed for a number of properties. For example; The Hibbert Estate; Wraysholme Tower; Tanley in Cartmel; Airey Family collection of historical deeds and The Old Vicarage, Field Broughton.

If you come across any old documents that might be of interest please let me know.

Nigel Mills

Did you spot one of these in the CPLHS area?

One of the benefits, and there are not many, of Lockdown 2020 is that it has given us time to catch up with chores, tidy the garden, paint the shed etc. etc. and perhaps more time to think, to read, and on our walks, to appreciate our surrounding lanes and countryside. When I am out walking, rather than riding on two wheels, I try to look around me instead of just plodding along with my head down worrying what will happen next!

So here is a challenge for you. Take your digital camera or phone with you when you go out for a walk and record something interesting. For example: the small, the historic, the strange or the unusual sight found in our villages, towns and green and pleasant area of Cumbria. Sunset over Bigland or starlings on the telephone wires are all well and good but, dare I say it, we have all noticed them! It is the unusual or quirky that needs spotting and recording.



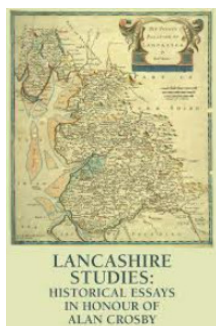
For example; have you ever noticed the sheer variety of the gate stoops we have in the valley, some of which started life as something else? I will start us off with an historic gate stoop now redundant from its original purpose but fortunately left in place for us to admire. Have you spotted any others? Is there a pair of them in their original location anywhere?

Please let me have your digital photos for the Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society as a record of 2020.

Thanks.

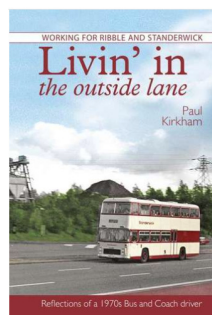
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New Publications



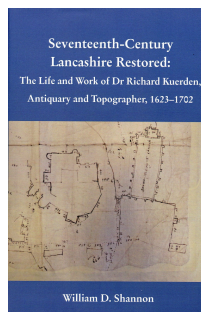
Lancashire Studies: Historical Essays in Honour of Alan Crosby

A book of original essays written in honour of Dr Alan Crosby who has made an invaluable contribution to furthering the understanding and enjoyment of local history in Lancashire. The contributions span many centuries and nine varied aspects of county history as follows: Red lines, over-sands crossings and King Arthur: a re-appraisal of the depiction of the North West on the Gough Map - William D. Shannon. The Catholic Cliftons and the Church of England at Lund and Lytham - Peter Shakeshaft. Pilkington and its fieldnames - Diana Winterbotham. Cheesemaking in the Goosnargh area in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries - Zoë Lawson. A Peculiar People transformed: the changing face of Quakerism in Victorian Lancashire - Angus J. L. Winchester. Working at home during the nineteenth century: a case study of Winckley Square, Preston - Geoff Timmins. Success to the ladies of Worden: the trials and tribulations of a Lancashire estate - David Hunt. The Seward stained-glass studio of Lancaster - Margaret Edwards. Local history and the Lancaster Historical Pageant of 1913 - Mike Winstanley. Includes a foreword by Paul Booth; an extensive list of works by Alan Crosby; and a comprehensive index. Published by Lancashire Local History Federation. ISBN 9781527265332. Ordering information on the Federation Website: <http://www.lancashirehistory.org/latest-news.html>



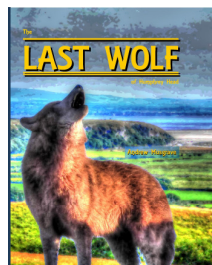
Livin' in the Outside Lane by Paul Kirkham

The author looks back on his time as a driver with Ribble Motor Services and its coaching subsidiary, WC Standerwick in the 1970s. Ribble Motor Services was founded in Preston in 1919 and was the biggest operator in the North West, operating from 30 depots including Albert Road in Grange. The book is a mix of autobiography, history, geography, travel, operations, depots, industrial relations, people, places, incidents, stories, with the sprinkling of comments on various bus and coach types. Published by Ribwick Books. ISBN 9781527237278



Seventeenth-century Lancashire Restored: The Life and Work of Dr Richard Kuerden, Antiquary and Topographer, 1623-1702 by William D. Shannon

This book provides an account of the life and works of Richard Kuerden, a seventeenth-century Lancashire polymath who played an interesting, if perhaps marginal, role at the interface of the two cultures of seventeenth-century intellectual life, as a physician, antiquary, topographer, cartographer and perhaps even alchemist. ... his many volumes of manuscript notes justify giving him the accolade of 'Father of Lancashire History.' Published by the Cheetham Society. ISBN 9780955427671. Contact the Society's General Editor, Tim Thornton, via t.j.thornton@hud.ac.uk



The Last Wolf of Humphrey Head by Andrew Musgrave

A picture book version of the local legend of that last wolf (see the following author's article). Published by Lightship Guides & Publications. Available to purchase online and at Daisy Roots bookshop in Grange and Flookburgh Post Office. ISBN 9780995586857.

The Last Wolf of Humphrey Head – a History by Andrew Musgrave

Everyone living locally seems familiar with the legend of the last wolf, and are proud of the stamp that history has made on our little corner of England. The legend, enduring from Medieval times, was so firmly implanted into local folktales that an anonymous ballad was written to perpetuate it, possibly written in the 1700s. In 1906, Mrs Jerome Mercier created a short fantasy story based on the myth, and it is this story that locals seem to fondly cherish. (The novel and ballad can be borrowed from Grange Library.)

<http://www.cartmel-peninsula-lhs.org.uk/>

The setting of the original tale was Wraysholme Tower near Allithwaite when it was allegedly owned by Sir Edgar Harrington in the 14th century. The wolf had its lair in the arched cave on Humphrey Head. Fed up with having his flocks predated upon, Sir Edgar offered a reward of land and marriage to his niece to whichever knight could kill this last annoying beast. According to the legend, on the fateful day a posse of 30 local hopeful knights gathered to flush the wolf from its lair, and thus began a pursuit all around south Lakeland – a sort of Knights v Wolf marathon. (Spoiler alert: the hero of the tale is Sir John Harrington whose 14th century tomb is in Cartmel Priory). Mrs Mercier's novel strays from the original legend by including Arnside Tower as part of the story. In February this year I published an updated fully illustrated picture book version of the tale (with a happier ending).

How much historical truth is there in the story? Most legends have some grain of truth to them, but they are legends because the historic version cannot be verified. There were obviously wolves in the area in times past. Kendal Museum houses the Helsfell skeleton found locally dating from the 12th century. Other places in Britain claim similar tales, but the tale of Humphrey Head seems better anchored: Lakeland being a forested backwater away from England's cultivated heartland has always provided a refuge for persecuted predators. The place name Ulpha, six miles east of Humphrey Head derives from ulfr meaning 'wolf' and that wolves may have been trapped there. A wolf's head weathervane can be seen on the roof of Cartmel Priory, hinting at past encounters.

John Harrington, having been a parliamentary peer from 1324, died in 1347. His tomb and effigy can be found in Cartmel Priory. This tomb has intricate decorations of various beasts, dragons, lions, etc, but none depict wolves. If in his lifetime he was famous for such a feat, surely such evidence would have been indicated on his grave. But instead, the feet of John Harrington's effigy rest upon a carving of a lion (not a wolf), while that of his wife (whose name was Lady Joan Dacre (not Adela as in the legend)) rests upon a dog. The Harrington tomb was damaged during a raid by Cromwell's men, and later whitewashed during the Victorian era, but the ceiling and surrounding decorations provide no hint to the legend.

By Medieval times wolves had become so numerous and annoying that their numbers needed to be checked. In 1433 Henry VI sponsored a wolf hunt, but John Harrington had died 86 years earlier! According to Wikipedia wolves became extinct in England between 1485 & 1509. That being so, John Harrington who died in 1347 couldn't be the culprit for its demise.

Online Resources

Introduction to palaeography

If you have ever wanted to try to transcribe early documents, you might like to look at 'An introduction to our short guide to historic Horrible Handwriting' prepared by Cheshire Archives. This is a step by step introduction with examples of original documents to transcribe, helpful guidance throughout and full transcriptions at the end of each section to check your accuracy.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/1f161850c9cf4a12a2f8ff8f707d462e>

Googlebooks

Googlebooks has a large number of scanned books freely available online. Of interest in relation to this area's local history include:

The Annals of Cartmel by James Stockdale (1872)

Cartmel Parish, and Parish Church: and Sermons Preached Therein by William Ffolliott (1854)

Sketch of Furness and Cartmel by Charles M. Jopling (1843)

Cartmel Priory Church, Lancashire by Cartmel Priory (1857)

Pigot and co.'s national commercial directory for 1828-9, By James Pigot and co (1829)

A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Commoners of Great Britain & Ireland by John Burke (1836)

Notes on the Agriculture of Lancashire, with suggestions for its improvement by Jonathan Binns (1851)

The public charities of the hundred of Lonsdale north of the sands by Commissioners for inquiry into charities (1852)

Sketches of Grange and the Neighbourhood (1850)

<https://books.google.com/>

<http://www.cartmel-peninsula-lhs.org.uk/>

Publishers of Local History Books

Carnegie Publishing

Based in Lancaster and mainly publishing titles based in the North West and Yorkshire. Titles include A History of Kendal by Andrew White, The Midland Hotel by Barry Guise and Pam Brook and Old Silverdale by Rod J Ireland.

<https://www.carnegiepublishing.co.uk>

Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society

The Society has published its annual Transactions since 1874 and also publishes a range of books about the history and archaeology of Cumbria. Titles include Exploring Antiquities and Archaeology in the North West by David Shotter and Marion McClintock, The Websters of Kendal by Angus Taylor edited by Janet Martin and A Hand-list of Newspapers Published in Cumberland, Westmorland and Lancashire by F.Barnes & J.L.Hobbs.

https://cumbriapast.com/cgi-bin/cwaas/cp_main.pl?action=cp_publications_list

Handstand Press

These publishers are based in Dent and publish books celebrating the culture and landscape of Cumbria. Titles include Lakeland Bobbin Makers by Douglas Philipson, Ulverston, An English Market Town Through History by Helen Shacklady and Neat, Though Not Sumptuous: Lowick Hall - a Chronicle by Adam & Marianne Naylor.

<https://handstandpress.net/>

Lancaster University Regional Heritage Centre

Based at Lancaster University and publishing a range of books relating to the North West. Titles include Cumbria: an Historical Gazetteer by Angus Winchester, Printed Maps of Lancashire: the first two hundred years by Dr Ian Saunders and Country Houses of Lancashire and their builders by John Champness.

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/regional-heritage-centre/publications/>

Research Queries

Aynsome Laboratories, near Cartmel



I am researching the history of this small hamlet just north of Cartmel which in the early 1900's saw the building of Aynsome Laboratories by John Stewart Remington, a member of the Remington family who lived at what is now named Aynsome Manor. From my research so far this was an innovative and unique introduction of a light industrial business to this rural and agricultural area in the Cartmel Valley. Initially known as the Aynsome Analytical and Technical Laboratories they carried out analysis of soil samples and seed testing, later branching out into the use of chemicals in fertiliser for the improvement of the land for crop production. The Laboratories operated at Aynsome from 1901 to 1954 when it moved to Kentsford Road, Kents Bank, Grange.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has any knowledge, documents or photos relating to the Aynsome Labs at either site or indeed anyone who was involved or had knowledge of the various businesses who have made use of the buildings at Aynsome since the 1900s.

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High Hampsfield

I am just starting to research the history of the High Hampsfield area and would be grateful for any information or images available from work by previous members. I'm particularly interested in residential, agricultural and industrial history for the area, but any information and links to sources would be appreciated. My interest is driven by spending time in the area during my childhood visiting maternal grandparents (the Hogdsons) at their home near High Hampsfield Farm where they had ran a boarding kennels business up to 1970. Photos of dwellings, farms etc are particularly welcome please. I will happily share findings and collated information at a later date. Best contact is david@dnirwin.co.uk. Thank you. Dave Irwin.

Local History Research Enquiries

Since May 2020 we have had several interesting enquiries about the local area.

Peter is going to research the occupants of High Frith Farm on the northern edge of the Holker Estate close to the Leven Estuary and he asked for advice and help. This is a locality where little research has been undertaken but hopefully we will be able to uncover some information. Our members research stick includes census information for the Peninsula and we will be able to suggest where else to look for information.

A request to meet Margaret and Angela to discuss the Hutton family at Wood Broughton and who the family might have been working for proved challenging but very satisfying. Robert Hutton was a coachman to one of the big houses at Wood Broughton and I think he was employed by the Rigge family. We discovered that another Hutton family who lived at Flookburgh were not related to the Wood Broughton family and how easy it is to research the wrong person when two people with identical names and birth year are involved. The key to unravelling the dilemma in this case was the place of birth which was very different for each of them. Robert the coachman was born in Thursby in Cumberland but the other Robert was born in Flookburgh, Lancashire. Very little has been written about the hidden hamlet of Wood Broughton but I found some interesting information which I will write about and place on the website (when I find the time).

Mick, who was planning a visit to the area was looking for help in identifying where his relatives had lived in the 19th century. The families involved were the Akister and Shackley families of Lindale. They were stone masons and I was able to identify the area in Lindale where I think they were at each census date. We were also able to put him in contact with the people who hold Lindale Church burial records and he was able to locate where family members were buried. I was surprised to see how many stone masons lived in Lindale in the 19th century and this concentration has given me another idea for a research topic. Stone masons not only shaped stone they were also builders of stone houses. Why did so many live in Lindale?

We will be helping a regular visitor to the area who has expressed an interest in researching High Hampsfield. His request for information will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.



I have been helping Richard for some months to research the Redhead family of Cartmel and the Allen family of Lindale. He has sent me a photograph of a brooch which is owned by the family. It may be a picture of Robert Allen, a surgeon, the son of Peter Allen who was the landlord of the Commercial Inn in Lindale. Robert worked with John Redhead the doctor in Cartmel and married his daughter Ann Jane Redhead in 1852 but sadly died in 1854. I wonder if anyone can positively identify the person pictured? Richard's family also own a brooch which could be 192 years old. It remembers two children who died in 1823 aged 2 and 1828 aged 9 and it contains strands of hair presumably belonging to the children. Ann Jane Allen's amazing story can be found on our website in the Lindale section. I hope soon to add an article about John Redhead and his family to the Cartmel section. Sylvia Woodhead existing research about the Allen family can be found on our website in the Lindale section.

Pat Rowland

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Meeting Programme

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

All meetings and trips have been suspended. A revised programme will be circulated in due course.

News and Article Submission

- Members are invited to submit news items or snippets of interest to other members to the Newsletter Editor Lyn Prescott. **Copy deadline for the next Newsletter: 31st December 2020.**
- Research articles for inclusion on the website should be submitted to the Website Editor Phil Rowland.

Website

Golfing in Grange.

The 'bottom' course in Grange celebrated its hundredth birthday in 2019 and my research has shown that the 'top' course at Grange Fell was founded around 1950. However I have known for some time that the first golf course in Grange was on the Fellgate / Cartmel Rd as shown on the 6-inch OS map at the end of the 19th century. The club was established in 1894 and for the next few years there are regular reports of competitions in the local papers. After 1919, the Fellgate course was known as the Grange Golf Club or the Golf Links, and the bottom course referred to as the 'new' Grange Golf Club until the closure of the struggling Links club after the Second World War in 1946. The full history of the first Grange Golf Club has recently been published on the website (see below).

Phil Rowland

New Research Articles

Since the last Newsletter in May 2020, the following articles have been added to the website:
Kentsford House, Grange Golf Links, Anne Jane Allen (nee Redhead), Commons Enclosure in Ancient Parish of Cartmel, Agriculture in Allithwaite from 17 & 18C inventories.