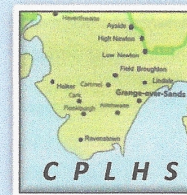


# CARTMEL PENINSULA LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

*"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**

A very Happy New Year to all Members. I do hope that you are all well and that you are keeping safe.

It will be no surprise that we are still unable to resume our lectures while the present lockdown persists. However, we remain hopeful and you can be assured that we shall resume lectures and other activities as soon as it is safe to do so. We shall keep everybody closely advised.

Thanks are again due to our contributors and to Lyn Prescott for compiling this Newsletter. There is much to keep us all involved with history and research opportunities for those who wish to pursue their particular interests. The Society has much of help in its own archives and Nigel Mills and Rose Clark give ideas which can be taken up by anyone. They will be only too pleased to give guidance where needed.

With the help of on-line events and resources and access through social media, much can be achieved from the comfort of our own homes. For those not wishing to use digital means, we include a review of several books on local topics. I found that by Ruth Mansergh of particular interest.

We continue to receive research enquiries from near and far. Another came only today from Australia. We hope the brief resumes continue to be of interest.

I know that I am not alone in my wish to meet with others rather than to have to remain at home, reading or researching but let us all hope for an early resumption of life "as we knew it".

Keep safe and stay well.

Stuart Harling

## Archive & Library News

### Cumbria Archives

All Cumbria Archive Centres are currently closed however they are offering an enhanced remote enquiry service. They can do one specific search of not more than 30 minutes duration per customer per Archive Centre free-of-charge. This replaces the previous free look-up service of 10 minutes duration. They shall provide, where relevant, photographs of documents however these photographs will be for access purposes only and will not be to the higher standard provided by the Digitisation Service.

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

### Cumbria Libraries and Local Studies

Cumbria Libraries currently have a limited offer, with access only for essential PC usage (booked in advance) and Select & Collect Service (to request and borrow up to 6 books from the available stock at the requested library). Services are available at all 8 South Lakeland Libraries, the days and times for these services vary by Library, so check the website and to arrange for a computer booking or Select & Collect contact the relevant Library. Grange Library has PC availability on Wednesday mornings and Select and Collect Monday to Saturday.

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries-archives/covid19.asp>

### Lancashire Archives

Lancashire Archives are currently closed however their enquiry and copying service is still available and their online catalogue can be searched at <https://archivecat.lancashire.gov.uk/calmview/>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates/libraries-archives-and-museums/#archives>

## Online Events

### British Association of Local History

*Wednesday 10th March, 6 pm. How to grow your local history social media presence*

BALH's Social Media Fellow, Daniella Gonzalez will provide an introduction to the various social media platforms available and how local history societies can best use them to promote their work and engage with the wider history community. Note that as CPLHS is a member of Lancashire Local History Federation members will receive a discount when using the following code when booking events: F-23712J. Further details/booking information:

<https://www.balh.org.uk/event-balh-balh-digital-workshop-how-to-get-your-local-history-research-out-there-2021-02-13>

### Morecambe Bay Partnership

*Tuesday 2nd February, 7 pm. Morecambe Bay Sunset Series: Warton Crag: An Iron Age Hill Fort - or is it?*

Join Kevin Grice for his fascinating reinterpretation of Warton Crag 'Iron Age hill fort'. Kevin will discuss recent research on the Iron Age hill fort on Warton Crag. He will explore both the antiquarian and twentieth-century documentary sources and evaluate the results of recent LiDAR imaging. He will contrast the different views on the possible date and function of the monument including modern re-interpretations. Kevin will consider whether its dating may be more complex than previously thought and he will set out an alternative hypothesis and suggest further investigations. Further details/booking information: <https://www.morecambebay.org.uk/>

*Tuesday 16th February, 7 pm. Morecambe Bay Sunset Series: The Matchless Disaster*

Join Simon Williams as he shares his research on Morecambe Bay's Forgotten Tragedy. In 1894 a pleasure boat sunk just off the Silverdale coast resulting in the greatest loss of life Morecambe Bay has seen. Simon Williams,

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

Chair of the Mourholme Local History Society, has traced the story of all those on the boat that day, the likely cause of the accident, and the aftermath. Further details/booking information: <https://www.morecambabay.org.uk/>

An earlier talk on *Morecambe Bay Sunset Series: Forests, Footprints and Fauna* with Dr Alison Burns, expert on prehistoric footprints, follows in the footsteps of the Bay's ancient inhabitants. Morecambe Bay's ever shifting sands regularly expose ancient land surfaces where prehistoric communities hunted thousands of years ago. A prehistoric woodland landscape is revealed by fallen tree stumps embedded in the clays and its use by Stone Age hunter-gatherers is preserved as animal remains and footprints. The land surfaces and features are exposed through tidal processes and storms, sometimes only for a matter of hours before the next tide removes all evidence. This is now available on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Flx34EGRD10>

## Regional Heritage Centre

Saturday 20th February, 2 to 3 pm. *Illegitimacy in North West England 1600-1900* online event/live Q&A session. An online Study Day with Dr Alan Crosby of the British Association for Local History. This event features 8 half-hour presentations on aspects of illegitimacy, as well as an opportunity to ask questions. The presentations will be available to view in advance and the live session will be held online from 20th February. For more details/booking information: <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/regional-heritage-centre/events/illegitimacy-in-north-west-england-1600-1900>

## Social Media

### Facebook Groups



There are a number of groups on Facebook where individuals share old photographs. Most require members to request to join a group in order to see the content and post items, but acceptance is usually prompt.



Some Facebook groups that have photos of interest in relation to the local area:

- Old photos and memories of lower holker
- People who love Cartmel especially if you were born there
- Memory Lane – old photos of furness and the surrounding area
- Ulverston memories past and present
- Barrow-in-Furness in Old Photos

### North West Film Archive



The Archive continues to post selected films on their Twitter feed. Recent postings include The Lake District by train, Farming in Cumbria, Divi Day (Co-op), Workers leaving Vickers Shipyard.

<https://twitter.com/NWfilmarchive>



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

## Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society Archive



### Not sure where to start?

Since last March when, like everyone else, I had to avoid going out and about, meeting people, visiting places and generally enjoying retirement I have retained my sanity, although others might not agree, by doing a spot of two of local research. As the Cartmel Valley is full of small settlements and hamlets I thought I would look at the history of one or two as after all I live in one. I planned to base my research around houses and people but found that even Field Broughton has over 30 houses and just thinking of the 8 census's there would be hundreds of families all with their own stories. So I picked Aynsome instead and included a couple of nearby farms for good measure. Now nearly a year later I am still doing it!

But the idea of this note is not to discourage but to encourage anyone who wants to do some research to do so. It does not need to be a massively important subject or of general interest to be worthwhile and interesting. I have sat through some really good lectures on drain covers, field drainage pipes, dry stone walls and read papers on sliding sashes, doorways and the poor laws but that's me! There is a lot of information out there that is easily accessible even without the Archive Centres being open and in the CPLHS we have numerous sources that can be used, so if you want to find out and write about something of local interest then please let me know. I and other members of CPLHS will happily help you get started and support you but be warned it is addictive and you will need to at least be a little familiar with a computer or willing to learn the basics.

Please get in touch with any ideas.

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### Sorting Out in Lockdown

I have heard that a lot of people are using their time in Lockdown to sort out old papers in cupboards and drawers that have lain untouched for years. I have just received photos of my Father, from a cousin, taken during his time in Burma in WWII sent to her Mother, his sister, in Hull, that she found tucked away at the back of a cupboard. So if you have been sorting and tidying and have found anything of local interest would you lend them to me to copy for the CPLHS Archive please? And if you haven't got around to it yet get a move on! Photos, documents, programmes, old postcards, deeds, house sales brochure, the list is endless but if in doubt please get in touch with me.

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### Doing local history in a lockdown: Every picture tells a story

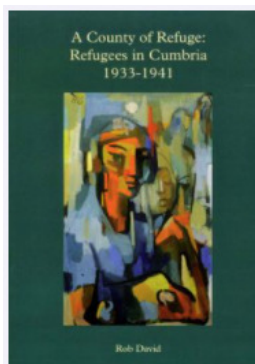
With everyone still in lockdown and for the most part separated from family and close friends near and far, I like many have been filling my time with local and family history. What better topic to discuss on Skype or FaceTime, as a pleasant diversion and alternative to the current situation but "a trip down memory lane". It could be some old photos to get the generations started involving grandparents and children alike. Members might be interested in this link entitled "We need to preserve the memories: pandemic sparks boom in ghost written memoirs." which appeared in the national press recently: [https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/dec/31/we-need-to-preserve-the-memories-pandemic-sparks-boom-in-ghostwritten-memoirs?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/dec/31/we-need-to-preserve-the-memories-pandemic-sparks-boom-in-ghostwritten-memoirs?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

What better form of home schooling that linking family histories to national history. Topics could cover clothes, toys, school etc. and written up in a family portfolio. As many members may already be aware but the CPLHS website has already carried out a number of interviews with local people and these can be heard on our website under Resources and then scroll down until you come to Oral Histories. You can easily record your own histories using an downloadable App such as Voice Memos. As Nigel has already said we have established photo archives, which we would love to add to. Every picture tells a story. Can we add your stories to them?

Rose Clark.



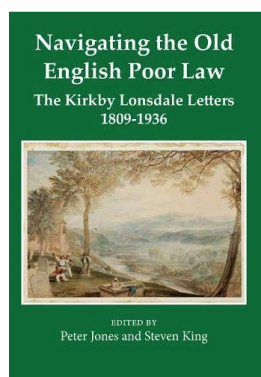
## New Publications



### **A County of Refuge: Refugees in Cumbria 1933-1941 by Rob David**

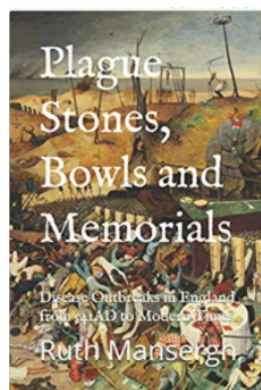
This book examines Cumbria's response to the refugee crisis of the 1930s and early 1940s. Drawing on a wealth of archive material and oral testimony the author demonstrates that at that time many Cumbrians welcomed refugee groups from Spain, Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. Published by CWAAS in 2020, ISBN 9781873124857.

Note – see Research Queries in relation to refugees in Cark.



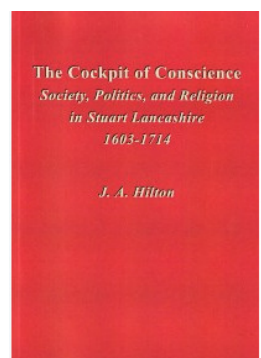
### **Navigating the Old English Poor Law: The Kirkby Lonsdale Letters, 1809-1836: 62 (Records of Social and Economic History) by Professor Steven King and Dr Peter Jones**

This edition of over 600 letters written by or for the poor in the early nineteenth-century Cumbrian town of Kirkby Lonsdale provides a unique window onto the experiences, views and conditions of a much-neglected group in English society. The letters were mostly addressed to Stephen Garnett, a local grocer and parish officer. People applied to local overseers and the guardians of the poor, who they knew, they knew in a face-face sense, so these were not begging letters - they were negotiations. It shows how local parishes were able to take care of their own poor and the poor had a moral right to be relieved, as well as a practical right. Published by OUP (Oxford) in 2020, ISBN 9780197266816.



### **Plague Stones, Bowls and Memorials: Disease Outbreaks in England from 541 AD to Modern Times by Ruth Mansergh**

There is a tendency to think of the Black Death, which reached England in 1348, the Plague of London (1665-1666) and the Spanish flu (1918-1920), which hit the UK in a series of waves, as being isolated events. However, there have been devastating infectious diseases through the ages. Across the country, monoliths called plague stones are still in existence. They were erected outside established market areas showing where town and country people could trade with minimal risk of contamination. Stones were hollowed out to form a bowl, which would have been filled with vinegar to disinfect coins. This book was a finalist for the Lakeland Book of the Year for a Pen & Sword title. Self published in 2020, ISBN 9798651775187.



### **The Cockpit of Conscience by J A Hilton**

This book takes up Thomas Fuller's 1662 characterisation of Lancashire as divided between Protestants and Catholics, showing how religious and political division undermined the county's status-conscious society. Obsessed with religion, this social tension manifested in outbreaks of witchcraft and demonic possession, and culminated in civil war. The book considers how the abolition of monarchy and Episcopalian Protestantism resulted in the proliferation of radical Protestant sects, followed by the restoration of king and bishops, and then another revolution which led to the eventual rejection of communal religious violence. Published by Bookcase in 2020, ISBN 978191218140.

## Online Resources

### Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire

140 publications of the Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire are now available in digital format, free to users in the following formats: PDF, ePub, Plain Text, DAISY and Kindle. Documents cover a wide range of topics and historical periods from the eleventh to the twentieth century, some documents relate to the Cartmel area including:

- Lancashire and Cheshire Church Surveys 1649-1655
- A list of Lancashire wills proved in the Archdeaconry of Richmond 1547 to 1680
- Lancashire Lay subsidies 1216-1307
- Minutes of the Committee of Relief of Plundered Ministers Part 1 1643-1654
- Lancashire Fines Part IV 1510-1558
- Marriage Bonds for the Deaneries of Lonsdale, Kendal, Furness, Copeland and Amounderness in the Archdeaconry of Richmond now preserved at Preston 1746-55

A full list of digitised volumes, and links to access them are on the website: <http://rslc.org.uk/publications/>

## Research at Archives

### Cumbria and Lancashire Archives

In the last newsletter it was announced that local archives were due to reopen and visits would be by appointment only. I made an appointment to visit Kendal but the November lockdown delayed it. I received a new appointment date and was able to visit in early December. Only 2 spaces were available on the days the office is open and the number of documents ordered was restricted. Because of these severe restrictions they had suspended the cost of a camera licence to enable copying. Access was through a rear door reserved normally for step free disabled access. Applying for the new archive card was straight forward. I had completed the online form but had not been able to add my photo. The archivist retrieved my application and took my photograph and then issued my new ticket within five minutes of my arrival. My trip was successful and I was able to copy in full Johnson's 1797 inclosure survey book for Upper Allithwaite. Peter Roden has subsequently digitised the information and it will be available to members who have purchased the digitised research memory stick next time their stick is updated. The information adds to our knowledge of occupiers and owners in Upper Allithwaite. Now we know who lived there in 1797 and who owned land there at that date. Lancashire Archive at Preston also introduced an appointment system but the number of documents requested was unrestricted. They continue to charge for a camera licence. My appointment in early January was cancelled because of the latest lock down. I wonder when I will be able to visit to start to copy probate papers for Flookburgh and the surrounding area? We have analysed inventories made in the 17th and early 18th century for people living in Allithwaite and we are planning to collate, compare and contrast the information contained in Flookburgh residents' inventories. The Allithwaite inventories, so far, have enabled us to write about agriculture, a textile industry and the contents of houses in the area. Pat Rowland

## Research Queries - Members

### Orchards in Lower Allithwaite

Whilst researching Allithwaite farms with Pat and Phil Rowland, using Buttle's valuation book I realised that there were a large number of orchards in the area. Many were attached to farms as part of the farmstead that included barns, gardens, shippons and more. But there were also a number of orchards that were stand alone and I estimated there were 20 of these. Local records show that William Field planted an orchard in October 1804 and 10/6d was made from apples sold from Allithwaite poor house in 1803 but there is little information on orchards. It appears that the majority of the trees were apple and pears but there may have been other fruit trees such as damsons but it is difficult to find the evidence for trees other than apple or pear. If anyone has any information on the varieties of apples and pears or any other fruit that may have been grown locally or know of any old orchard or where an orchard has once been, anywhere on the peninsula, please get in touch with any committee member of the society. Barbara Copeland

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## Refugees in Cark

I am currently reading Rob David's new book 'A County of Refuge: Refugees in Cumbria 1933-1941'. He mentions that in 1939 the Allithwaite, Flookburgh, Cark and Cartmel Villages Refugees Committee created a community-run hostel in Cark, largely for refugees from Czechoslovakia. Does anyone have any information about either the Committee or the hostel (see below 1939 Register of Mill House) please? Pat Rowland.

Mill House, Cark in C.	83	1	Běček, Andreas	M. 9 Aug 03	M. (out of work) Refugee Czechoslovakia
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ditto		2	SANDERSON	F 2 Dec 04	Unpaid Domestic Duties
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## Research Queries – received by the Society

Please respond to Pat Rowland if you have information on any of these research queries received by the Society.

### Eden Mount Road, Grange

Electricity North West Limited (ENWL) contacted us about a large electricity substation at the top of Eden Mount in Grange. They wanted help in accessing historical maps for the area or photographs of the quarry and the substation. We were able to tell them about the digitised OS maps on the Library of Scotland website. However we are not aware of any photographs. Can anyone help?

### Jewish footprints

Lisa Novensterm wanted to make contact with Dr Rob David and we were able to give her information. She is researching Jewish footprints in Cumbria/ Cumberland for the Jewish Small Community Network and would welcome any referrals to Jewish life in Cumbria. Let me know if you have any information please.

### Tower & Clock on Church Hill, Grange

I have been asked about an architects drawing for the Tower and clock on Church Hill, Grange. It was shown by Robin Webster at a meeting and my enquirer wants to build a scale model for his railway layout and asked if I know where Robin's archive is? Can anyone help please?

### John Wilkinson

A blogger who writes about follies contacted us about an article she was writing about John Wilkinson and his obelisk at Lindale. We were able to work together getting the facts correct. Subsequently she has written an interesting article about the temple on Holme Island, Grange-over-Sands. Her blog can be accessed via this link <https://thefollyflaneuse.com/about/>

## Witherslack Hall Murals

Witherslack Hall Murals update. In November we received an email from a lady who had been a pupil at Witherslack Hall and she confirmed that the murals 'do exist and have been covered by glass .... They depict each season; autumn showing apple picking; winter skating etc. They are in what must have been the Stanley's drawing room and our common room. It made the room unique, very welcoming and special and were fascinating to look at, and wonder if the artist had drawn from scenes, as they were happening, in the grounds?' The hunt for photographs continues.

## Woods Family in Grange

We received this request for information about a house on Eden Mount Road and a business in Grange in the 1950s "I was born in 1955 at Risedale Maternity Hospital in Barrow. My father and mother, Henry Clarke and Doris May Woods shows my address at the time of my birth as 'Moorings' Eden Mount Road, Grange over Sands. In 1957 we emigrated to what was then Southern Rhodesia. My father had a bakery and I remember him saying he supplied the local schools and businesses with bread. His bakery and business was styled 'H C Woods Master Baker and Confectioner'". We have been able to find information about the property up to the sale in 1957 but nothing about the business. If you have any information about either please contact 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: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021.**
- Research articles for inclusion on the website should be submitted to the Website Editor Phil Rowland.

### Website

#### New Research Articles

Since the last Newsletter in October 2020, the following articles have been added to the website:  
Templand Common Enclosure, Templand in 17-18C, Templand household belongings in the 17-18C, Allithwaite Lodge French Garden and Nursery, Introduction to Broughton East Vestry Book, Introduction to Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanacs V2, Grange Red Books advertisers, William Richardson Nash & Karen Lynch's feature article on Wilkinson's monument.

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