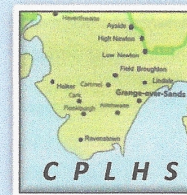


CARTMEL PENINSULA LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

"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. We continue to be in extraordinary times with little ability to be certain as to our safe movements in the future.

It was good to have on the 12th May our first lecture since March 2020 and thanks are due to Pat Rowland for a detailed account of the development of tourism in Grange-over-Sands and to Morecambe Bay Partnership for allowing us to use their Zoom facility. The attendance was 27. The Committee is to meet in early July to discuss future events, hoping we may then be able to consider "live" meetings.

Thanks, once more, to Lyn Prescott for producing this Newsletter in which you will, I am sure, all find much of interest. You will see that the archive and library services are re-opening and there is plenty to watch and listen to online for those who use that facility. Articles on the Furness Railway and our own archive follow.

We continue to have a steady input of enquiries from all over the world, enabling us to assist whenever possible. Some of those requests present issues the committee cannot resolve so we are always grateful for assistance from members. We are conscious that the use of social media platforms is something we ought to embark on. Any help on this would be really appreciated, please.

Keep well and stay safe.

Stuart Harling

Archive & Library News

Cumbria Archives

All Cumbria Archive Centres have re-opened and are open from 9.30 am to 1 pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. It is necessary to make a booking prior to visiting and pre-order documents. CARN tickets are no longer accepted and an ARA Archives card must be applied for prior to your first visit. For further details:

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/archives/archivecentres/bookvisit.asp>

Cumbria Libraries and Local Studies

Cumbria Libraries have re-opened to borrow books and for PC usage (advance booking recommended for PC use). Library PCs provide free access to Ancestry and Find My Past. Services are available at all 8 South Lakeland Libraries, the days and times for these services vary by Library, so do check the website prior to visiting. Grange Library is open from 9 am to 1 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries-archives/covid19.asp>

Lancashire Archives

Lancashire Archives have re-opened and are open from 9.30 am-12.30 pm and 1.30 pm-4.30 pm from Tuesday to Friday each week. They are also open from 10.30 am-12.30 pm and 1.30 -3.30 pm on the second Saturday of the month. It is necessary to make a booking prior to visiting and pre-order documents. CARN tickets are no longer accepted and an ARA Archives card must be applied for prior to your first visit. For further details:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/coronavirus/our-services/archives/>

Online Courses and Talks

British Association of Local History

BALH are providing free online access to several Ten Minute Talks on a range of topics including:

- An introduction to wills for local historians
- Researching The 'Spanish' Influenza Epidemic 1918-19
- Royal British Legion – Telling our Story

For more details: <https://www.balh.org.uk/ten-minute-talks>

BALH has a number of online events planned over the next few months including:

- BALH Local History Day 2021 AGM and Talk - Saturday 12th June 2021 1:30 pm. Further details to be announced.
- BALH Digital Webinar : Getting Your Local History Research Out There! - Wednesday 14th July 2021 6:00 pm. This webinar will offer practical guidance on how local history research can be communicated to wider audiences and the opportunities that are available for collaborative and partnership working.

For more details/booking information: <https://www.balh.org.uk/events>

Future Learn

Free online courses from universities and specialist organisations delivered between 2 and 6 weeks on a range of subjects including history. Current courses include:

- Empire: the Controversies of British Imperialism (University of Exeter)
- Learning from the Past: A Guide for the Curious Researcher (University of Nottingham)
- Radical Spirituality: the Early History of the Quakers (Lancaster University)

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- The Living Picture Craze: An Introduction to Victorian Film (British Film Institute)
- Working Lives on Britain's Railways: Railway History and Heritage (University of Strathclyde)

For more details: <https://www.futurelearn.com/search?q=history>

Morecambe Bay Partnership

Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 7 pm - Sunset Series: Crossing the Sands

Discover the extraordinary history of crossing the sands of Morecambe Bay with historian Dr Bill Shannon. Until the coming of the railways, the main way from Lancaster to Ulverston, Millom and beyond, was across the sands of the Bay at low tide, accompanied by a guide. Prior to the Reformation, these men were employed by the monasteries as an act of charity; but afterwards the Duchy of Lancaster took on the role. However, even before the coming of the monasteries, back to the Romans and earlier, people were using the Bay as their highway. Follow in their footsteps with local historian, Dr Bill Shannon, as your guide. For more details/booking information:

<https://www.morecambebay.org.uk/events>

Regional Heritage Centre

There are two online events planned by the Regional Heritage Centre this month:

- Ballad and Song in the History of North West England - Saturday 15th May 2021, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
This online Study Event features video presentations as well as a live Q&A session on Saturday 15 May. The video presentations will be available to view in advance. Details of how to access both the presentations and the live session will be provided to everyone who registers.
- Dalia James & The Ruskin: Introduction to Weaving Online Workshop - Thursday 20th May 2021, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Join Dalia James and The Ruskin for an online workshop exploring contemporary hand weaving.

For more details/booking information: <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/regional-heritage-centre/events/>

Triskele Heritage

Triskele are providing free weekly lockdown lectures on a range of archaeological topics at 5 pm each Thursday, with booking through Eventbrite. The topic is only announced the week prior, but previous topics include Buildings Archaeology, British Field Archaeology, Medieval Landscapes & Mediaeval Buildings, Tracing your House History and Historic Graffiti. The lectures are only available live and are not recorded. For further details/booking information:

<https://triskeleheritage.triskelepublishing.com/lockdown-lectures/>

RESEARCH

175th Anniversary of the formation of Furness Railway

Furness Line Community Rail Partnership have a project in hand to celebrate 175 years of the formation of the Furness Railway, which was so important in the development of the Furness rail line that many of us use regularly to travel to Lancaster and beyond.

A bit of history of our railways

Following the opening of the first railway line from Stockton to Darlington, there followed a huge number of railway openings and "Railway Mania" became the term for the decades that followed. At that time the slate quarries in the Kirkby in Furness area and the iron ore mines in Dalton were transported by horse and cart to Piel pier for onward shipment. After the usual issues relating to land ownership and Parliamentary approval, the Furness Railway ran its first goods train in July 1846 and passengers to Piel Station later that year (The current roadway to Roa Island is on the original trackbed). Having established this the attention turned to the establishment of a rail link to Lancaster (please see overleaf).

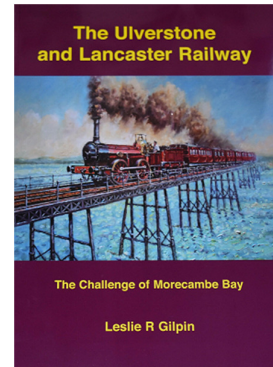
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What happened next

After a period of extensive consultation and lobbying the Ulverstone (sic) and Lancaster Railway (“ULR”) was formed and built the railway that is the one on which we now travel. The building of the viaducts across the Leven and Kent estuaries was challenging and the ULR was taken over by the Furness Railway and the whole line was opened in 1857.

Our celebration plans

At the invitation of the Furness Line Community Rail Partnership and the Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership members of the Station Adoption Groups have joined with Northern Rail and other organisations to establish a programme of events to celebrate the event. For several years a Festival of Transport has been held in Barrow in July each year. This year it is planned for Saturday 17th July and we are planning to launch our programme of celebrations there. We’ve been submitting bids for funding and are hopeful that Furness Railway number 20, a locomotive built in 1863 will be making an appearance. Along the line, we’re working with the Station Adoption Groups to set up displays at stations along the line and Leslie Gilpin, a CPLHS member and author of the book “The Ulverstone and Lancaster Railway” will be doing a talk on Thursday 12th August on the opening of the line and its impact on travel that we now enjoy.



David Stubbins

Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society Archive

The CPLHS Archive continues to grow as a resource for those who are researching the local history of our area. We would welcome any old documents or images you might have to add to the CPLHS Archive.

The more recent additions include:

- The cash book of Borwicks Farm during the 1940’s showing sales and purchases of animals giving an insight into farm finances during the war years and after.
- The 1963 sales brochure for Aynsome Mill Farm and other properties in the Cartmel Valley.
- A collection of Cartmel Priory Magazines from 1873 to 1971. A feast of information on the wide interests of the parishioners of Cartmel both religious and secular over nearly 100 years.
- Cartmel & District Weather and Farming Notes from 1910 to 1914
- Advertisements for Grange Palace Cinema films 1941-1951.

Images donated to our archive are varied: this one is of I don’t think I need to tell you, but I would like to give it a date. Not sure where to start? Nigel Mills nigelmillspp@gmail.com 01539536603



Database of Cartmel Parish Registers

Cartmel Priory's Registers of baptisms, marriages and burials start in 1559, and transcripts up to 1837 were published in four stages between 1907 and 2004. There are copies of these four publications in the CPLHS Archives, all in digital pdf files.

Although all four transcript volumes have indexes, for users wishing to extract lists of families or places of interest to them, it can be a laborious and time consuming job to look up every reference from the indexes and make notes of relevant entries. Accordingly, a database has been compiled in an Excel file as a more user-friendly tool for finding and extracting relevant information.

That database is now available in the CPLHS Archives, and complements the database of census records, covering an earlier period than the latter. The database includes almost 44,000 records, and has some introductory notes for users. In addition to the source text from the transcripts, every record in the database has additional fields of data for searching by family name, residence, etc.

Peter Roden

Research - Members

1924 Stone Marker

A walk to the north of Cartmel between Well Knowe and Beckside led to the discovery, beside the path just past Toad Mire Wood, of a piece of stone inscribed with the date 1924. Does anyone know anything about the stone and why it is dated 1924?

David and Noelene Shore



Lindale Inn – Mystery of the lost Caricatures



A joint effort by villagers to restore a memorable record of those locals during World War II who were regulars at the village pub, the Lindale Inn, known as the Village Inn at that time. During the Second World War, an RAF pilot Theo Dawson who it is believed was stationed at Cark airfield, made some drawings, caricatures, of the regulars at the Lindale Inn, including himself. The collection of drawings was on display at the Inn for many years but disappeared sometime around the early 2000s, though fondly remembered by many of the villagers. For some years there was talk in Lindale about the cartoon drawings and their whereabouts. Sylvia Woodhead, who has a keen interest in local history and is a member of the Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society, undertook some researches into the drawings. She was contacted by a former resident of the Inn who had taken photos of the drawings on his return visit to Lindale. Eventually the original drawings were tracked down to a local man who had them in safe keeping. In the meantime the Inn closed and then was demolished in 2019.

The drawings were in a poor state having deteriorated over the years and were not very legible. Vic Greenhalgh, who lives in Lindale and who enjoys painting and drawing, decided it would be good to try to restore them so that people could enjoy them again. After some attempts to try and enhance the images and make them more legible Vic has carefully recreated his version of the caricatures using washes of colour, which immediately brought them to life. The finished work can be seen in the window of Greywalls Studio, Lindale, which is opposite the former Inn site. There has been lots of interest with people remembering the characters in the drawings. Someone has contacted Vic as he recognised his father in

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the drawings. It has brought back happy memories of the Inn. Little is known about Theo Dawson, the original artist and despite some extensive searching it has not been possible to trace him or his family. If anyone has any information about him or requires further information, it would be very interesting to hear from you. Please contact Vic Greenhalgh - vicgreenhalgh@hotmail.co.uk 01539534261 or 07979725816. I own Greywalls Studio where the cartoon collage is on display.

Karen Lester

Plague Pestilence and Famine in the Cartmel Peninsula

It is ironical that I published an article on this subject on the CPLHS website last February, without any foresight into our impending pandemic and associated lockdown. My interest in the subject was aroused when trawling through the transcripts from the Parish registers and noticing the summary tables showing the numbers of burials for each year. High mortality was apparent locally in 1597, 1623, 1670 and 1729, and associated not only with epidemics or plague, but also famine due to the poor climate and failed harvests. Although there was a shortage of some foodstuffs due to panic buying at the beginning of the 2020 pandemic, the major factor in the current plague appears to be the transmission through social mobility.

Phil Rowland

Research Queries – received by the Society

Can you help identifying a newspaper?

Two poems written by Betty Bulling during the Second World War were published in local newspapers. One is about The Bay and the other is about Humphrey Head. Both are very evocative and capture the places beautifully.

The family of Constance Mary Bulling, known as Betty, thought she was evacuated to Grange. Born in 1921, by 1939 Betty would have been at Hornsey High School in Haringey. It is known that she and her sister Estelle cared for their gran, who was blind by this time. In October 1943 & February 1944 she was involved in amateur dramatic productions in Muswell Hill. At age 22-23, she would no longer be a school student; but we know she trained to be an infants' school teacher at some point. Many of her war poems depict the suffering experienced during air-raids.

Her niece found two undated press cuttings with the information they were written when Betty lived at The Knoll, Grange-over-Sands, amongst her possessions. She has contacted us hoping we might be able to identify the property where she lived, the date and where they were published.

We have established that the property was The Knoll on Fernhill Road that has a wonderful view over Morecambe Bay. In the 1939 Register The Knoll was occupied by Ada Dawson, a widow, born in 1884. Looking at news items on the reverse of the cuttings we have identified that the date of publication was in the second half of 1946. The electoral register recorded her and Ada Dawson at The Knoll at that date but we do not have any other information about how long Betty was in Grange and if she was working.

Do you know anything about Ada Dawson or Betty Bulling or which newspaper the cuttings are from? If you can help solve this mystery please contact Pat Rowland.



Betty [CM] Bulling (1921-1997) from *Escape into Poetry* collection:

HUMPHREY HEAD

(Morecambe Bay)

In haste I sped
To Humphrey Head,
To soothe a troubled mind.
My lonely mood
Sought solitude,
I left the world behind.

And from the shore
I gazed, and saw
A clear, extensive view;
The evening light,
So richly bright

Was casting vivid hue.
The waves expand
Upon the sand -
A calm and soothing tide;
And still they flow
As years ago
When here the last wolf died.

The song I heard
Of every bird,
Was soft, and sweet, and clear;
They sought their rest

Sheltered nest,
For night was drawing near.
Security
Returned to me.
I gained a calm repose.
The fragrant air
Dispelled all care,
Contented mind arose.

Again I gazed
On slanting rays

Which streaked the land and sea:
And in my heart
I took a part
Of sunset's harmony.

And thus content
I homeward went
At the lovely close of day,
But not in mood
Of gratitude
I wandered on my way.

THE MAGIC BAY

Above, the full moon gleams,
And casts her silken threads
On this secluded Bay.
See how the moonbeams dance
Upon this gentle tide
Towards the flocks of day!

Across the Bay, the lights
Of Morecambe, glint and wink,
Like many starry eyes -
So peaceful - and I feel
On dreamy ecstasy
As dusky, daylight dies.

My thoughts are stirred
In rhythm with the sea:
Musings ebb and flow,
Oh! Leave me in this state
Of solitude and bliss,
Content, and dreaming so!



Grange School

We were contacted by Grange School about giving a presentation about the Birth of Tourism. The children have been creating their own adverts to encourage people to visit Grange-over-Sands. Previously they had looked at the railway coming to Grange and how some people objected to it being built. Prepared a powerpoint using original pictures from the CPLHS archive and using zoom Pat Rowland explained how tourism started and continued to change over the years. They asked several questions and she was told they were still talking about the subject at the end of the day. A couple of children were inspired and were going to do their own research, one on the type of railway engines that came to Grange and the other on the history of their school.

Mackereth Family



An enquiry came from an Australian about the Mackereth family. We were able to put him in contact with another gentleman who has been researching the family and who had provided us with a copy of his family research information in 2016 which we placed on our website. He has printed and bound a copy of all of his research which contains updated information and a copy will be deposited at Grange Library. He will also provide us with an electronic copy to update the website.

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Meeting Programme

To be advised in due course following a Zoom lecture "The Development of Tourism in Grange" by Pat Rowland on Wednesday 12th May 2021.

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: 1st October 2021.**
- Research articles for inclusion on the website should be submitted to the Website Editor Phil Rowland.

Social Media Presence

In April Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society committee discussed the promotion of a social media presence for the Society. Social media is part of everyday life for many people at present with research in 2016 showing that 63% of the population used social media.

A social media presence would be beneficial to the society as it would raise the society's profile worldwide, it would share research with many people, start discussions, stimulate curiosity and share information.

The committee decided that to do this efficiently and effectively one person would have to be dedicated to this project as a consistent presence is required on social media to create a positive response. With that in mind the committee are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to create and grow a social media presence for the society. They are looking for someone who would ensure that the society has a consistent presence on social media, being both proactive, that is posting regularly and reactive by answering comments immediately and conversing with the audience when they give information.

If anyone is interested or knows someone who may be interested or wants further information please contact Barbara Copeland on 015395 33165 or any member of the committee.

Website

New Research Articles

Since the last Newsletter in January 2021, the following articles have been added to the website: Notes on Farming at Templand around the turn of the 19th Century, Lime Kilns on the Cartmel Peninsula, Grange Timeline, Brick and Tileworks on Holker Estate, A timeline of Holker Estates v2, Wraysholme Tower, The Harrington Family, The Stanley Family and ownership of Wraysholme from the 12th to the 16th centuries & Wraysholme Estate introduction and overview.

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