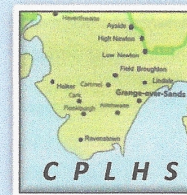


CARTMEL PENINSULA LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

"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 really do hope that you are all well. Sadly, we continue to be in extraordinary times with little ability to be certain as to our safe movements in the future, be it next week, next month or further ahead. All we can do is to take necessary precautions and to avoid any situation with which we are not comfortable. Bearing all that in mind, our committee has resolved to hold no face-to-face lectures until next year and to re-assess the situation before a decision is then made. We have held two lectures by Zoom earlier in the year but support has not been sufficient to encourage us to repeat that exercise.

We are, however, to hold our Annual General Meeting on 4th November in Cartmel Village Hall. Seats will be spaced out and everyone will be required to wear face coverings. Anyone attending **MUST**, please, register with Nigel Mills before the meeting.

As always, thanks to all contributors to this Newsletter and to Lyn our editor. There is, I believe, much of interest to all of us, whatever aspect of history we favour. The archive and library services are much more easily accessible now and details follow. Many of us are familiar with online talks and details of forthcoming ones shown here will provide opportunities for all. The articles on our archives, the Grange clock tower, the Thoms family and other research projects continue to demonstrate the wide variety of interests held within our Society.

We have been conscious that the use of social media platforms is something we ought to embark on and are delighted that Geoff Beeson has volunteered to join the committee to take forward a Facebook page for us: warm thanks to Geoff.

Keep well and stay safe.

Stuart Harling

Archive & Library News

Cumbria Archives

Cumbria Archives extended their opening hours on 4 August 2021. Booking is still required at Barrow, Kendal and Whitehaven Archives and at Carlisle Archives for original documents.

Barrow & Carlisle Archives: Wednesday to Friday: 9.30am to 1pm; 2pm to 5pm (closed 1pm to 2pm).

Kendal Archives: Wednesday to Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm; 1.30pm to 4.30pm (closed 12.30pm to 1.30pm)

Whitehaven Archives: Wednesday to Thursday: 9.30am to 12.30pm; 1.30pm to 4.30pm (closed 12.30pm to 1.30pm); Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

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

Cumbria Libraries and Local Studies

Cumbria Libraries have extended their opening times. Library PCs continue to provide free access to Ancestry and Find My Past and PC usage is up to 2 hours a day. 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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 2 to 5 pm on Monday and Wednesday. For further details:

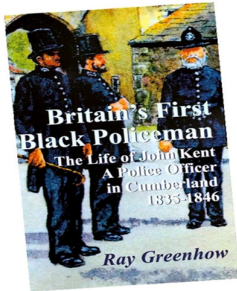
<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries-archives/covid19.asp>

Online Local History Talks from Carlisle Library

Several talks on local history by historian Stephen White are available on Youtube. Subjects include Tea Drinking and Smuggling in Cumbria, Quintinshill Railway Disaster 1915 and Cycling from Carlisle to London in 24 hours.

Link to Youtube page: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL70VCuxalKbXfGdBZnCF8KFhwMBVWZ-D>

Britain's First Black Policeman – Talk at Grange Library



A talk by Ray Greenhalgh on Monday 18th October 2021 at 11 am.

John Kent served as a police officer in Cumberland from 1835 to 1846. He was the son of Thomas Kent, a freed African slave who worked for the Senhouse family in the Carlisle area in the 1770's. Retired Cumbrian police officer Ray Greenhalgh has researched and written a book about his early career describing what life on the beat for an officer in Carlisle was like in the 19th Century. Tickets (free) are available from the Library or can be reserved by telephone on 015395 32749.

Lancashire Archives

Lancashire Archives extended their opening hours on 17 August 2021. Booking is still required, Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm & on second Saturday of the month 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30 -3.30pm (9 October, 13 November & 11 December 2021).

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

National Archives

The National Archives continue to provide free downloads of scanned documents to registered users.

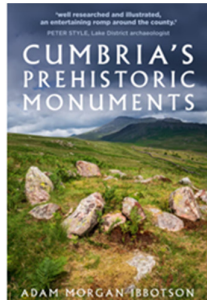
<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/digital-downloads/>

They also have 360 research guides available including army records, manorial records, land and property records and tithes.

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/>

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

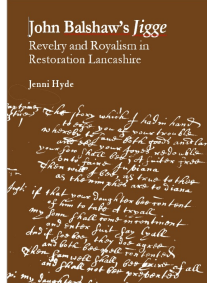
New Publications



Cumbria's prehistoric monuments by Adam Morgan Ibbotson

Whether it is Hadrian's Wall, Kendal Castle, or the beautiful fells of the Lake District, for thousands of years people have found a certain elegance and utility in stone. Cumbria has a multitude of massive stone monuments, built over 3,000 years before British shores had ever seen the Romans. Cumbria's 'megalithic' monuments are among Europe's greatest and best-preserved ancient relics but are often poorly understood and barely visited.

Published July 2021 by Cheltenham: The History Press. ISBN: 9780750996686



John Balshaw's Jigge - Revelry and Royalism in Restoration Lancashire by Jenni Hyde

John Balshaw's Jigge, a little-known manuscript held by the British Library, was created in the small village of Brindle, Lancashire, at the time of the Restoration. This exciting document is one of the latest known examples of a stage 'jig', a form of musical entertainment which had been particularly popular during the Elizabethan period. It would have been performed to ballad tunes that were in vogue, combining words, music and dance into a spectacular whole.

Published October 2021 by the Regional Heritage Centre, Lancaster. ISBN 9781862203952.

Online Talks and Contacts

British Association of Local History

BALH have uploaded new Ten Minute Talks on a range of topics including:

- The Farmer's Stocking Needle: How Vaccination Began
- Kilpeck's View of its Medieval World
- Migration from Swaledale during the collapse of the 19th century lead mines

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:

How to Use Legal Records for Local History – Wednesday 3rd November 2021 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Dr Daniel Gosling is Principal Legal Records Specialist (Early Modern) at The National Archives. Dr Gosling will provide hints and tips about how to start your local history research using these records

Oral History - Wednesday 24th November 2021 6:00pm - 7:30pm

There will be examples and pointers about where to access archived material, along with guidance and links to further resources about the practical and ethical issues around recording oral histories by Cynthia Brown and Mary Stewart.

Churchwardens Accounts - Thursday 25th November 2021 7:00pm.

Dr Rob Daniel will be speaking on a local study of sixteenth century Wandsworth's Churchwarden's accounts and will be introduced by Dr Andrew Foster on these records generally.

Winter Lecture - Thursday 9th December 2021

A special BALH event with a talk by Andrew Hopper. Full details will be available soon.

Getting the Best from the Victoria County History - Wednesday 15th December 2021 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

You may know the VCH as a series of Big Red Books. Join the series editor, Dr Adam Chapman, to learn more.

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

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

Facebook Group

A new local Facebook group has been launched - Grange-over-Sands Heritage Group. Photos and queries about the history of the town are being posted.



Regional Heritage Centre

Saints' Lives and medieval history in northern England - Saturday 20 November 2021 (online event with live Q&A). Saints' Lives are vital sources for many aspects of medieval society, ranging from ecclesiastical institutions and theology to the practicalities of everyday life. This event will focus especially on the light they shed on the history of medieval northern England, and history-writing in the region.

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

RESEARCH

Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society Archive

From the CPLHS Archives: Life in the Cartmel Peninsula in the 1950's.

The Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society has thousands of images of our peninsula and the ones that stand out for me are street scenes from our villages, some of which are hardly recognisable. I say "our" but I only came to this area in the 1980's and value the images for what they can tell of the life in this place. I would like to see more village scenes in our archives from the 40's, 50's and 60's so please get in touch if you have any, or know of anyone who has.



This image, I will leave it to you to identify where it is, is probably from the 1940's and wow, what a lot has changed since then in this popular village. You could write a story about this scene alone, especially with the help of those that were around then so why not have a go?

This Society, although not holding face to face lectures in 2021 for obvious reasons, is looking forward to looking backwards more in the new year so if you can help with memories, images or old paper documents please contact me at nigelmillspp@gmail.com

One of the projects being thought about for 2022 is the publication of the memories and writings of Joyce Smith, "Miss Smith" as she was known to all in and around Cartmel. She was interviewed by the CPLHS several times and was a regular contributor to the Cartmel Parish Magazine over many years and who can forget her top of the range Austin Allegro "Vanden Plas" found randomly parked in various parts of the village! We are looking for additional memories of Miss Smith to include so again if you can help please get in touch.

Nigel Mills

Research Queries

Grange Clock Tower



Grange Clock Tower photo by Pat Rowland

David Shore pointed out a recent article about the Arts and Crafts Grange Clock Tower in the recent edition of the newsletter for the Edgar Wood Society.

Richard Fletcher wrote that it was built on the main street in Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, in 1912, and was described by Pevsner as the best building in Grange. He added that it was inspired by Edgar Wood, with its battered diagonal buttresses, its small band of bell-openings, and its short octagonal spire.

The comparison is of course with Wood's clock tower at Lindley, Huddersfield, which was built in 1902, but who was the architect of the Grange Clock Tower? Newspaper reports of the opening attribute the design to Grange Urban District Council Surveyor and Engineer Thomas Huddleston. It is presumed he based the design of the tower on Wood's tower at Lindley, but it is not known if the two men were in contact with each other. Huddleston was also responsible for the design of Grange Pool, a pavilion and shelter on the Promenade, and a reservoir keeper's cottage, all in Grange, during his lengthy career with the council from 1905 to 1946.

Mrs Dearden's daughter, Leonora Edith Kellaway, when she died in 1937 left instructions for another clock tower to be erected at Church, near Accrington, dedicated to the memory of the Dearden family. It was built in 1939 and stands on Maden Street in the town. However its architect is unknown.

Does anyone know of a connection between Edgar Wood and Thomas Huddleston? I have not been able to find one.

Pat Rowland



Linley photo by Humphrey Bolton from https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/5/5d/Another_view_of_Lindley_Clock_Tower_-_geograph.org.uk_-_246265.jpg



Maden Street Tower photo by Robert Wade <https://www.flickr.com/photos/rossendalewadey/21192273285>

Greywalls, Lindale



The owner of Greywalls is keen to learn more about the history of the building which was built around 1900 by Farrers, a Lindale builder as a large private house called Portobello. Part of the house became the Co-op shop, and has since gone through many guises, including a grocers shop, 'Gill Groceries', a car boutique, owned by Batemans in the 1970s, selling car parts, then a Ceramics Studio for artist, Gary Standidge, a showroom for smart beds, Mantaray, and now currently used as Karen Lester's art studio. If you have any information please contact karenlester@hotmail.co.uk

Old Photos of Priest Lane Cartmel

We've received a request for old photographs of the summerhouse/gazebo by Wheelhouse Bridge on Priest Lane, Cartmel. Please contact Nigel Mills if you have any you would like to share.



Thoms Family of Builders in Grange enquiry

At the end of August we received an enquiry from Australia. The enquirer, Sandra Burke's ancestors had been the Bell family who farmed the Wyke farm in the 19th century. Sandra had read the article on the Wyke farm on our website and then asked if we could help to identify a house in East Broughton called Airlie Mount where her great grandmother, Flora Thoms, had been born in 1884. Flora was the daughter of James Thoms, a stonemason, who had grown up in Alyth, Scotland where there is a Victorian Mansion also called Airlie Mount. James Thoms had married Alice Hoggarth who was the granddaughter of Alice and John Bell of the Wyke.

Through research which covered census records, electoral records and digitised newspapers, Pat Rowland found out that James Thoms was living at Grayrigge Terrace, Grange-over-Sands in 1883 and 1884 and he possibly named it Airlie Mount (after the house in his birth town) as that is the name registered on 2 of his children's birth certificates (Flora in 1884 and Arnold 1886). Grayrigge Terrace became Grayrigge Hotel but was demolished in the late 20th century and the site was developed as sheltered flats for retired people.

Sandra said that she was very excited to receive the information on the house and further information on the Thoms family that Pat sent to her. She explained that it was difficult in Australia to get access to sources, especially when they are not digitised and she thought our website was excellent and would continue to follow publications that are posted on it. Sandra has forwarded further information that she has on the Thoms family.

Sandra has forwarded 2 photographs of the Thoms family and would appreciate any information about the family and people in the photographs. In the first photograph Sandra states:

Flora Thoms is on the left at the back (standing on a chair), her father James Thoms' face is between the bride and groom and her mother Alice is seated at the front on the far right. I don't know the date but Flora was born in 1884, so perhaps about 1895 or do the clothes narrow that down? I was wondering if anyone could identify any of the other people in it. I have been thinking that it could possibly be the wedding of Flora's oldest brother Frank Stuart Thoms and Sarah Mossop on 26th April 1900. The garden in the photo looks like a spring garden with bulbs but that would make Flora 15 and I'm not sure the girl at the back is 15.





In the second photograph Sandra states:
Flora Thoms is standing 2nd from the left and she is the only person I know.
It was taken perhaps about 1908

If anyone has any information on the above photographs or recognises anyone in the photographs please contact Barbara Copeland on 015395 33165 or email Barbara.cland@btinternet.com

Questions posed in the last newsletter

Nigel asked about a date for a picture that we have in our archive. The picture was of a small hut on the corner of Windermere Road and Main Street, Grange over Sands. Grange Hotel can be seen in the background. It is a rare picture of what occupied the plot of land where Central Garage was built in the early 20th century and which is soon to be developed as a Spar supermarket.

The sign on the hut is obscured by the metal pole on the island, which is probably a gas lamp, but says Just's Coal Office.



John Just was living in Grange in 1841 census when he was a tailor. By 1861 he was a grocer and coal dealer and in 1871 he was a retired grocer but in the 1881 census he was a coal merchant. His first wife died in 1881 but in 1882 he married Mary Gibson, a lodging house keeper. The marriage was short as he died in 1888 but Mary continued the business until her death in 1907. I have not found any adverts for the business to help date when the hut was built or any information about what happened to the business after Mrs Just died. However the 6" ordnance survey map surveyed in 1890 and published in 1893 does not show any buildings on the site. Therefore I date the picture as after 1890 but cannot be any more precisely than that.

Another picture was published of a 1924 stone marker taken in the woods above Cartmel. Thank you to Les Gilpin and Wendy Nelson who contacted us and both said they were forestry markers erected when the woods were planted.

Pat Rowland



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Meeting Programme

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 4th November 2021 in Cartmel Village Hall. Members are requested to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing when attending.

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

Social Media Presence

We are delighted to report that Geoff Beeson has volunteered to develop a social media presence for the Society.

Website

New Research Articles

Since the last Newsletter in May 2021, the following articles have been added to the website:
The Medieval Agricultural Terraces of Cark Manor.
The Green Building Recording (desk survey)
Locations of Fields in John Buttle's Survey