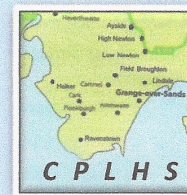


# CARTMEL PENINSULA LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

*"Bringing Local History to the Community"*



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

## Newsletter: February 2022

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## Chairman's Message

After what has been a truly unprecedented period, might we be able to see the slow return of what we regarded as "normal" activities only two years ago? I am sure that is the hope of us all.

As a move to that end your Committee has consulted members and, encouraged by the responses received, we now propose to resume lectures in Cartmel Village Hall, starting in March – as you will see confirmed in this Newsletter. The details of later talks and outside trips will be given to all as soon as possible. These are in the planning stage as I write this note. However, as already advised, we propose that precautions will remain in force and we shall constantly monitor the situation to ensure the safety of all. Having stated our aim, we appreciate that it is for each of us, individually, to act in such a way as to be entirely comfortable with our actions. Consequently, any feedback as we move forward will always be appreciated.

Within, you will find the usual update as to our local and national archives, news of publications and online talks together with articles on research undertaken recently. Thanks to all contributors and to Lyn, our editor.

As you will read on page 4, it has been a particular pleasure to work with Cartmel Primary School on a fascinating project which has gained the enthusiastic support of the children. This will end with a publication of interest to locals and visitors alike. The keen interest of the children of all ages has been a joy to see.

Thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Keep well and stay safe.

Stuart Harling

## Cumbria Local History Federation Convention

Our Society, CPLHS, will be hosting the 2022 Cumbria Local History Federation Annual Convention on Saturday 15th October at the Allithwaite Community Centre. The theme of the day is Farming in Cumbria with Prof. Angus Winchester being the keynote speaker. The CPLHS Committee are delighted the Federation have agreed to this topic and we plan to present some of our extensive research on Farming on the Peninsula on the day. We hope some of you will be interested in attending and we will circulate the full programme when it is finalised.

## Archive & Library News

### Cumbria Archives

Cumbria Archives arrangements remain unchanged, and whilst face coverings are not mandatory in searchrooms they are recommended. Some collections are currently unavailable at Carlisle Archive Centre due to a mechanical problem in one of the strongrooms. Details of current arrangements and unavailable collections:

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

Updates and news of Archive events are also available on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CumbriaArchives>

### Cumbria Libraries and Local Studies

Cumbria Libraries arrangements remain unchanged, with the addition of mandatory face coverings to be worn in Libraries. Updates and news of events are available on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cumblibraries> as well as Facebook.

### Lancashire Archives

Lancashire Archives arrangements remain unchanged. Opening times include the second Saturday of the month.

### National Archives

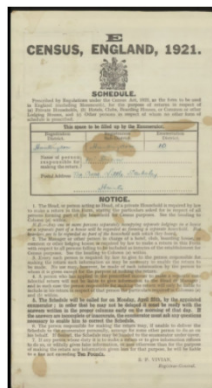
The National Archives continue to provide free downloads of scanned documents to registered users.

<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/>

## 1921 Census release



The 1921 Census, which recorded residents resident in a property on Sunday 19 June 1921, was released on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Initially it will be exclusively available online through Find My Past for up to 3 years. Searching the 1921 Census will be free on Findmypast but viewing any images or transcriptions will be on a pay-per-view basis. There will be a cost of £2.50 for every record transcript and £3.50 for every original record image. For all 12-month Pro subscribers, there will be a 10% discount on any 1921 Census purchases.

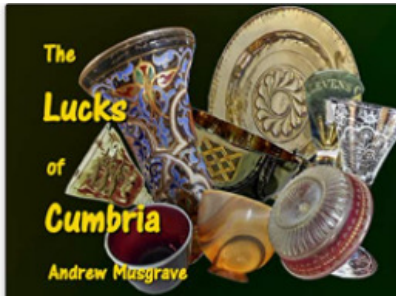
Free access will be available to the digital version at The National Archives at Kew. It will also be free to view via Findmypast at the Manchester Central Library and at the National Library of Wales. The Cumbria Libraries subscription to Find My Past will not include free access to these Census records.

The Scottish 1921 census will be released by ScotlandsPeople in mid 2022.

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

## New Publication

### The Lucks of Cumbria by Andrew Musgrave



The Lucks are precious heirlooms that supposedly brought fortune to several of the great Cumbrian households: The Venetian glass bowl of Muncaster Castle, presented by King Henry VI. The agate communion cup of Mary Queen of Scots gifted to Workington Hall. The celebrated Luck of Edenhall now treasured in London's Victoria & Albert Museum. Our tale includes folktales, fairies, hobgoblins, and witches, and the fantasies and fears that gripped the beliefs of folk in times past. The treasure includes crystal glass goblets, a Syrian chalice perhaps brought back from the Crusades, silver and brass platters, wooden mazers, and even an oak tree. Published in 2021. ISBN: 979-8458132756.

## Online Talks and Contacts

### British Association of Local History

BALH have a range of articles on their Blog including:

The Built Environment Transformed: Textile Lancashire during the Industrial Revolution

The Human Costs of the British Civil Wars' a lecture by Professor Andrew Hopper

The 1921 Census: A potted history

What can oral history offer to local history studies?

Keeping the boyes quiet in the galliry (Churchwardens' Accounts)

<https://www.balh.org.uk/news>

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

Thursday 24th February 2022 7:00pm

Our BALH Local History Hour: From Front Parlour to Funeral Parlour: looking after the dead in England c.1850-1950

Thursday 31st March 2022 7:00pm

Our BALH Local History Hour: The Magic of Chancery

Thursday 28th April 2022 7:00pm

BALH Local History Hour: Expectation versus reality in medieval legal records

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

### Regional Heritage Centre

5<sup>th</sup> March 2022. 2 to 3.30 pm. 49th Annual Archaeology Forum

An online Study Event focused on new developments in the field of archaeology featuring video presentations as well as a live Q&A session held online Saturday 5 March 2022 from 1400-1530. Video presentations will be available to view in advance. Details will be provided to everyone who registers.

April 2022 (date to be confirmed) Outsiders looking in - visitors' impressions of the North West 1600-1939.

A lecture by Alan Crosby. He'll be covering early travellers from 1500-1750, tourism and the search for the romantic 1750-1900, the economic transformation 1750-1900 and reporters and reformers and their descriptions 1900-1939.

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

## RESEARCH

### Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society Archive

#### Buttle's Survey

Thanks to a couple of observant and keen CPLHS members we have in our Archive a snapshot circa 1812 giving us the owners and occupiers of land and property based on the survey made at that time and also includes field names and a map.

In the early 1800's following the Enclosure acts of 1796 and 1808 a document named "A Survey and Valuation of Cartmel by Thomas Buttle of Kirkby Lonsdale, land surveyor and commissioner" was prepared for every property in the Parish of Cartmel. It included a schedule of ownership and occupation of land, including messuages (properties), and annotated maps. It is possible, with the usual caution to identify ownership and field names and to see the field boundaries circa 1812.

An example is the area around Aynsome Manor and Aynsome Mill.

Survey field numbers & names are:

528; Kiln Parrock & Malt Mill,

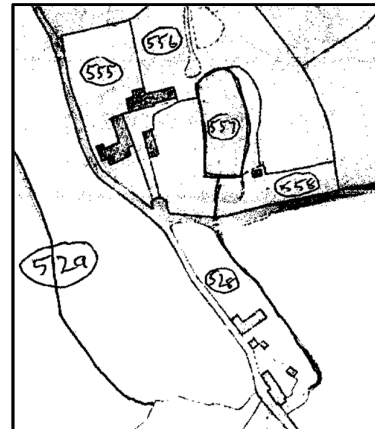
529; Dawning Field

555; House & Garden (Aynsome)

556; Waste North Dam

557; Mill Dam

558; Orchard & Garden



Buttle's Survey shows that the fields immediately around Aynsome Manor and Mill were all owned by Thomas Machell. The Mill and land within field 528 was occupied by miller Robert Benson, the field 529 was in Thomas Machell's use while the other four fields 555, 556, 557 (the millpond) and 558 including Aynsome itself were occupied by Mrs Postlethwaite. (No first name was recorded. Could she be the Mother-in-Law of Thomas Machell?).

Nigel Mills

## Research

#### Cartmel Curiosity Trail

Our Society was approached in February, 2021 and asked if we would assist Cartmel Primary School with regard to historical details as they prepared a booklet on the village. The aim was that the ideas of the children would be the basis of its content and it would be put on sale in aid of school funds. It would identify features of interest to children and adults alike, giving historic details and explanations.

Pat Rowland, Nigel Mills and I readily offered help and went around the village to identify features which would stimulate the interest of the children. We initially found fifty two: the children then went around themselves and produced a further thirty nine! We put together brief historical details of all ninety one features.



After a delay caused by the pandemic the School held a "Cartmel Curiosity Week" in mid-January in which Lyn Prescott, Barbara Copeland and I participated. Its aim was to further interest the children and to introduce the various people whose help would be required to ensure a professionally-produced booklet could be put together.

The involvement of the editor, designer and ourselves as historians was outlined to all the children and a series of events took place among which were:-

- A sticky toffee pudding competition: well-supported by the children – and tasty!
- A “Would I lie to You?” quiz. Barbara, Lyn and I formed the panel, one of us informing the children why a particular feature in the village was there and the other two giving misleading (and amusing) reasons. The children loved this and really entered into the spirit of the quiz.
- The display of further photographs of local features. We were asked to explain the historic background of each.
- A tour of the Priory Gatehouse. We arranged for the Gatehouse to be opened especially for the children who went round it in small groups. The guide from The National Trust gave a stimulating and interesting review of the history of the building.

What next? The children will decide what is to go into the booklet and we shall be able to assist further, if needed, before publication during the summer. What a wonderful event in which to participate!

Stuart Harling

### **Priory House, Priest Lane, Cartmel**

Recently, Priory House, on Priest Lane, was offered for sale and the agent’s particulars stated that it was the original vicarage. The evidence that I have found suggests that Cartmel did not have a vicarage until the current Parsonage was built in 1855.

The owner of Holker Hall was the patron of the Church who appointed and paid the vicar. In the 18th and the 19th century the Duke of Devonshire and his family used Holker Hall as a second home and appointed the vicar to serve both their home parish of Edensor, at Chatsworth, Derbyshire and Cartmel so there was no resident vicar at Cartmel. Therefore a curate (a deputy vicar) was appointed to look after Cartmel. There was no resident vicar at Cartmel from at least 1741. James Peake was appointed by the Duke of Devonshire as vicar of Edensor in Derbyshire at Chatsworth as well as Cartmel in 1781 and he lived at Edensor. Peter Richardson became curate and his deputy at Cartmel from 1787 and served in the role for 40 years residing at the family home at Aynsome on the edge of Cartmel. Peake married Mrs Elizabeth Russel, daughter of Mr Sunderland of Bigland in 1780 and they lived at Bigland Hall when in Cartmel. Elizabeth died in 1801 and was buried at Edensor and James died in 1803. In 1803 George Preston was appointed as vicar and again he was not resident at Cartmel as he was rector at Lexden near Colchester. Priory House was built in 1811. In 1827 Thomas Remington took over as curate from his uncle, Peter Richardson. He did not marry but lived with his sister Isabel at Aynsome and they devoted themselves to the parish. In 1834 he was appointed vicar of Cartmel. In 1842 he was also appointed chaplain to the Earl of Burlington (of Holker Hall). He became Rural Dean of the Deanery of Cartmel in 1847. In February 1854 he resigned as vicar and Robert Curtis Hubbersty was appointed and it was only then decided that it was necessary to build a vicarage that was completed in 1855. It is located across the road from Priory House. Research is ongoing on the history of Priory House. Full details will be placed on the website when the research is finished.

Pat Rowland

### **What is this and where is it?**

Can anyone identify the item pictured and where it is?

Rose Clark



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### Meeting Programme

#### 7.30 pm on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – The Lucks of Cumbria

A talk by Andrew Musgrave in Cartmel Village Hall about the Cumbrian treasures that brought luck to Cumbrian families.

A programme of future lectures and visits is currently being planned and further information 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 2022.**
- Research articles for inclusion on the website should be submitted to the Website Editor Phil Rowland.

### Social Media

Our Facebook Group continues to grow and attract interest, with over 35 members and 20+ posts across a range of topics such as meetings, research, requests for information, and related activity/interest from other sources.

So if you've a question to ask or some input to give, why not join us and join the conversations... you should have received the more detailed Facebook guide - but if you're already familiar with Facebook though not signed up yet, just search for "Cartmel Peninsula Local History" in the Facebook search bar.

Geoff Beeson

### Website

#### New Research Articles

Since the last Newsletter in October 2021, the following articles have been added to the website:

Petteril Cottage, Kents Bank  
Laurel House, Kirkhead Road, Kents Bank