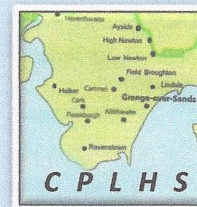


CARTMEL PENINSULA LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

"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

Isn't it wonderful to have live meetings once more! and I think we have enjoyed some wonderful speakers since we started meeting again. Only one lecture left – and Jean Turnbull will bring to life her subject on 6th October (please see page 5). The business part of our AGM in November will be brief and be followed by the popular "bring and show" opportunity so if you have an object that may be of interest, please come with it that evening and tell us all about it. We shall also look at some old lantern slides of Cartmel Priory acquired from the late Joyce Smith.

Can I also, please, encourage you to attend the County Convention? - (see page 2). Our Society is hosting the event this year at Allithwaite and good support will be greatly welcomed. The subject of "Farming" will appeal to most of us. Two more opportunities to become involved in the enjoyment of history are noted in this Newsletter.

- Do you fancy discovering the history of Field Broughton? – perhaps a hamlet you have passed through but not considered closely. Why not join a few of us in delving into its past? (see page 3).
- An opportunity arises to assist the County Federation in its help and guidance of history societies throughout the County. Have you the interest and skills to be involved? (see page 2).

Thank you for your continued participation in all we do.

Keep well and stay safe.

Stuart Harling

Archive & Library News

Cumbria Archives

All Cumbria Archives will be closed from Wednesday 30 November 2022 for two weeks and will reopen as normal on Wednesday 10 December 2022. This is for staff to undertake important salvage training and stocktaking exercises. There will be also be delays with responses to enquiries and digitization requests during this period.

Cumbria Local History Federation - Committee



The Cumbria Local History Federation, CLHF, is seeking to increase the number of people on its Committee to help deliver a more varied "service" to their membership. These include website contributions and updating, an annual Convention, Cluster meetings with Cumbrian local history groups, training in specific skills needed to read and understand sources, archive development, finance and fund raising and general support for anyone interested in understanding and researching the local history of Cumbria. It is an opportunity to become involved in the wider local history community and meet with other similar interest groups, individuals and organisations. We work together as a team sharing enthusiasm and responsibilities so no-one will be overworked! The Committee meets about five times a year at a convenient venue somewhere in Cumbria, currently in Shap, but this can vary. Please consider joining us and sharing your interest and skills Cumbria wide. I am happy to answer any questions or queries you may have. Nigel Mills 015395 36603 nigelmillspp@gmail.com

Events

Cartmel Fell Local History Society

The Society is holding talks on the second Monday of the month, starting at 7.30 pm in Cartmel Fell Parish Rooms. Forthcoming topics:

10th October - Work on the Land in the North West by Mike Winstanley

14th November - The Ague: a history of indigenous malaria in Cumbria and the north by Ian Hodgkinson

12th December - One Hundred Years of Toys by Mr Moore

Cumbria Local History Federation

Down On The Farm - Annual Convention & AGM 2022 hosted by Cartmel Peninsula LHS.

9.15 to 4 pm on Saturday 15th October 2022 at Allithwaite Community Centre.

This is the first time the Conference has been held on the Cartmel Peninsula. The day includes talks on a range of agricultural history topics, together with tea/coffee, a buffet lunch and the opportunity to view displays from local history societies within Cumbria.

Programme:

Angus Winchester - Flocks and Herds: Livestock farming in medieval and early modern times.

Keith Cooper - A year in the life of Halligill, a Westmorland farm in 1875

AGM

David Johnson - Chapel-le-Dale and Scales, North Craven: a case study in social and demographic history.

Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society - Cumbrian Farms in an isolated bit of Lancashire.

Bookings must be made before 1st October 2022. The Booking Form has been circulated and is also the final page of this Newsletter.

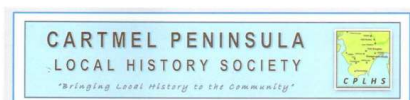
The latest CLHF Bulletin is now available on their website with various articles and news items including a mention of the Convention being hosted by us this year. Hope to see you there.

The link is [CLHF Bulletin-89.pdf](#) or use <https://www.clhf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Bulletin-89.pdf>

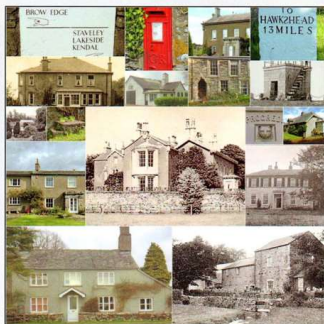
Lake District National Park

The LDNPA Annual Archaeology Conference is being held on 8th October 2022 in Ambleside. The programme includes the archaeology of riverlands, mills and fishponds, a Roman iron age battle and Roman roads. Book at <http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/learning/archaeologyhistory/archaeologyconference> or by telephone on 01539 724555.

Publications



The Settlements of the Cartmel Valley
Aynsome - A Local History Study



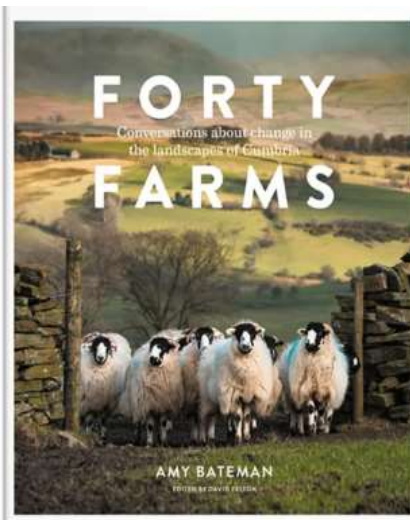
Nigel Mills

The Settlements of the Cartmel Valley Aynsome- A Local History Study by Nigel Mills

This research, started in the dark days of Covid, is now published and presented as a local study. It is a 'study' rather than a pure history as I have demonstrated how I approached this topic and developed it using archive material, newspapers and numerous other sources to provide an insight into the people who lived in and around Aynsome, their houses and their life events. The book contains over 100 pages dedicated to the hamlet of Aynsome, just north of Cartmel which included over time, several mansions, a mill, family farms and an agricultural and experimental laboratory. I trace the people, occupations and life events of this not so quiet corner of the Cartmel Peninsula.

Copies are available by contacting Nigel at nigelmillspp@gmail.com costing £9 for CPLHS members and £12 for non-members, including post and packing.

Forty Farms by Amy Bateman



In March 2021, British Life Photographer of the Year Amy Bateman embarked on a journey to record the stories of forty farms in Cumbria. From the Herdwick-grazed Lake District commons to the big-sky Solway marshes; from isolated farmsteads unchanged in generations to businesses at the cutting-edge of innovation; from world-class sheep breeders to award-winning cheese-makers, Forty Farms is a visual record of farming at a period of profound change. Over the course of a year, Amy conducted frank conversations about the financial challenge of farming in post-Brexit Britain; the tightrope balance of producing quality food in nature-rich landscapes; and the highs and lows of working in an area internationally famed for its beauty. Three farms on the Cartmel Peninsula are featured.

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RESEARCH

Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society Archive



An updated version of the memory stick with the Society Archive documents is now available with additional documents. Please hand your memory stick to Nigel Mills to be updated.

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

A Study of Field Broughton



Several of us are contemplating investigating the history of Field Broughton, often referred to by our Chairman, jokingly, as “the centre of the universe” so we are seeking to invite those of you that may have lived in the place but have since moved to greener pastures to share any memories and documents that could help us build a picture of this small hamlet. Current residents are being asked separately. Although we have not yet defined the area of study just looking at the style and age of the houses, ranging from small 2up 2down cottages, converted barns and large mansions, and the variety of occupations shown in the census records we will have plenty to look at.

If you can help or want to get involved please get in touch with Nigel Mills: nigmills@gmail.com or Geoff Beeson: geoffbeeson@icloud.com

Cartmel Agricultural Society

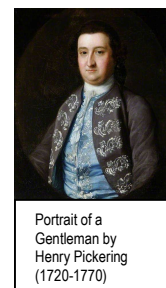


Several CPLHS Committee Members assisted the Agricultural Society in mounting a display of photographs and documents from the history of Cartmel Show over the last 150 years in one of the show marquees before this year's Show in August. Committee Members also attended the Show and spoke to a large number of members of the public, many of whom identified those pictured on the displays.

Research Enquiry

A recent enquiry has been received from Marion who wrote:

'I have come across a death in December 1770 of a Henry Pickering in Skipton - the parish register has the added information that Henry was a painter from 'Cartmal.' This time of death fits in very well with the will being executed of a noted (but not overly highly rated) portrait painter of the 1700s whose clientele came largely from families in the midlands, Yorkshire and Lancashire. I have not found any other connection for Henry Pickering and Cartmel, but the similarity of names suggests the two spellings are for the same place. I could surmise that Henry might have spent some time in a particular area doing more than one portrait, but I am not a historian and don't know how they actually worked. So, what I am asking is, if you come across any mention of an artist of this name in association with your area, please would you let me know? Internet sources say the portrait painter may have died in Manchester, but I think this is because there are records of his wife there after his death'



My research has not found any reference to a Pickering family in Cartmel after the early 17th century. However, coincidentally, a Mrs Mary Pickering died and was buried at Cartmel on 6 January 1771. We cannot find out what she died of or what Henry died of but I wonder if he had a connection to her and had visited her briefly before going to Skipton? The Skipton burial register says 'from Cartmel' but other deaths say 'of Skipton' for example. As his will was proved shortly after in Manchester he might have been travelling back there but stopped at Skipton because he was ill? It is one of the routes he could take. I have failed to find out much about him but have found several pictures on the internet. We would be interested to learn more if anyone has any information.

Pat Rowland

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

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Meeting Programme

Talks are held at 7.30 pm in Cartmel Village Hall.

- **October, 6th** - Jean Turnbull - **Roadside Garages and Cafes in Westmorland 1900-1970** Dr Jean Turnbull will share with us her latest research and publication on the roadside garages and cafes which became part of the local landscape in the twentieth century.
- **November, 3rd** - **Annual General Meeting**

If you have any questions about meetings or visits, please contact Rose Clark.

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 2022**
- Research articles for inclusion on the website should be submitted to the Website Editor Phil Rowland.

Social Media

The Facebook Group Page membership continues to grow, and has now reached 77 subscribers.

Geoff Beeson

Website

New Research Articles

Since the last Newsletter in May 2022, the following articles have been added to the website:

- The Walker Family of Templand Farm
- Walkers of Templand Archive Documents – Commentary
- Passmore family of Cark in Cartmel
- CPLHS Agriculture Resources

