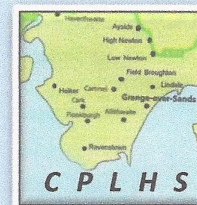


# CARTMEL PENINSULA LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

*"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**

Another New Year ... I do hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and send every good wish to all members for 2023.

Lectures start in February and you will see full details in this Newsletter: something to interest all, with excellent speakers. Many thanks to Rose for all the arrangements.

We are in process of booking trips during the summer months and have in mind

- a visit to Furness Abbey (lecture in March)
- a visit to The Armit Museum at Ambleside (lecture in September) and
- a visit to Rookhow Quaker Meeting House opposite Rusland Parish Church where Arthur Ransome is buried (lecture in May). We have the intention next year of visiting Swarthmoor Hall on which we had a lecture last year but the Hall is still closed for extensive refurbishment.

Thanks to Lyn for another interesting Newsletter with articles of interest to us all and a few puzzles/questions also. At our A.G.M. Lyn agreed also to be the Vice Chairman of our Society: further thanks !! Can I commend the Morecambe Bay Partnership Sunset Series of online talks ? Those so far held have been excellent with good numbers and even attendees joining from abroad.

Thank you for your continued participation in all we do. Keep well and stay safe.

Stuart Harling

## Archive News

### Lancashire Archives

Documents relating to the Cartmel Peninsula and surrounding area have recently been deposited at Lancashire Archives. They include:

DDMC/ACC13361. Machell of Pennybridge – family and estate records, including fisheries and the Backbarrow Ironworks, 1602-1989.

DDX 3633. North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority; various committee minutes 1890-2011; reports 1890-2014; Superintendent's Diaries 1912-1935; Prosecutions 1891-2014; Financial Records 1892-1994, Maps & Plans 1892-c2000 and other additional records.

LCC/ACC13121. Photographs and slides showing activities undertaken at the Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre, c1980-2000.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/archives-and-record-office/>

## Events

### Cumbria Local History Federation Convention and AGM

Our Society hosted the CLHF Convention and A.G.M. last October at Allithwaite Community Centre. This involved practical arrangements to ensure the venue was adapted for the event, not only inside but as to parking and direction signage, and to provide and arrange refreshments throughout the day.

The programme of speakers was organised by the Federation on the theme of "Down on the Farm". The first three speakers were Angus Winchester who spoke on livestock farming in medieval and early modern times, Keith Cooper who gave a review of a year in the life of Halligill, a Westmorland farm in 1875 and David Johnson who spoke of Chapel-le-Dale and Scales in North Craven. Our members then closed the Convention with a series of talks on farming in our "isolated bit of Lancashire". Refreshments were provided by our own members and by Liz Clarke and her team.

All feedback from attendees was really favourable, the food, the arrangements and the organisation by our members being set as an example for the future. Thanks to all who assisted in any way and to all members who supported the event, that support being (it is thought) a record by a host Society.

Stuart Harling

### Morecambe Bay Partnership – Sunset Series

Morecambe Bay Partnership's Sunset Series of online talks are held on Tuesday evenings from 7 pm. Advance booking is required.

**31<sup>st</sup> January** - Exploring the Sankey Collection. Explore a fascinating archive of images from the Sankey Family Photography Collection with Liz Critchley from Signal Film & Media, Barrow.

**28<sup>th</sup> February** - The geology of Morecambe Bay - from tropical seas to icy desert. Dr Audrey Brown from the Westmorland Geological Society will provide a geological journey around Morecambe Bay.

**4<sup>th</sup> April** - Are saltmarshes the key to defending the northwest coast? Joseph Earl Explores the crucial role that saltmarsh environments may play in protecting people & places against climate change along the northwest coast.

<https://www.morecambebay.org.uk/whats-on>

## Regional Heritage Centre

**4<sup>th</sup> February** - Retrospect and Prospect: local history 1973-2023 and beyond (in person at Lancaster University and online). A study afternoon with Dr Alan Crosby and Professor Geoff Timmins, two of the leading historians of North West England, discussing major trends and developments in local and regional history over the past half-century and examining prospects for the future.

**28<sup>th</sup> February** - A Public Lecture from Historian and Broadcaster Dan Snow (at Lancaster Town Hall). Dan Snow will talk about making history accessible online – he has livestreamed on Tik Tok while searching for Shackleton's ship Endurance, he has posted on Instagram from World War I biplanes and recorded podcasts from inside the Arctic and Antarctic circles

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/regional-heritage-centre/>

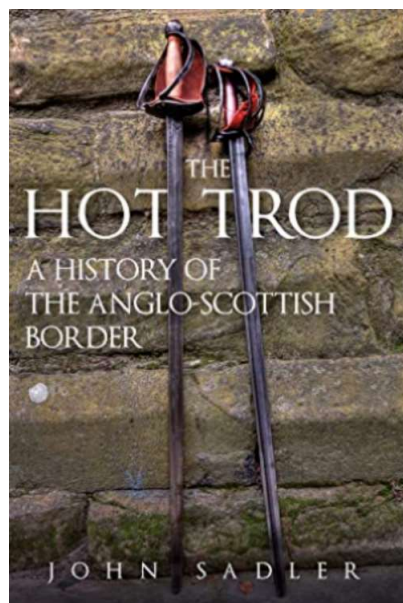
## Publications



### **Hardwicke Drummond Rawnsley An Extraordinary Life 1851-1920** By Michael Allen & Rosalind Rawnsley

Primarily known as a co-founder of the National Trust, he was also an educationist, animal welfare campaigner, pioneer in public health, moral crusader, one of the first county councillors & prolific author. He also served 34 years as a parish priest, was appointed residentiary Canon of Carlisle Cathedral and an Honorary Chaplain to King George V, as well as being a Colonel in the Territorial Force. He was one of the most effective fund-raisers of his generation for innumerable organisations and societies. Fellow Lake District pioneer, Beatrix Potter, counted Rawnsley as both friend and mentor.

Publisher: The New Beaver Press, 2023.



### **The Hot Trod - A History Of The Anglo-Scottish Borders** By John Sadler

A borderer and historian John Sadler is uniquely qualified to examine the border from Roman times to today. He's been in these Marches all his life, read about their wild inhabitants, traversed every inch and studied every castle, bastle, tower and battlefield. From the Hammer of the Scots, William Wallace, Robert the Bruce and Mary, Queen of Scots, right through to today's new nationalism, the story of the borderlands is tempestuous, bloody and fascinating. And a 'Hot Trod'? If your cattle were stolen there was a legal requirement to pursue the rustlers within six days, otherwise you're on a less enforceable Cold Trod.

Publisher: Amberley Publishing, 2022. ISBN 9781398105423.

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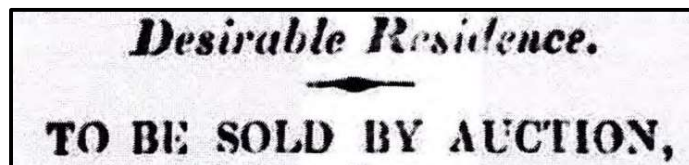
## Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society Library

The Society has a small collection of books of relevance to the history of the local area. If you would like to borrow any of these books please contact Rose Clark.

- Annals of Cartmel by James Stockdale
- The Land of Cartmel by John Dickinson
- Registers of Priory Church Cartmel
- School Life at Lindale
- History, Directory etc by Parson & White 1829 (1984 reprint & cd).
- Bulmers History & Directory of Cumberland 1901
- Bulmers History & Directory of Furness and Cartmel 1911
- CWAAS Transactions 1986, 1990 & 1991.
- The Story of St Bees
- Heversham School 1613-1984
- Heversham

### Local Research

#### Broughton Grove



These were the opening few words of a property advertisement on the front page of the Westmorland Advertiser and Kendal Chronicle for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 1820. The property was the Broughton Grove Estate. The advert read; All that beautiful and compact ESTATE, called BROUGHTON GROVE consisting of a well-built Mansion or Dwelling-house, containing Drawing and Dining Rooms, Servants' Hall, Pantry, Kitchen and Scullery, four good Lodging Rooms and Closets, Servants' Sleeping Rooms &c; also a newly erected Messuage or Farm House, with a barn, Stable, Coach-house, Shippens, and other offices and buildings attached thereto.....together with Fifty Acres of Land in the most perfect state of cultivation, situate at Field Broughton.

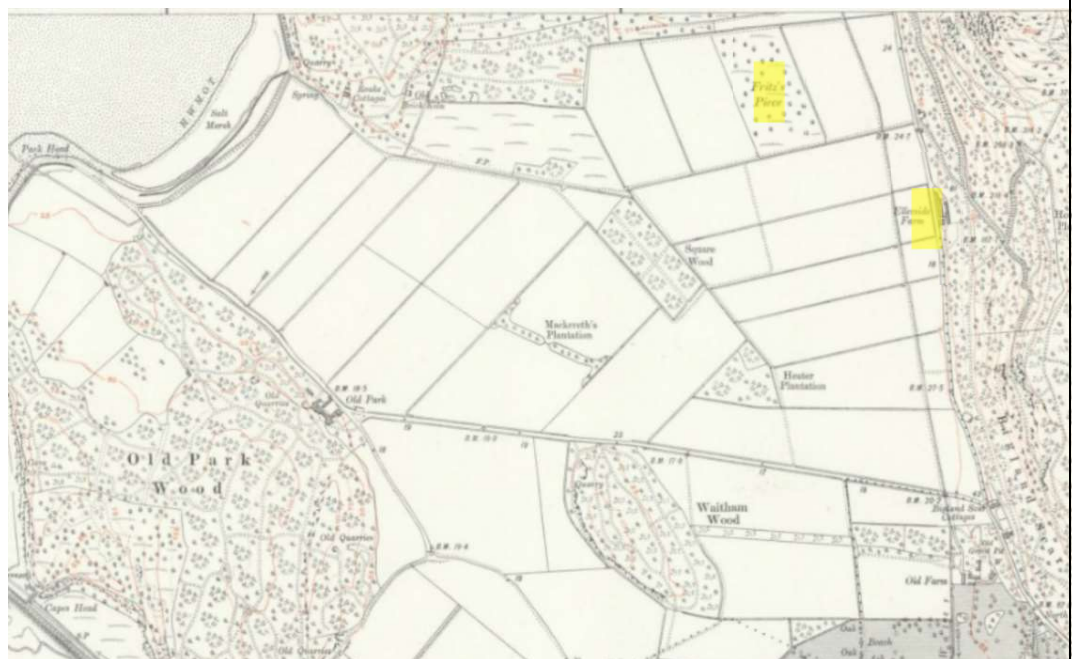
The advertisement goes on to sing the praises of the location and its proximity to Cartmel and Ulverston and also describes the garden, mentioning the shrubs, small plantation of firs and the lofty limes which add beauty to its approach. The full advert in total occupies just under 40 tightly packed column rows but what it tells us about Field Broughton, and of course Broughton Grove in particular, could well fill several pages. As a starter it indicates that Broughton Grove Mansion was built prior to 1820 and judging by the description of the rooms has been expanded considerably sometime since. Also that there was a newly erected farm house and other buildings. There is not space to display the full advert here but it later tells us who the current owner was and who to apply to for particulars. For someone interested on local history it leaves questions to investigate such as when was the mansion built, when did changes occur and what has happened to the newly erected Farm House? How and what do the date stones in local buildings relate to and what happened to the gardens and the plantation? Any thoughts?

Nigel Mills

## Fritz's Piece - A Woodland on Holker Mosses

There is a small woodland on Holker Estate just north of Holker Hall, east of Old Park Wood and north-west of Ellerside Farm and visible from the Mosses Road. One wonders why this dense rectangular coniferous wood was planted when the adjacent, drained fields are used for grass which is turned into silage?

It was first shown as woodland on the 6" OS map surveyed in 1910 and the wood named Fritz's Piece. Perhaps this is a woodland planted as a memorial to Fritz, but who was he?



The answer was discovered in the (online) diary of Lady Frederick Cavendish. Lord Frederick had married Lucy Lyttelton, niece of William Gladstone's wife Catherine in 1864 and the diary is a record of her married life until Lord Frederick was murdered in 1882. In some of her many entries about days spent at Holker she mentions her husband's nephews and nieces, one of whom was named Fritz. He was the son of Lord Frederick's sister, Lady Louisa, who had married the Honourable Francis Egerton in 1865. Frederick Greville Egerton, their second child, known as Fritz, was born on 15 April 1869 and was a grandson of the 7th Duke of Devonshire, William Cavendish. Fritz's father, Francis, served a distinguished career in the Navy reaching the rank of Admiral.

Fritz became a naval cadet in 1882, midshipman in 1884, sub-lieutenant in 1888, and lieutenant in 1891. From about 1897 he served as gunnery lieutenant of HMS Powerful. His ship was docked at Simonstown, South Africa when Ladysmith was attacked by the Boers. A request for heavy artillery to break the siege resulted in four of Powerful's 12 pounder guns being mounted on makeshift carriages and transported to the battlefield. On 2 November 1899, the first day of the siege of Ladysmith, Fritz was dangerously wounded by a shell which damaged his left knee and right foot. Both legs were amputated but he died soon after and was buried at Ladysmith. He was promoted to Commander on 3<sup>rd</sup> November for special service with the forces in South Africa. He was a nephew of the 8<sup>th</sup> Duke of Devonshire, Spencer Cavendish, who was Lady Louisa's brother, when he died. In Flookburgh Church there is a memorial to the Cavendish family that also mentions Frederick Egerton (Fritz) and his father Francis.

Pat Rowland

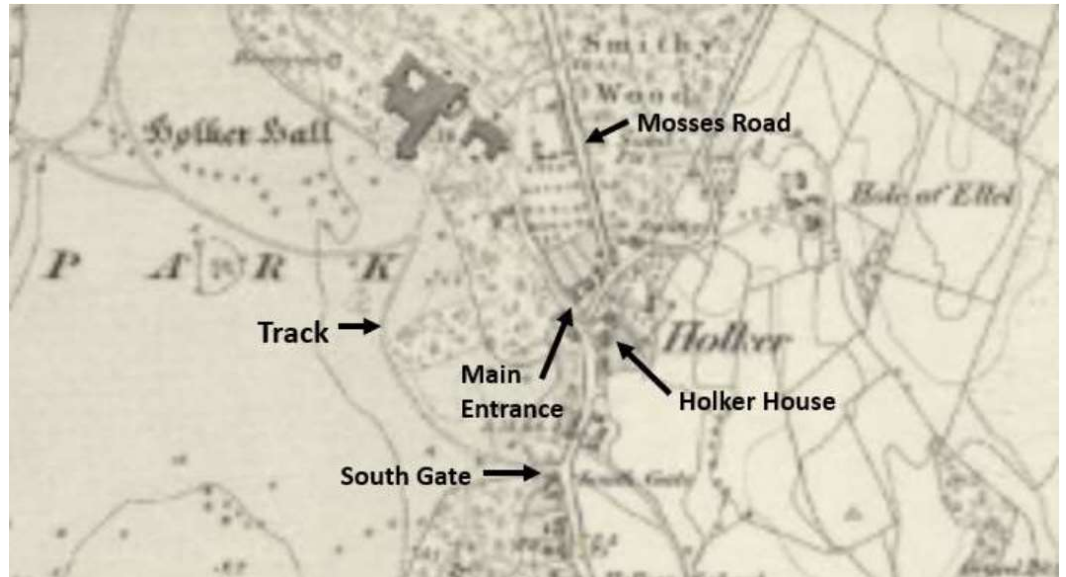
## Grange-over-Sands & Hampsfell – podcast

The Countrystride website has a range of podcasts including a walk and talk about the history and landscape of Grange and Hampsfell with Nick Thorne on 20 August 2021 (Countrystride #62) <https://www.countrystride.co.uk/>

## Spot The Difference

Driving out of Cark and towards the A590, the road passes the main entrance to Holker Hall and kinks around the estate offices before dropping down onto the mosses.

The 1850 OS map around Holker Hall shows the Main Entrance to the Estate today labelled as the South Gate, and from the South Gate on the Estate there is a track shown curving around to the Hall.



The Main Entrance appears to be as shown. Can you work out the slight change in the road layout in the road layout around the Holker Estate? By 1890 the road around Holker House passes to the right of Holker House.

1850 OS map

1890 OS Map



Phil Rowland

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## Meeting Programme

Talks are held at 7.30 pm in Cartmel Village Hall. Trips will take place during the summer months. If you have any questions about meetings or visits, please contact Rose Clark.

- **2nd February** - The Victoria County History of Cumbria: an update on the project. Fiona Edmonds returns to introduce us to what has been added to the history of our County.
- **2nd March** - Furness Abbey. Chris Tinmouth will explore the significance of Furness Abbey and its legacy.
- **6th April** - Magistrates and Malefactors: crime in 17th century Cartmel and Furness. Alan Crosby returns to Cartmel and will reveal whether we were law abiding (or not) back in the 17th century.
- **11th May** - The Al Tounyans and Coniston. Karen Babyan will talk about the family that was part of Arthur Ransome's and his wife's lives and the Swallows and Amazons books.
- **7th September** - George Hutchins Bellasis the first picture of Grange over Sands. Tony Lonton will explore a painting and show how it fits into the early history of Grange-over- Sands.
- **5th October** - RAF Cark & South Lakeland Airfields. John Nixon will talk to us about the role and importance of the airfields in our area.

## Membership

2023 Membership fees are now due, £9 per person. Members are entitled to attend free of charge the regular lectures and talks (£3.00 for non-members) organised by the Cartmel Peninsula Local History Society (CPLHS), attend the members meetings and participate in the Annual General Meeting as well as receive the CPLHS Newsletter, and have access to the shared knowledge and resources held by the Society.

## 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: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**
- Research articles for inclusion on the website should be submitted to the Website Editor Phil Rowland.

## Social Media

There has been steady growth in our Facebook group, which now has 88 members.

Geoff Beeson

## Society Research Projects

The Society has a number of ongoing projects to provide information about local history including the recording of Cemetery headstones and local datestones. If you would like to know more and perhaps volunteer to become involved in providing these useful resources please contact any Committee member.

## Website

### New Research Articles

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

- Humphrey Head Outdoor Centre
- Templand in the 19th and 20th Century
- Orchards
- Flookburgh Farm and William Wilkinson
- Shipbuilding and aspects of ship investment in the Cartmel Peninsula during the 18th century

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