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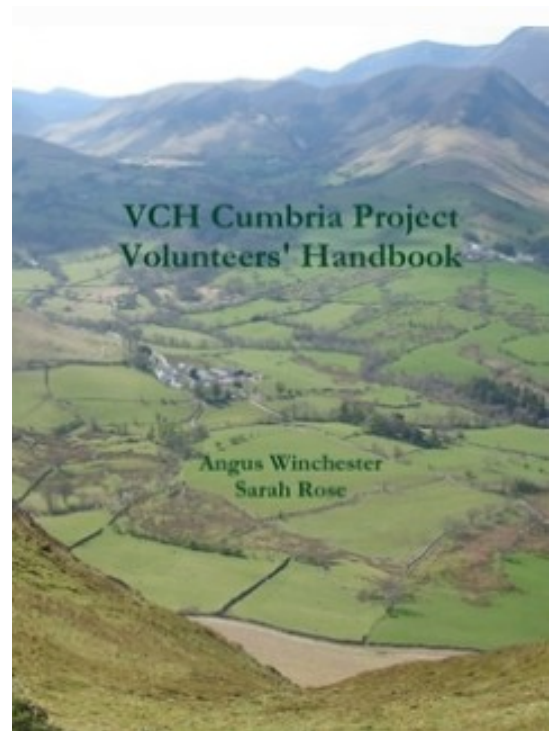
Welcome to the seventh CCHT e-newsletter intended to keep you up-to-date with the VCH Cumbria project.

Volunteer Handbook

We are pleased to announce that CCHT will soon launch the VCH Cumbria Project Volunteers' Handbook. The handbook contains essential guidance on all aspects of researching and writing the history of a parish or township for the VCH. Its aim is to supplement the advice provided by the VCH national website in the online guide to 'Writing a Parish History', complementing the national guidance by drawing attention to sources and themes of particular relevance to the history of local communities in Cumbria.

Volunteer drafters will find tips on how to get started, including specific advice for those volunteers who decide to work as a group. There is guidance on what to aim for and how to submit your draft, together with a checklist of standard sources to consult.

The content of the handbook will soon be made available on the CCHT website. Hard copies of the handbook can be obtained from CCHT priced £5.00. If you would like to purchase a copy, please contact Sarah Rose (s.rose2@lancaster.ac.uk).



Starkey Lecture and Lunch Event

Tickets are still available for Dr. David Starkey's lecture on 'Kendal's Real Queen', Margaret Beaufort. The lecture will be held at Rheged on 6th November at 7pm, and is followed by a buffet supper. Tickets, priced £25, are available from Richard Brockington (contact details on p.3). CCHT members are also invited to attend a lunch with Dr Starkey on Wednesday 7th November at Lowther Castle. Details will be circulated to members shortly.

Jubilee Digests Maps

Eric Apperley (Papcastle) has taken on the task of producing a map for each entry in the digest. These are diagrammatic maps showing the township boundary and the key features (e.g. roads, rail, main settlements). Inevitably there will be discrepancies or omissions. If those who were responsible for producing the digest material care to let him know of any such (bearing in mind we are focussing on 1900-1 - this was 2nd Ed. OS), corrections can easily be made. [Email: eric@ericapperley.plus.com] Where maps have been added to the website this shows in the "More About" list on the digest page and from there to the entry under "Document:" shown as "P (*place*).pdf". This is going to be quite a long process though Eric is about to produce his 50th map!

Guest Lecture

Whitehaven Local History Society will be hosting a special guest lecture on Monday 18th March 2013 by Dr Alan Crosby on 'Breaking up is hard to do? Selling the Lowther estates in West Cumbria'. The lecture will be held at the United Reformed Church Hall James St CA28 7HZ at 7.30pm. Admission £2 including refreshments for non members.

Jubilee Digest Progress

We are at the halfway stage! Thank you to all those of you who have already submitted digests; if you have not done so, please send them in as soon as you can. The aim is to complete this task by the end of this Jubilee year of 2012, but we need time to edit and post them on the website. Therefore, we need all digests to be submitted by 30th November. There are still a few unassigned places, so get in touch if you could take on any more. To celebrate the hard work of our volunteers, we also plan to hold a 'launch' party - more details to follow.

A TRIP TO THE ARCHIVES.....

The Borthwick Institute, University of York

The Borthwick Institute is located on the University of York's Heslington campus, close to the J.B. Morrell Library. There is a pay and display car park nearby. The No. 44 and No. 10 buses run regularly between the Railway Station to the Heslington campus, with a bus stop close to the Library on University Road.

The Borthwick holds records for the Diocese of York, including probate records and parish records for the Archdeaconry of York. There are two published guides: *A Guide to the Archive Collections in the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research* (Borthwick Text and Calendar 1, 1973), and *A Supplementary Guide to the Archive Collections in the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research* (Borthwick Text and Calendar 7, 1980). Accessions made after 1981 can be found in *A Guide to Archival Accessions at the Borthwick Institute 1981-1996* (Borthwick List and Index 19, 1997). Extracts from these guides are available on the Borthwick's website:

<http://www.york.ac.uk/library/borthwick/catalogues/archival-holdings/>

In the search room you are only allowed pencils, paper (up to 20 loose sheets of A4, bound notebooks must be smaller than A4) and laptops (without their cases). All other personal items must be placed in a locker. The searchrooms are rather cool, so it is best to bring a jumper or cardigan as outdoor coats are not allowed.

You can use your camera in the general searchroom if you purchase a daily or weekly permit. The daily permit costs £10 and a weekly permit £30. More details about photography can be found on the Borthwick's website:

<http://www.york.ac.uk/library/borthwick/copying/onsite-reprographics/>

There is also a microfilm reader printer, which operates using prepaid copy cards. These can be purchased from the library's main photocopying office for £2.00 and can be re-valued using a coin-operated machine.

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