

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



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History on the Ground: Drafters' Visit to Lazonby

On 5th June, VCH drafters gathered in Lazonby to learn more about the landscape and settlement sections of VCH articles. The day began in the village hall, where Angus Winchester introduced the topic and some of the key questions to consider. The drafters were given several maps from different periods and asked to think about what they revealed about Lazonby's



Drafters visiting Lazonby

landscape and settlement history. After lunch we headed into the village, armed with the 2nd edition 6"OS map and our waterproofs. We stopped to consider the layout of various buildings along the street before arriving at the church. At the top of the very steep graveyard (a possible Norman motte?), we were afforded good views over the eastern end of the village. Our walk then took us to the beck and site of the former saw mill, where the fabric of several buildings were also considered in an attempt to date them. We then proceeded to the former vicarage and an area dominated by twentieth century housing. At the end of the visit we explored the western end of the village, where we considered the possible existence of an earlier manor house site. Our particular thanks go to Shelia Fletcher, who shared her knowledge of the village and offered a welcome cup of tea at the end of our excursion.

Loving Barrow's Heritage

The VCH Cumbria project was represented at the 'Love Barrow Heritage' event on 10th June. Sarah Rose and her colleague, Sam Riches of Lancaster University's Regional Heritage Centre, spent a very rewarding day at Barrow Town Hall, meeting a number of local history enthusiasts and representatives from other organisations, including English Heritage and Cumbria Archives, as well as staff from Ulverston's Victoria High School.

Our offer of free books on Furness Abbey, published through the former Centre for North West Regional Studies, drew a lot of attention – as did our free chocolates! In addition to running a stall in the grand setting of the Banqueting Hall, Sarah also held a brief workshop that offered an introduction to palaeography.



'Love Barrow Heritage' in full swing

Visitors were also able to see the Mayor's



Setting up stalls before the crowds arrived

Parlour where the Mayor's Steward was on hand to talk about the history of the building, and there were tours up the Town Hall Clock Tower (not for those with a fear of heights!). The event was organised by The Heritage Lottery Fund who are keen to encourage more funding applications from Barrow.

Researching the Clergy

On the 2nd May VCH volunteers attended a training event at Carlisle Archive Centre which focused on researching the clergy, from the eighteenth century to the present day. The session was run by Dr Jane Platt, who has kindly provided some guidance notes on this subject (available on the project website). We have also had a number of lists of Anglican clergy submitted, but we still do not have county-wide coverage yet. Please contact Sarah Rose if you wish to help with this: s.rose2@lancaster.ac.uk

New Online Resources

Listed Buildings

Eric Apperley continues to throw his energies into adding valuable material to the project website. Having produced township maps and uploaded thousands of photographs, Eric has embarked on collating information on all the listed buildings (with some exceptions) in each township, and has provided links to their individual page on the English Heritage Images of England website. All buildings built before 1700 which survive in anything like their original condition are listed, as are most of those built between 1700 and 1840. Although most structures appearing on the lists are buildings, other structures such as bridges, monuments, sculptures, war memorials, and even milestones and mileposts also appear. So far Eric has completed the wards of Allerdale Above Derwent, Allerdale Below Derwent, and Cumberland, making a total of 2096 images!

Research Materials Updates

Our 'themes' section is steadily growing. In the past few months we have added the following:

- 'Researching the Clergy' by Jane Platt, which provides valuable research advice for volunteers.
- 'Pounds and Pinfolds in Cumbria' by Nigel Mills. This is a comprehensive gazetteer with an accompanying essay.
- A history of the Barony of Kendal by Sarah Rose. This is the first in a series of papers that will outline the ownership and descent of the great baronies in Cumbria.

Lord Inglewood has kindly given us his notes for the 2014 John Cornforth Lecture. It provides a history of the house and grounds at Hutton-in-the-Forest and has been posted on the Hutton-in-the-Forest parish page.

The Brigham and Greysouthen pages will soon have links to extracts from a piece on St Bridget's parish church in the mid-19th century by James Perry. James is an MA student who worked on a consultancy project with Brigham PCC. We have also had documents sent in by volunteers on aspects of religious history in Cartmel Fell, Keswick, Boltons and Whitehaven.

Turning the Digests into a Book?

We are considering whether to publish all 344 'Jubilee Digests', compiled by volunteers in 2012-13, in book form. As you know, they are currently available only on the CCHT website. Bringing them together into a handy alphabetical gazetteer of key historical data for every place in Cumbria could convert them into a very valuable work of reference - a book which no self-respecting local historian of Cumbria would want to be without!

No decision has yet been taken and we'd welcome the thoughts of volunteers and members of CCHT. Do you think there would be a market for such a book? (Would you buy a copy yourself?!) What format would be most appropriate? (Cheap and cheerful or a 'collector's edition'?) If we were to go ahead, there will be a lot to do by way of checking the digests for accuracy and bringing them into a consistent, standardised form. Sarah and I will need assistance from someone with a very good eye for detail who is willing to put in a lot of hard graft! If you think this might be for you (particularly if you have editorial experience) please contact us - having a third person in the editorial team for this exercise will be essential if a decision to go ahead.

Many thanks,

Angus Winchester

Local History Surgeries

Sarah Rose will be available in the Kendal or Carlisle Archive Centres on the following days should you wish to speak to her about your research. Please note that Sarah will be visiting Carlisle Archives once a month until further notice.

Kendal Archives:

Thursday 26th June

Wednesday 2nd July

Thursday 24th July

Friday 8th August

Carlisle Archives:

Thursday 12th June

Thursday 17th July

Wednesday 13th August

WWI Memorial Exhibition

From 17 July to 2 September, there will be an exhibition at Rheged, nr Penrith, featuring work of schools which have participated in 'Memorial', the project led by CCHT and CWAAS, in association with the Lieutenancy of Cumbria, aimed at encouraging primary schools to study their local WWI war memorials. The exhibition will comprise a series of model memorials, which will be covered with the schools projects. Additionally more posters and projects will feature on areas of wall behind each 'Memorial'.

The exhibition is supported by Arts Council England and the Heritage Lottery fund, who have provided funding to build the wooden memorials and to employ a local artist to arrange and curate the selection of projects.

There will also be a major First World War themed art exhibition, 'The Art of Remembering', at Rheged, from 20 September to 23 November. This exhibition will show artists' responses to how the First World War has been memorialised.



Calthwaite WWI Memorial

New VCH General Editor

We are pleased to report that Professor Richard Hoyle (University of Reading) has been appointed to the position of Director and General Editor of the Victoria County History at the University of London. As one of the leading economic and social historians of early modern England, and notably of rural society, Richard will bring a wealth of erudition and experience to the role.

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