

Newsletter



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

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CCHTAGM

The CCHT AGM was held on a beautiful sunny evening at Lowther Castle on 22nd April. Reports from the Chair, Treasurer and Director of the VCH Cumbria project all outlined the positive position CCHT is in and the progress made over the past year. It was also reported that the new General Editor of the VCH, Richard Hoyle, was impressed with our work, having remarked that he was “full of admiration for what the VCH in Cumbria is doing”. The Chairman expressed his particular thanks for the hard work of our volunteers, and the support of our membership and key funders, notably the CWAAS and the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Special thanks was also given to Rob Matthews who is stepping down as a Trustee. Rob also played a key role as a founder member our first treasurer. The Trust also congratulated another founder member and our former Secretary, Richard Brockington, on his BALH Award for Personal Achievement.



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After the formal reports were given, a presentation was made by Emmeline Garnett about her work for the VCH. Emmeline is one of VCH Cumbria's most prolific volunteers, having completed draft articles for Casterton, Kirkby Lonsdale and Barbon, with further draft articles on Killington and Middleton awaiting some final editing. There are plans to publish Emmeline's work in the future as part of a VCH 'short' on Kirkby Lonsdale ancient parish. Emmeline was able to provide an insight into the varied character of the nine townships in Kirkby Lonsdale parish, and made clear her enthusiasm for the work.

Society Membership of CCHT

CCHT greatly values the support of local history societies in the county as it helps to demonstrate the importance of the Trust's work in the wider community. We ask that any individual members who belong to a local society who are not already members of CCHT, to please ask if their society would consider joining. Our treasurer, John Garside is happy to discuss membership with any local society (johngarside910@gmail.com). The following societies are already members:

Bamptton and District LHS	Kendal Historical & Archaeological Society
Cartmel Peninsula LHS	Lamplugh and District Heritage Society
Cumbria Family History Society	Levens LH Research Group
Cumbria Industrial History Society	Lorton and Derwent Fells LHS
Cumbria Local History Federation	Matterdale Historical & Archaeological Society
CWAAS	Orton and Tebay LHS
Friends of Cumbria Archives	Upper Eden LHS
History of Kirkby Group	

Standing order subscriptions

Most members pay their annual subscription by standing order. Most of these orders were for an initial period of 5 years and this period came to an end with the 2015 payment. We will shortly be writing to members in this position, inviting them to take out a further standing order so as to continue in membership of the Trust. Such a standing order can be for a fixed number of annual payments or 'until further notice' and these two options will be outlined further.

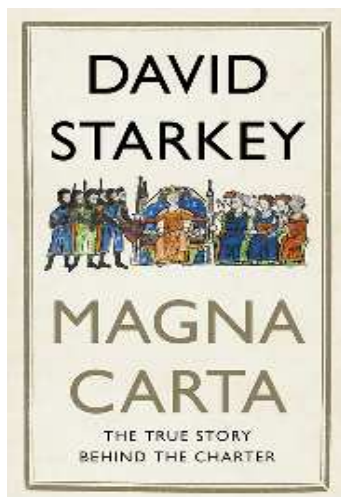
For those members with on-line banking facilities, renewal of standing orders can usually be done on-line and this would be most convenient for the Trust. If any member uses this on-line facility, perhaps they would be good enough to let me know (email johngarsid910@gmail.com)

John Garside, Treasurer

VCH and CWAAS

The work of the VCH Cumbria project was highlighted at the CWAAS AGM in Carlisle on Saturday 11 April. Angus Winchester spoke about the achievements of the project over the past five years, while Sarah Rose outlined her work on Gamblesby - the article for which is now on the CCHT website. The support of CWAAS has been integral to the work of CCHT and their continued support is very much appreciated.

Celebrating Magna Carta: David Starkey's Lecture for CCHT 11th June



CCHT will be hosting a lecture by David Starkey on Thursday **11th June**. Entitled "The Magna Carta 800 Years On", the event will take place at the Rheged Centre, near Penrith at 7pm, **followed by a** buffet supper. Tickets, price £25 (lecture and supper) are available from Rheged, or by emailing enquiries@rheged.com, or by calling 01768 868000. Tickets for the lecture alone, price £10, are also available. You may also be interested to know that David Starkey has a new book out on Magna Carta, published in April.

Other Magna Carta 800 Anniversary Celebrations

Several other Magna Carta-themed talks are being held in the region over the coming months. The History Department and School of Law at Lancaster University are jointly hosting the 2015 **Iredell Lecture on 6 May**. The topic is 'Magna Carta and the Victorians' and the guest speaker is Professor Miles Taylor from York University. All are welcome to this free event, but you will need to register: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/iredell-lecture-2015-tickets-15567732507?aff=es2&rank=79>

A major programme of events is being planned in Cartmel, with the main focus on **Friday 25 - Tuesday 29 September 2015** when there will be five days of celebration and medieval festivities in and around Cartmel Priory. Find out more and buy tickets at [Cartmel Priory - Magna Carta 800](#)

There are a few specific events to draw to your attention: Dr David Starkey is giving a Magna Carta talk in the Priory on **Wednesday 10 June** at 7.30 p.m. On **Monday 7 September** at 7.30pm in Cartmel Priory, Dr Alan Crosby will talk on "*King John was not a Good Man*" *Understanding Magna Carta on its 800th Anniversary*. The entry charge will be £2.50 to include refreshments. On **Monday 28 September** the CPLHS is hosting a "Talk in the Tent" in Cartmel about the influence of Magna Carta. Dr Sarah Rose of the Regional Heritage Centre will be giving a talk on Magna Carta and CPLHS will talk about Cartmel and lead a walk around the village. This event will be restricted and will require a ticket. Details will be available soon. Enquiries should be directed to Pat Rowland (CPLHS) patrowland_uk@yahoo.co.uk

Regional Heritage Centre Launch

The Regional Heritage Centre, in which the VCH Cumbria project is based, was officially launched by the Vice-Chancellor at a special event on 7th March. Over ninety people came to the reception, many of whom had earlier been in attendance at the 42nd annual Archaeology Forum - one of the headline occasions in the Centre's events programme. Following the launch, guests were treated to an entertaining lecture by the archaeologist Lindsay Allason-Jones OBE on her varied experiences as a historical consultant in the film and TV industries.

Talk on Queen Victoria

Richard and Cressida Inglewood invite you to a talk by Jane Ridley, author of *Queen Victoria at Hutton-in-the-Forest* on Friday **12th June** in the aid of St James' church. Tickets are priced at £15.

The evening begins with drinks and canapés at 6.30pm, followed by the talk at 7pm. If the weather is fine, guests are welcome to picnic in the garden before or after. RSVP Inglewood@hutton-in-the-forest.co.uk

Investigating Landownership

VCH Cumbria drafters met at Penrith on 12th March to discuss the Landownership sections of their draft parish/township histories. Prior to the meeting, Angus Winchester and Sarah Rose revised the current Cumbria-specific guidelines to bring them in line with the national VCH guidance. These are now available on the

Local History Surgeries

Sarah Rose will be in the Kendal or Carlisle Archive Centres on the following days should you wish to speak to her about your research.

Kendal Archives:

30 April; 7 May; 28 May; 18 June

Carlisle Archives:

Fri 15 May; Thurs 11 June

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