

**CLHF Convention Programme - 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
Askam Band Hall, Sandy Lane, Askam-in-Furness LA16 7BE

## Aspects of Furness History

0800-0930	Hall open for setting up of displays etc.
0930-1000	Arrive, Register, etc.
1000-1030	Housekeeping announcements, Alan Benson AGM Richard Brockington
1030-1100	Coffee & Browse Displays
1100-1200	Keynote Speaker (Dan Elsworth – Antiquarians of Furness)
1200-1215	Questions
1215-1250	Local Speaker (Rev Dr David Jackson – Swarthmore Hall & Its People)
1250-1300	Questions
1300-1400	Lunch & Browse Displays
1400-1435	Local Speaker (Peter Burt – The Furness Iron & Steel Company)
1435-1445	Questions
1445-1515	Guest Speaker (Dr Christopher Donaldson – 'Furness Abbey, Post-Reformation: The Romance of the Ruins)
1515-1545	Guest Speaker (Dr Fiona Edmonds – Furness Abbey and the Irish Sea region in the medieval period)
1545-1600	Questions
1600-1610	Summary, Wind-up & Thanks
1610-1700	Tea, Cake & Final Browse of Displays
1700-1730	All done & clear so that Hall can be set up for "Old Time Dancing"

**Dan Elsworth** was raised in Ulverston and works as a commercial archaeologist for his own company, Greenlane Archaeology. He has been involved in projects across the North-West, ranging from Bronze Age cremations in Cumbria to industrial complexes in Greater Manchester. He has retained a particular interest in the Furness peninsula and South Lakeland and has always been inspired by the manuscript legacy of the early antiquarians of the area.

**Rev Dr David Jackson** has devoted much time and effort to researching Swarthmore Hall and the people who lived there from Judge Fell and George Fox to Mitford Abrams, until it came into the possession of the Society of Friends.

**Peter Burt** has spent some years researching the Askam Iron Works, the processes and people who worked there and the source of the iron which was smelted there.

**Dr Christopher Donaldson**, originally from the USA, is now based at Lancaster University where he also lectures in the History Department. His particular interest in our area centres on Furness Abbey in its later years and its growth as a tourist attraction.

**Dr Fiona Edmonds** is the newly appointed Director of the Regional Heritage Centre (ex-Centre for North West Regional Studies), replacing Angus Winchester, and is a lecturer in History at Lancaster University. Her particular interest covers the Viking period in Ireland and North West England in the early Middle Ages. Fiona will talk about Furness Abbey in its earliest days and its impact on the local society and economy.

**Members Display Tables.** As is our custom, there will be room for several display tables, so please do think of promoting your projects, selling your publications and inspiring us all by showing us what you've all been up to!

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