

North Lonsdale Society Programme

A range of talks from bobbins to iron ore geology and from brickmaking to the life of an auctioneer will feature in the winter programme of the North Lonsdale Society.

The Ulverston-based group is also busy planning a series of visits for next summer.

The aim of the society is to encourage an interest in local history and to help promote the beauty, character and traditions of the district.

It 7.30pm meetings are held on the second Tuesday from September through to May in the Blackburn Room at the Methodist Church in Neville Street, Ulverston.

Annual membership is £7 and visitors pay £2 to attend talks, including refreshments.

September 12 The programme starts when Graeme Livingstone takes the theme of Invasion from Furness and Beyond

October 10 Millom's Stephe Cove has the topic of Have You Ever Noticed.

November 14 talk sees the visit of Dr Suzanne Tiplady for a look at one of South Cumbria's early industrial sites – The bobbin Mills at Force.

December 12 is the pre-Christmas meeting and promises mince pies and cake, plus an entertaining talk by Howard Whittaker on Memories of an Auctioneer.

January 9 Members of the U3A Furness project on brickmaking in the district from 1840 to the present day will present their findings in From Clay to Shale

Askam brickworks was established in 1900 to help provide the millions of bricks needed for the late Victorian and later growth of Askam, Millom, Dalton and Barrow.

In Barrow, the North Lancashire Patent Brick and Tile Works – also known as Woodhouse, Sons and Andrews - was in business until 1969 on a site between Asda and the soccer ground.

On July 27 on 1867 it newspapers reported that the chimney was completed on a new Barrow brickworks for Mr A. J. Woodhouse.

A report on October 5 that year said Mr Woodhouse had a Platt Brothers' brick-making machine, capable of turning out 20,000 bricks a day.

They were fired in a 24-compartment Hoffmann kiln, which made efficient use of heat and fuel.

His main customer was the Barrow Hematite Iron and Steel Company.

February 13 The Mail nostalgia writer Bill Myers will be looking at the many ways of Having Fun in South Cumbria

There will be pictures of street parades and carnival queens through the decades, the visit of Stan Laurel to Ulverston in 1947 and having fun at the fairground.

March 13, Dave Kelly looks at the geology conditions which made the Millom area one of the richest sources of iron ore in a talk called Hodbarrow, Several Million Years of History.

April 10 Isabel Sneesby is the speaker with a look at the history behind The Harringtons, Lords of Gleaston Castle.

May 8 sees a short annual meeting, followed by a talk from Janet Smith called The Families of Holker Hall.

There are plans for visits next year

June 12 to Holker Hall

July 10 St Mary's Parish Church, Ulverston

August 14. Levens Hall on

For further information you can contact Mr and Mrs D. Miller on 01229 869229 or Mr J. Rice on 01229 585854.

Millom History Society Programme

31 August The new season of talks by Millom and District Local History Society starts tonight with a look at early visitors to the town.

Jonathan Powell takes the topic Millom and the Victorian Tourist for his illustrated presentation from 7.30pm in the Millom Methodist Church on Queen Street.

The talk follows a short annual meeting and all are welcome.

Mr Powell will look at accounts of the first people who were able to travel on the local railways and the new tourism industry that grew up to supply their needs.

Although not an obvious tourist destination, Millom became part of an elaborate Victorian distribution network of tourist souvenirs.

As an example, Wards Stationers in Millom became agents for Goss crested china.

These small souvenirs came in hundreds of different shapes - from jugs to fireplaces and from suitcases to shell cases - each with the name of the places and a real or imagined coat of arms.

The theme of railways and transportation is continued in some of the later talks in the season.

October 6 Janice Wilson with a look at Suffragettes in Cumbria

November 3 Dr K. M. Petys with an exploration of Dialect and Accent in Britain.

December 1 The talk is by David Alison on Isle of Man Transport.

There is a break from meetings in January

February 2 Dr Rob David, for a talk on Eritrea Railways.

March 2 Bill Myers will be the speaker with a talk called A Horrible History of Railways in Cumbria: deaths, crashes and criminal activity.

April and May talks will be announced later

June 1 Bill Myers will bring the programme to a close with a look at Forty Years of Change in Millom.

Kendal History Society Programme

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TOPICS from Coniston's copper mines to the medieval castle at Gleaston feature in a new series of talks in South Cumbria.

Members and visitors meet from 7.30pm in the regular venue of the Shakespeare Centre, at the top of Yard 76, off Highgate, Kendal.

The winter programme of Kendal Historical and Archaeological Society

All are welcome at the talks. Annual subscription is £10, or visitors pay £2.50 per lecture

October 2 when Neil Whalley looks at Gleaston Castle and the Medieval Manor of Muchland.

Gleaston Castle was probably built in the 14th century for the Harrington family, although the first written reference to it is not until 1550.

It later went to the Cavendish family and was sold with a farm around 1922. Gleaston Castle has been a ruin since the 16th century.

November 6, Matthew Symonds explores The Purpose of Hadrian's Wall in the Dorothy Charlesworth Memorial Lecture, which is supported by Cumberland and Westmorland Archaeological and Antiquarian Society.

December 4 Ian Jones is the speaker with the topic A Grand Tour of Lakeland from Victorian Glass Plate Negatives.

January 8, Fiona Edmonds, the director of the Regional Heritage Centre at Lancaster University, will describe the Rise and Fall of the Northumbrian Kingdom.

February 5 The focus is on industrial Lakeland when Warren Allison talks about the History of Coniston Copper Mines.

German miners came from Keswick to open new workings in Coniston during the reign of the first Queen Elizabeth.

Mine speculator Charles Roe tried his luck in the 18th century.

It was the middle years of the 19th century when Coniston's mines were at their most productive – with ore leaving by boat across Coniston Water and on the new branch railway to Foxfield.

March 5 the speaker is Hunter Fraser with the topic Worlds in Transformation: Celtic Art and Roman Conquest in Central Britain.

April 9 the annual meeting followed by Graham Hooley on Guarding the Pass: Low Borrowbridge in the Tebay Gorge.

Cumbria Industrial History Society Conference Programme

THE Cumbria Industrial History Society has arranged a day of talks on a variety of ways people have made a living in the county.

It is being held on Saturday, October 14, and features everything from coal mining to the making and use of film.

The society's autumn conference is called Industries of the Northern Fells and is being held at Caldbeck parish hall.

It starts with a presentation by Stephen Langstaff on the history of film manufacture in Wigton and a look at where the products are used.

Innovia Films, of Wigton, is best known for producing the material for England's first polymer £5 and £10 notes.

There will be a look at the history and development of Telecom towers and masts by Andy Sutton, while Warren Allison explores the history of Carrock Mine.

Carrock Fell, about eight miles from Keswick, has been mined through the centuries for raw materials such as lead, arsenic and iron.

Carrock Mine was the only commercial source of tungsten - used in precision tools and by the military - in Britain, except for Devon and Cornwall. Graham Brooks ends the day with a look at the search for coal and lime around Caldbeck.

There should be a selection of book stalls and displays from special interest groups.

And the conference will see the official launch of a book based on the extensive photographic collection of industrial historian Mike Davies-Shiel.

It is called Cumbria's Industrial Past and the pictures – featuring everything from mining to water power - have been chosen by members of the society in his memory.

The Cumbria Industrial History Society was formed in 1985 by members of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society with a particular interest in industrial history.

Places at the conference cost £12 and there is an option £10 buffet. Bookings need to be made by Friday, October 6.

You can find out more about the group and the conference on the website at www.cumbria-industries.org.uk/cumbria-industrial-history-society/ or send an email to bill.myers@cnmedia.co.uk for a copy of the booking form.

LDNP Archaeology Conference

PEOPLE have lived and worked in Lakeland for thousands of years but the evidence of their homes and industries is often buried.

The stories to emerge from excavations to find out what life was like for early inhabitants of the fells and valleys will be told at a day of talks next month.

It is called Archaeology in the Lake District 2017 and is being held at the Theatre by the Lake, Keswick, from 10am on Sunday, October 15.

This annual event is organised by the Lake District National Park Authority to showcase research undertaken in what is now a World Heritage Site.

A spokesperson for the organisers said: "This year the conference will provide an opportunity to learn about recent projects carried out by universities, organisations and those communities and volunteers within the National Park.

"We will also be celebrating John Hodgson's 24 years' service for the National Park Authority following his retirement at the end of July."

After an introduction by Jane Barker, deputy chair of the Lake District National Park Authority, Eleanor Kingston will provide an overview of Lakeland archeological projects in the past year.

John Pickin looks at industry in the Lakes with a talk called Jigs, Stamps and Mortar Stones.

This looks at surveying work at Bonsor Low Mill and Tilberthwaite copper mine, near Coniston.

Jamie Lund, from the National Trust, will describe three recent archaeological surveys in the Lake District and Ian Miller, from the University of Salford, will talk about the bloomforge for iron production at Cunsey Forge.

After lunch, Stephe Cove, of Duddon Valley Local History Group, will explain a project to excavate medieval longhouses in the Duddon Valley.

Helen Evans, from Oxford Archaeology North, looks at new dates and emerging themes from a re-thinking of Neolithic landscapes in Cumbria.

The talks day finishes with John Hodgson looking back on his 24-year involvement with archaeology in the Lake District National Park.

Attendance at the talks day costs £15 and you can get booking details by calling 01539 724555 or look for the event on the website at www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/learning/archaeologyhistory/archaeologyconference

Barrow Civic & Local History Society Programme

Friday 29th September: John Murphy
"So Where is Seldom Seen?"

Friday 27th October: David Fellows
"A closer look at Ulverston"

Friday 24th November: Dan Elsworth
"The name of the House was one time famous" - Furness Abbey before the Abbey"

Duddon Valley History Group

25th October

Furness Abbey and the Fellowship
Gill Jepson

Tuesday 14th November at 19.00hrs in the Main Hall

Duddon Dig Year 2

The archaeologists leading the excavation of Longhouse Close will be presenting their findings. This dig has proved highly exciting, yielding much more than expected. The analysis of samples taken is eagerly awaited. Light refreshments will be available.

Tuesday 5th December

Group Social
The Prince of Wales, Foxfield

24th January 2018

Broughton Soldiers in the Great War 1917
Peter Greenwood

28th February

Jack Kitchen - the Windermere Inventor

Diana Matthews

28th March

Settlement and Field Names in Finsthwaite

Sophia Martin

25th April

Unearthing the Past

Stuart Flett

23rd May

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Sophia Martin

27th June

Annual General Meeting

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THE Furness, Lakes and Lune branch of a national group for railway enthusiasts starts its winter programme of talks this week.

The Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway and trains to the Lakes in the last few years of steam power will feature in presentations to members and visitors to the Railway Correspondence and [Travel](#) Society.

Meetings are held from 7.30pm at the Station Hotel, overlooking Carnforth railway station.

A donation of £2 for members and £4 for visitors is requested. All are welcome.

October 6, with a presentation by Steve Fort called The Green Diesel Era.

November 3 the speaker is Noel Machell with a [look](#) at Preston to Windermere in the last years of steam.

December 1 The annual [meeting](#) is held on, followed by photographic presentations by members.

January 5 Ian Pilkington is the speaker with a talk called Steam and Diesel in the Northern Fells.

February 2 Peter Van Zeller will describe the history of the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway - also known affectionately as La'al Ratty.

The line was opened in the 1870s to bring Eskdale quarry stone and iron ore to the main railway line at Ravenglass.

A century ago, during the First [World](#) War, the track was reduced in width from 3 ft to 15in and while the mines and quarries have gone the line remains a popular tourist attraction.

March 2 John Sloane has the [theme](#) of The Splendid Years of British Railways Steam from 1958 to 1962.

April 6 David Bousfield is the guest speaker with the topic Trains Around Britain - Then and Now.

May 4 The final talk is by Brian Parker about the Carlisle Power Signal Box, which plays a key role in the safe operation of trains on the electrified lines through Cumbria.

You can find out more about the activities of the national society on its website at www.rcts.org.uk

The Barrow Naturalists' Field Club

The Barrow Naturalists' Field Club was founded in 1876 and holds its meetings at 7.15pm in the Trinity Church Centre, on Warwick Street, Barrow.

Members pay £2.50 to attend and £4 for others. All are welcome.

October 2nd The series got underway this week with a look at hedgehogs by Irene Cannon

October 9th Ian Boyle will be the lecturer on the Archaeology of the Duddon Valley. The rugged countryside between villages such as Broughton and Ulpha has been inhabited for thousands of years and digs and field walkers have recorded evidence of stone houses and industrial activity.

October 16 the topic is the Baroness of Belsfield with Ian Jones

October 23 Brian Morrell will talk about Caverlock Reserve.

October 30 Pat Ashcroft is the **speaker** on with the curious title Cambodia (Not)

November 6 you can find out about alpacas with Maggie Hook.

November 13 Alan and Julie Walker have the theme Out of Africa

November 20 it is More Trails and Travels with Mark Newbrook.

November 27 has a talk from Alan Oatway on Washington Wild Flowers

December 4 Stephe Cove has a talk on Dry Stone Walls.

December 11 The last meeting of the year will be a quiz with questions set by Mike and Lynda Garforth.

January 4 Maurice Steel has a talk called From a Tiny Acorn

January 15 you can hear about Disappearing Swifts with Tanya and Edmund Hoare.

January 22 Burma is the topic for John Falkingham

January 29 Mike and Lynda Garforth will talk about Cambodia, Vietnam and the Mekong **River**.

February 19 sees the visit of The Mail's Memories Page writer Bill Myers with a presentation on the Industries of Ulverston.

The illustrated talk includes everything from water-powered mills to electronics as Ulverston has sought different ways to earn a living in a changing world.

On February 26 Neil Honeyman will be describing the radical changes needed to create a major Cumbrian reservoir in a talk called Haweswater.

March 5 Tom Lord will be the speaker with a talk called Bones in Caves

March 12 Rosemary Holmes will look at the Beijing to Lhasa Railway.

THE STEPHENSON LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY

South Lakeland Centre - Kendal

5 OCTOBER – **Simon Holroyd: FLYING SCOTSMAN**
Re-assembling of 'Flying Scotsman'.

2 NOVEMBER – **Ian Clark: RAIL TOURS**
The evolution of rail tours from an SLS perspective.

7 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING

4 JANUARY – John Bateson: OXENHOLME
Oxenholme Station and its surroundings.

1 FEBRUARY – Dr Robin Smith: HOW THE GENERAL STRIKE WAS BROKEN
Striking Trade Unionists and volunteer “blacklegs” on the railways.

1 MARCH – Peter Fitton: YORKSHIRE RAIL
Railways in Yorkshire.

5 APRIL – Michael Davies: IRELAND
An illustrated tour of Irish railways.

Meetings are held on Thursday evenings (unless otherwise shown) at 7.15 for 7.30 pm at the St. John Ambulance Centre (just off Sandes Avenue, Kendal, LA9 4LL).

Further details from the CENTRE ORGANISER PHILIP HEYES
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