



CONSERVING AND ENHANCING OUR HISTORIC COMMUNITIES

Hello everyone,
Please find enclosed the programme for our 2021-22 winter talks, with many thanks to Margaret Bunch for planning it; Sandra Buckland for designing it; and Mike Butcher for printing.

We're delighted that, at the time of writing, with the exception of our first talk, most talks can be held in the Lunesdale Hall, but should that change all our speakers are willing

to use Zoom. We're working out the practicalities so that we'll all feel safe and comfortable in the Hall and will update you when we send the details of the September talk. We look forward to seeing you again.

Anne and all the committee

MISSING FROM THE ARCHIVES

In 2009 and 2014 the Society carried out projects to photograph the entire Kirkby



Lonsdale Conservation Area. We have the 2009 photos in our archives, but those from 2014 are missing. If anyone knows where there are copies please get in touch with Anne.

JOIN US FOR A FREE ZOOM TALK 'CEEPUS FROM STARVEN' THE KIRKBY LONSDALE LETTERS

MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM

BY DR PETER JONES & PROFESSOR STEVEN KING

They were destitute, their children were starving and their short, pitiful lives were often marred by heartbreak and suffering. But they knew that, morally, they had rights, and they understood how to make their voices heard.

The letters, which were sent to the overseer of Kirkby Lonsdale parish between 1809 and 1836, demonstrate how poor families were "masters" at navigating the complexities of the Old English Poor Law and negotiating effectively for long-term financial support.

If you would like to join us online please email:
kldcstalks@gmail.com

giving your name, as it appears on your Zoom account and 'Talk 13th September' in the subject line. Please book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

Navigating the Old English Poor Law

The Kirkby Lonsdale Letters
1809-1936



EDITED BY
Peter Jones and Steven King

LETTERS TELL HOW
PAUPERS FOUGHT
FOR RIGHTS
200 YEARS AGO

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



As a welcome back to our visitors, the Society have carried out repairs to the benches most in need with the help of local tradesman, Ian Ashurst.

Paid for by our Society funds, the restored benches will have a new lease of life for many years.

See all the benches on



NOTIFICATION OF THE DELAYED 2021 AGM

The 2021 AGM, reviewing our activities in 2020, will be held at 7.30 on Monday 11th October in the Lunesdale Hall. We will send you full details nearer the time.

If you would be interested in joining the committee or knowing more about what we do, please contact Anne on 015242 72463 or kldcschairman@gmail.com, or any current committee member.

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WINTER SERIES OF TALKS AND THE ANNUAL COURSE

Monday 11th October 2021
THE WASHINGTONS OF SEDBERGH AND KIRKBY LONSDALE IN THE 17TH CENTURY.

Kevin Lancaster will talk to us about the Washingtons of Sedbergh and subsequently Kirkby Lonsdale in the 17th Century. They were wealthy 'Whitesmiths' merchants. In 1530s Simon Washington, a fully trained Whitesmith came to Sedbergh. Two centuries later his descendants included the first man to build a slated house in Sedbergh, the major hardware maker/salesman in Kirkby Lonsdale and plantation manager in Nevis.

Find out what a 'Whitesmith' is and the connections with Plato Harrison.

March and April 2022
OUR ANNUAL COURSE NOW TAKES PLACE ON 19 AND 26 MARCH AND 2 APRIL

We'll be in Barbon Village Hall with Roger Mitchell, learning the history of 'The English Country House'. The course will take place, with tea and cakes, over three Saturday afternoons. More details will follow in the new year.

Please see our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) for the latest information or contact kldcstalks@gmail.com.

GLEASTON WATER MILL

You may remember that at the AGM in March 2020 Vicki and Mike Brereton told us about restoring Gleaston Water Mill.

The Mill has now re-opened to visitors, 11.00am to 4.00pm Wednesday to Sunday, but last orders in the cafe at 3.00pm!

