

Kirkby Lonsdale and District Civic Society Winter Series of Talks

The talks will be held at the Lunesdale Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale at 7.30

Monday September 10th 2018

The Old Yards of Kendal - an oral history. Peter Holme

Peter is a member of the Kendal Oral History Group and has in his research read every edition of the Westmorland Gazette since 1818! In his lecture he tells about the history of the yards and illustrates his talk using recordings of interviews with people who lived in these unique places.

Monday October 8th 2018

Carus Wilson and the Poor Laws. Stuart Newstead

The Reverend Carus Wilson was best known as the founder of the Clergy School at Cowan Bridge. What is less known is his valiant work in support of the poor in their battles with the poor law administrator in Kirkby Lonsdale, Stephen Garnett. This culminated with an official enquiry into allegations of wanton cruelty by the poor law officials made by Carus Wilson and held at the Rose and Crown in Kirkby Lonsdale.

Monday 12th November 2018

The Darker Side of Cumbria. Rob David

Rob investigates the evidence for Cumbrian participation in the Triangular Trade, the plantation economy in the West Indies and the role of the abolitionists. This lecture is based on work undertaken for Creative Partnerships Cumbria as part of the commemoration of the bicentenary of the abolition of the British trade in enslaved people in 2007.

Monday 10th December 2018

Liverpool Cowkeepers. A Family History. David Joy

David retired in 2009 and started researching his ancestry. There followed the writing and publication of two books on the little known life and times of the Liverpool Cowkeepers. The story of Dent famers relocating to the city of Liverpool in order to keep cows in their back yards and to sell fresh milk to a booming industrial population.

Monday 14th January 2019

The Vernacular Architecture of the Yorkshire Dales. James Innerdale

James is an experienced conservation architect. His lecture will illustrate the wonderful vernacular buildings that contribute to the unique character of the Dales landscape, with its remote upland farms, small nucleated villages and isolated field barns.

Monday 11th February 2019

Early Maps of Cumbria. Bill Shannon

Cumbria is first named on a map a thousand years ago, while Kirkby Lonsdale is first mentioned at the end of the 14th century. County maps became available from the 18th century, but large scale maps only emerge in the late 18th century. The talk will look at the growing details with which Cumbria is shown on maps and what these maps can tell us about the landscape, transport and local history, prior to the revolution in mapping brought about by the Ordnance Survey in the mid 19th century.

Monday 11th March 2019 AGM

The Arthurian Legend of Cumbria. Andrew Breeze.

Andrew published a paper in 2015 identifying the locations of King Arthur's battles from the 9th century *Historia Brittonum*, placing them all in Scotland and Northern England, with the exception of Mount Badon. Using these identifications he suggested that Arthur was a Briton from the Kingdom of Strathclyde who fought other Britons, rather than Anglo Saxons. We look forward to hearing more!