

MILLOM AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23rd November 2024

OBJECTIVES

- To promote and encourage interest in and research into the local history of Millom and its surrounding areas.
- To arrange events and activities which will cater for the above, including lectures, outings and exhibitions.
- To acquire funding to commission relevant geophysical surveys and archaeological digs within Millom and its surrounding areas.

FACEBOOK GROUP

- 1,448 members
- 197 more than last year
- Several posts per week
- Interactive with members participating
- Acknowledge not everyone is on Facebook!

WEBSITE: www.millomhistory.org.uk

- Regularly up-date
- 2,098 unique visitors
- 4,816 pages downloaded
- 41,330 hits

POSTERS

- Greetings
- Tesco
- Post Office (Haverigg)
- Hairdressers (Haverigg)

CUMBRIA LOCAL HISTORY FEDERATION NEWSLETTER (9 TIMES)

- 19th April 2024;
- 26th April 2024;
- 10th May 2024;
- 17th May 2024;
- 31st May 2024;
- 7th June 2024;
- 14th June 2024;
- 21st June 2024;
- 28th June 2024.

LOCAL NEWS MEDIA (The Mail): 11 articles

- Archaeological dig
- Ampulla
- Dig finds
- Digging for Britain
- Life of teenager from 200 years ago
- Lead shot from English Civil War
- Alice Roberts interviews Josh Carr

This drawing, along with two others namely Rose Castlet (and) St Bees Priory were done for the amusement of Mr Thomas Senhouse a little before his death. He was a youth of great abilities, of a ready witt and refinement rich, quick conceptions; there was a very great deal of probability that he would have made a shining figure in life had it pleased God to have spared him; he was taken of (after lingering two years) in that slow hectic complaint occasioned by a decay in some of the Vital Parts, particularly the Lungs. He died the 8 of June 1795 aged 16 years and about a month; in his person (before his illness) he was rather smallish but of remarkable great activity, running and leaping with the greatest agility in the most dangerous places, of a great spirit not fearing danger in any shape; took great delight in horse and dogs very fond of riding on horseback. Temperate with strangers but proud of his friends, of a quick and hasty (in his) disposition. Drawn by John Wilson painter of Maryport, one who he housed with his mother during the greatest part of his life, but particularly in the latter part of it. "Full oft shall memory mind."

OTHER MEDIA

- Cumbria and Lakeland Walker, August 2024
- Cumbria Past: 21st July 2024
- CWAAS News
- Cumbria Local History Federation Bulletin 95, Summer 2024

EVENTS

- **14th December 2023: Nostalgic Film Night**
- **10th February 2024: Stone Circle Calendars**
- **20th April 2024: “To the Lakes” Early Lake District Tourism and Norman Nicholson**
- **15th 23rd and 29th June plus 1st July 2024: Open Day Presentations on Digging for Millom**
- **24th August 2024: Finds Day**
- **12th October 2024: Cumbria Local History Federation Convention**

GROUPS

- Amalgamated Prehistory Appreciation Group and Metal Detectorist Group
- First Saturday of month, 10-12 Millom Library
- All things about Millom history.

PROJECTS

- Heritage Triangle: supported CiC to submit Expression of Interest to Heritage Lottery
- Millom Castle and English Civil Wars: put on hold till next year
- Sykes Project: Three note books digitised and transcribed and available at Barrow Archives and on our website; currently acquiring and transcribing notebook at Whitehaven Archive: 400 pages – anyone want to volunteer please see me or Alison or Fiona.
- Millom Castle and Holy Trinity Church Archaeology Project: funding acquired, successful dig – Plan B had to be implemented as written permission refused by two of three farmers

OVERVIEW OF DIGGING FOR MILLOM

EDWARD FRANCE

EVALUATION

- All of last year's objectives met apart from completing Millom Castle, the Huddlestons and the English Civil Wars.
- Best achievements
 - Archaeology Project: 32 volunteers; finds; moat
 - Sykes Project
 - 3D image of Millom Castle – linked to Wikipedia 1,600+ visits
 - Publicity –link to Society on Wikipedia (Castle) D4B
 - Identified 12 sites for future excavation
- Lessons learnt:
 - Do not hold events in the evening
 - Try and ensure events are Millom specific
 - Get written permission for digs before applying for funding

OBJECTIVES FOR 2024-25

- Complete and publish: Josh Carr's Best Finds/Digging for Millom
- Continue exploration of finds
- Complete and publish: Millom Castle, the Huddlestons and the English Civil War
- Organise series of events to uncover and celebrate history of Millom

ACCOUNTS

- Liz North - Treasurer

COMMITTEE: VOTING

- CHAIR: Jan Bridget
- TREASURER: Liz North
- SECRETARY: Liz North
- MEMBERS: Geoff Edmondson, Margaret Edmondson, Jonathan Powell

THANK YOU'S

- FUNDERS: CGP, SILECROFT EDUCATION FUND, CWAAS, LEVELLING UP
- GREENLANE ARCHAEOLOGY
- BARROW ARCHIVES
- A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS – WITHOUT YOU WE COULD NOT HAVE ACHIEVED WHAT WE HAVE!