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Public Meeting 28 May 2009 “Community Policing” – Speaker: PCSO Joel Larmour

Our audience of members awaited the arrival of PCSO Joel Larmour, interested to learn more about his work as a Local Community Officer and plans for development of the role.

The role of Police Community Support Officer came into being 2002/03, introduced by the then Home Secretary, David Blunkett. Known as ‘Blunkett’s Babies’, they received some negative publicity initially. Joel began his PCSO training in September 2006, having spent some years as an area manager for a security company, following a period as an ordained minister. He felt that these life experiences have stood him in good stead in his present role. He spent a month undertaking ‘classroom’ training and a further month shadowing another PCSO in Penrith before going out on patrol independently, spending the first three months at Kirkby Stephen as Upper Eden’s first PCSO.

A PCSO offers full time support to the existing police force and is a visible presence in communities, building a rapport with residents. They don’t have all the powers of police officers e.g. the power of arrest but Joel feels he has, in the main, the powers he needs to do his job. The PCSO is the non-confrontational, friendly, approachable face of local policing and is trying to break down barriers. Joel was able to tell us that he feels he is making progress with this, stressing the importance of gaining and giving respect. He is very keen that members of the public pass on any concerns and information so that he can pass them on into the police information system as such intelligence can be very useful. Several anecdotes illustrated how he carries out the different aspects of the job.

For the future he hopes that the non-confrontational approach is maintained as he feels this has enabled him to build co-operative relationships with young people. He agrees with John Knox – “You cannot antagonise and influence at the same time”. Working with other partners, work continues to bring groups together. He has learned not to make promises and commitments in case proposals and plans do not come to fruition but hopes to organise a summer project involving young people. He explained his involvement with colleagues who go into the Grammar School to establish contact with students. As part of being visible, he chats to parents and children at the Primary School on an informal basis at the school gates and he has regular contact with Primary Schools at Kirkby Thore and Long Marton, as well as Appleby.

At the end of his talk a lively question and answer session took place. Thus another informative and interesting evening came to a close and members expressed appreciation for Joel’s willingness to give of his time and for his efforts and success in his role as our Local Community Officer.

From the Chairman

Perhaps it is the hot weather, but I really do not have much to say this issue. There are some problems with the Council, but what is new about that? For instance, the minutes have become terse to the point of uselessness, but perhaps what they should have said was not worth saying. The accounts are a real mess, but we are used to that, aren't we? The bus shelter is becoming ever more mythical - a sort of mystical, unattainable Holy Grail. So it's sort of back to normal after the Fair! We are plugging away at the Archive project, which will be covered by the Annual Report due at the AGM and there is a kind of gap or pause in our affairs - for a bit!

Appleby Accolade

Maggie and I were not here for the Fair - medical exigencies worked against it as well as personal choice - but we understand that, from Appleby residents' point of view, it was a much more orderly affair. So we probably should award this issue's Accolade to the police who, we understand, were much more effective than in previous years, and to the other officials who worked hard to counter the worst excesses of the Fair. Well done, and thank you.

Coffee Morning

The coffee morning was very well-organised by Marjorie Campion and her band of helpers and we thank them for their efforts, but the result was a little disappointing – proceeds down from last year. Suggestions to encourage visitors to next year's event were discussed at our last Committee meeting and we hope members will support our efforts. We will need to continue to raise money to keep the Archive proceeding and eventually to maintain it as a viable project.

That's All, Folks

R Ian Campbell

History Slot

We must thank Davina and Graham for encouraging Mrs Doxford to send us her story and we have another part of Chariots of Fire.

Memories of Childhood and of Working in Appleby Shire Hall

Prior to 1940 I went to school at Great Asby Endowed School from age 5 – 11 years of age. I then went off to the Grammar School in Kirkby Stephen. I had to stay in 'digs' during the week and came home at weekends. During this time there were girls who came from Appleby by train each day. My brother was lucky as he was able to cycle to Appleby Grammar School each week day. For some time now both Grammar Schools take both boys and girls – lucky children! In 1937 my parents moved to Kirkby Stephen so I was able to live at home and my brother travelled by train to Appleby Grammar School. My younger brother was born in 1937. He, too, went to Appleby Grammar School during the period 1948 – 1953, travelling by train.

My memories pre-school are of Dr Sprott, who lived in the big 'Jack Robinson House', coming by car to Asby. There was only one taxi car and my Dad's little Austin 7 in the village at the time. Dr Sprott wore a big leather coat. I can remember the feel of it when I sat on his knee when he had need to visit us. He had a young assistant, Dr Fowley(?) from Edinburgh, for a time. When we visited Appleby on a Saturday we always went to Alice Thompson's in The Wiend for one pennyworth of sweets, a great treat in those days. Ernie Parkin from Parkin's on The Sands came each month to collect our grocery order. He stayed with us for tea. He was able to have jam and cheese with his bread whereas my brother and I could only have one or the other! Grossly unfair, we thought! There were always teacakes, made by my grandma, and apple pies, then called apple cakes.

Shortly after leaving school in 1940 I was first involved in work helping to sort out the placement of evacuees from the North East of England as they were sent over from there to Kirkby Stephen by train. I then went to a commercial school at Penrith for a year or so learning shorthand and typing and office procedures. After this I worked for a local solicitor for a spell. I then applied to join the Wrens but my father was not keen on this as he visualised conditions akin to those he had experienced in France in the First World War. He learned of some war work positions with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and applied to them on my behalf. I was interviewed and accepted for a post in North Wales where I worked until the end of the war. The job was quickly closed down as the war came to an end and before 1945 was out I had returned to my home in Kirkby Stephen and obtained employment as a clerk in the Food Office that was located in the Shire Hall at Appleby. The function of the Office was to issue Food Ration books to the people of North Westmorland. In addition, there was some control of the milk collected from the farms in the area that was treated at the Express Dairy.

There was a Food Office of staff of about 8 people. John Lesley Harker was in charge. At the front desk on the ground floor was a Mrs Goddard, who had another young female clerk working for her. Upstairs were another 5 people including myself, all girls. Mary Udale was in charge of the other 4 girls when I joined the office but she left after a year or so and the job came to me.

The issuing was carried out in two ways – people either attended the office downstairs to claim their ration book or John Lesley Harker and about four of us travelled to the various village halls on appointed days where the local population came to collect their new ration books from us. Published lists for our attendance at the various places were posted locally and in the local newspaper.

At the time the ration book was an essential for every day living. Almost all foodstuffs were rationed and in fairly meagre quantities. The ration book contained coupons that had to be cut out with scissors for such substances as butter, margarine, lard, sugar, bacon, etc. and the allowance was for only a few ounces per person per week. These small quantities, if used wisely, were sufficient to provide an individual with the basic food essentials but there was no room for luxury. However, without a ration book these substantial were unobtainable.

When all the coupons had been used and a new ration book was required, people had to provide their old book and show their identity card. In the case of new people coming in to the area they had to attend either to Shire Hall or to one of the travelling locations along with their identity card and old ration book so that their new address could be registered and a new book issued.

My home was in Kirkby Stephen and for a spell I travelled to Appleby by bus but I also found lodging in the town for a while as a change from the daily commute.

One of the luxuries of the job was that, when visiting an outlying village, we were able to go to the local pub for a meal, which helped to vary our diet. Pub menus were, of course, restricted as they, too, were controlled under the rationing system as were cafes and similar establishments. These all had to account for the number of meals served to the public in order to qualify for a matching ration allowance.

I left the Food Office, in 1947, to get married. However, I was not allowed to leave the job immediately and had to complete the Food Office year before I could join my husband who was by then working for I.C.I. in Billingham on Tees-side. It is hard to imagine such strictures being imposed on workers today. Nevertheless, it was a happy time and I maintained contact with a good number of the girls from the Food Office for many years.

This is just a short explanation of how I came to work at the Shire Hall in the mid-1940's and of some of the things that went on there at that time. I hope that you will find it to be of interest.

Eileen Doxford (nee Sawyer)

Chariots of Fire: Part 11

June 5 1933 was Whit Monday and the crowds were leaving the British Legion sports held on Holme Field when the fire bell was sounded. A group of cyclists on the Burrels Road saw a barn fire as they passed Looking Flatt Farm. They first alerted the farmer, Joseph Robertson, who then drove into Appleby to raise the alarm. The brigade was soon away but the barn and other buildings were well alight when it arrived. Firemen found a large pool of fresh blood near to the barn which could not be accounted for. Police Sgt Nelson and PC Hogg were sent for but they were unable to connect the blood to the fire scene and so it remains a mystery.

21 August 1933. A large Dutch barn with an iron frame and corrugated iron roof was damaged at Brownber Farm. Water was taken from Bessy Brook about 600 yards away.

[Note: The Express Dairy at Appleby was notable for its early use of metal framing and it is possible that the fire brigade records indicate something special about that barn.]

On 26 August 1933 the firemen were in the process of 'making good' (putting everything away) after a demonstration on the Butts when the fire bell was rung at 7.40 p.m. The men mounted the engine and were ready for the off before they knew where the fire was. The brigade was at the location, Clockfield Farm, Asby, by 7.55 p.m. and took water from the nearby St Helen's Well. Unfortunately, the pump became blocked by straw and it had to be cleared before taking it over several fields to a water supply. Water was not connected until 10.25 p.m. by which time much damage had been caused. Over 1800 yards of hose were deployed.

The brigade attended what must have been an unusual fire on 1 September 1933 when it was called to the L.N.E.R. station where a steam engine had caught fire!

On 31 October it was called to a fire in the 'biggest barn in two counties'. An L-shaped Dutch barn, 135 yards long, at Langton Field Farm, containing 150 tons of hay and other crops, was totally destroyed before the brigade arrived. The fire was seen at 10.30 a.m. by the wife of a farm worker who alerted a visiting coal man who, in turn, drove to Appleby to raise the alarm. The brigade was on the scene quickly and there was a hydrant nearby, together with a plentiful supply of water in Hilton Beck but nothing could be done. According to Captain Evans, the main problem had been the high wind which "spread the fire as fast as a horse could gallop". The brigade was at the scene for 57 hours.

At the brigade's Annual Dinner in 1933 Mr Whitehead commented on the way in which the brigade and corporation had taken up part of the Butts playing field, something he felt strongly about. An area next to the Gas Works was being used to dry hoses and to store the Corporation's van, tar boiler and water cart. He also suggested that, now that the town was supplied with electricity, it might dispense with the fire bell and use something more up to date. (He would have to wait until after the Second World War before a siren, installed for air raid warning purposes, was used to summon the firemen.) 1933 ended with a house fire at 13 Garth Heads Road, the home of Mr Harrison.

1934 began with such a flurry of activity that *The Herald* was prompted to comment, "The inhabitants of Appleby are getting used to fire alarms, the bell having been rung five or six times recently" – and that was in early February. On 13 January a serious fire at Haybanks, Drybeck was caused by a falling oil lamp; on 26 January there was a fire in Hatton's warehouse, Boroughgate

and this was followed by a fire at Macrae's garage caused by a careless attendant who spilled petrol onto the hot engine of a motor cycle which was destroyed in the blaze which followed.

On 31 March that year the log book contains a fascinating reference to a case of animal cruelty but there are no further details. The log book ends here but we are indebted to an unknown contributor to the record who used it to record some amusing tales which we are pleased to pass on. One story recalls the last time the old fire engine was taken out by horses when there was great difficulty in obtaining any – an elderly lady was heard to say, "Why don't you have a whist drive or something and buy a motor?" Another tells us that, soon after being equipped with axes, one member of the brigade climbed off the engine to open a farm gate when a voice of authority was heard to shout, "Shut the gate – what's your ruddy axes for?" But the most amusing, to those with a strange sense of humour like us, must be the story about the fireman who was unable to enter a bedroom on fire because of the heat so he played his hose onto the fierce fire from outside the doorway but to no effect. Only later did he learn that he had been pouring water onto a reflection in a mirror. In May 1934 the brigade was called to a fire in a steam lorry on the Brough road. The load and vehicle body were destroyed – only the lorry's steam powered engine was saved.

In April 1935 Appleby's fire brigade had its third 'owner', as a result of local government changes. The East Westmorland R.D.C. plus Shap were amalgamated to form a North Westmorland R.D.C. and the brigade was duly renamed "Appleby and North Westmorland Joint Fire Brigade". Revised financial arrangements meant that the cost of the service was levied across the district rather than being collected on a parish basis. This arrangement lasted only until 1938, when Appleby sought to re-establish its 'independence'. This meant that Appleby would contribute 17½% of approved costs, whilst the remaining 82½% came from the parishes.

In September 1935 there was a barn fire at Lythside, Ravenstonedale but the nearest water supply was on Flass Moor, over 1,300 yards away. Extra hose had to be brought from Kirkby Stephen before the blaze could be tackled.

Early in 1936 there was another fire at Appleby Castle, this time in a laundry housed in the Keep. The brigade pumped water from the Eden. In October that year, T Satterthwaite, a member of the brigade, spotted a rubbish fire behind Parkin's shop on the Sands, which was threatening a café "soon to be opened" by Messrs Birkett. Prompt action by Mr Satterthwaite and Captain Evans, who also happened to be on hand, prevented serious damage without the need for the brigade.

By early 1938 the country was preparing for yet another war. N.W.R.D.C. asked itself whether one brigade for the greater part of north Westmorland and Appleby plus the services of Penrith's fire service in some of its area would be sufficient should the war come. The Fire Brigades' Act 1938 created Fire Authorities and, for the first time, local councils had to provide a service which was also to be free. At the outbreak of war in 1939 there were over 1400 fire brigades in England and Wales.

In October 1938 Mrs Rigg made the coach house at Elm Bank, Battlebarrow available as an emergency fire station in the event of hostilities. In December Appleby's one and only electric air raid siren was erected in Garth Heads Road and, early in 1939, the Borough Corporation considered a proposal from the Joint Fire Brigade Committee which wanted to borrow £600 for emergency fire fighting equipment.

To be continued

Graham Coles and Maggie Clowes

Current Affairs

Annual Town Meeting (Part 2)

For the second time in three years the Annual Town Meeting was not given an opportunity to consider Council finances but I am pleased to report that a good cross-section of Appleby residents responded to the Society's request to attend the 'special' meeting on 20 May 2009, especially as some folk had to leave work early in order to be there.

It was an hour full of surprises. Firstly, I was surprised to see ex Councillor Budding among the residents as he lives in Asby. Secondly, I was very surprised to hear the acting finance officer thank him for his help with the Council's accounts. Thirdly, I was very, very surprised when he answered most of the questions. But my greatest surprise came when the acting finance officer thanked him for training her as she was 'learning as I go along'. Ex Councillor Budding responded by pointing out that she only received the same training as the 'real' finance officer who was on maternity leave. All of which helped me to realise why it was so difficult to understand the financial information provided especially when I read that adjustments had been made to the format which, in turn, made it hard to compare year on year figures.

The most often asked questions related to how much was in the bank, how much was earmarked for building repairs and 'are we broke'? The answers were, "about £45,000"; "plenty" and "no".

Analysis of the scant information that was made available showed that the Tourist Information Centre Trading Account (it was not allowed to trade, by the way) worsened by £1250 over the previous financial year and that the Public Hall account showed a worsening of £3950 over the same period. However, both figures paled into insignificance when the Moot Hall accounts were perused. Staff costs (what we pay the Town Clerk and the Finance Officer(s)) rose from £14,606 in 2007/8 to a whopping £20,941 in 2008/9 – a rise of 43%. Mr Budding rode to the rescue to point out that some of those figures were wrong. And so it came to pass. The 'end of year' figures which went to the auditor were worse! The increased losses of the T.I.C. came to over £3,000 whilst the comparable figure for the Public Hall was over £4,100. Only the Moot Hall staff costs showed a betterment (£234 – reducing the annual rise to just 42%).

The final? figures suggest that the Tourist Information Centre cost us £15,335 (actual loss before Eden District Council's grant was over £29,000) whilst the Public Hall made a loss of over £10,000.

Last year the Council assured us that every penny of the additional £9,700 taken from our pockets in 2008/9 would be spent on essential building repairs. Please note that the increased losses and staff costs amounted to no less than £13,395 – more than wiping out the benefits of the increased council tax bill.

Last May our Chairman challenged the Council to show that it was providing value for money. In response to a similar question by Cllr Morgan, the then Mayor, Cllr Mrs Patterson, gave an unequivocal "yes". The Council may very well think that. I could not possibly comment. What I do think is this – the Council was clearly reluctant to release the figures to the public and that is why the then Mayor agreed to a last minute (and illegal) change of date for the meeting.

Further evidence of the Council's touchiness on this point can be found in the minutes of the Tourist Information Centre Working Party which met on 25 June. "The group discussed the poor reporting of the town meeting in the 'Herald' newspaper but it was agreed not to take any further action on this matter". That comment was, presumably, a reaction to *The Herald's* headline, "Appleby TIC facing possible £15,000 loss." (30 May 2009). Given that the actual loss was £15,335 I can see why the Councillors decided not to challenge the report.

Another question was why some of the £3,400 given to the Council for a bus shelter had already been spent but there was no shelter. Cllr Mrs Patterson replied that the money had been spent on a

surveyor, an arboriculturalist and a planning application and that she hoped that the Council would soon be in a position to order the shelter.

A week after the meeting, residents were being told that the figures supplied at the meeting were no longer available as Mr Budding was working on them. The figures which were finally ground out were somewhat different to the earlier version but all is well as they have been approved by the Council's internal auditor 'without qualification'. I'm just pleased the auditor was able to understand them.

One final thought. Three of the four Senior Councillors sit on the Public Hall Working Party. One might think that, with all their experience and aptitude, a little more effort might be put towards marketing the facility and not just adding up the losses.

Council Minutes

After four years of trying, the Council finally persuaded the Town Clerk to restrict the minutes of meetings to a record of recommendations and resolutions. As a quid pro quo we were told that a full account of Council meetings would appear in *The Herald* and in the parish newsletter. Neither of those promises was kept. Last month she surpassed herself by recording that the minutes of the two main committees and 'the recommendations contained therein had been approved by the full Council'. So now we know exactly what is going on! The agenda of the Council meeting should clearly show exactly what Councillors are being asked to consider – and, what's more, members of the public also need to be clear about what Councillors are being asked to consider.

“Ex Mayor seeks apology”

Was a headline in *The Herald* on 30 May. A direct quote from *the Herald* is “Former Mayor, Clare Patterson, has called for an apology on behalf of the Town Clerk, Christine Payne”, who had “been accused of lying at the Town Meeting last year”. Cllr Mrs Patterson did not name the accuser. I was present at the Council meeting on 20 May and can confirm the accuracy of *The Herald's* report. There is nothing in the minutes of the 2008 Annual Town Meeting, which were approved on 27 April 2009, to suggest that anyone had accused the Town Clerk of 'lying'. As I was not at the 2008 Town Meeting, just for once, no blame can be attached to me.

What the Papers Say

I have to be very careful when commenting on the activities of some of our Town Councillors as they have a tendency to threaten all manner of nasty reprisals such as giving me a huge hug if I upset them. On the other hand, we have Councillors who protest that I should always refer to them and their colleagues by their proper title. It is not easy. I can now appreciate why the columnist who wrote about the affairs of Dangleby Parish Council using the pen name Hilary Tiverton-Dick (*The Messenger* late 1990s) chose some delightfully descriptive names for his (or her?) councillors such as Trolley, Marbles and Ninebob Notes. It would be nice to resurrect that column. What do you think?

But I digress. This item was intended to sum up the mayoral year ante. The following quotes are taken from recent newspapers:-

When found guilty of a breach of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, the Chairman of Eden District Council's Standards Committee said, “Your failure to withdraw from the meeting was a serious matter, particularly in terms of public perception” (*The Herald* **9** May 2009)

When Councillor Morgan summed up her year in office, he said, “She has maintained the standards and dignity of this Council at the highest level and we owe a debt of gratitude to her” (*The Herald* **16** May 2009)

Pay your penny and make your choice.

Shire Hall Toilets

The new owner of the toilet block (Cllr H Potts) has been contacted by Eden District Council which intends to serve notice that it wants to surrender the lease. The terms of that surrender are under discussion. In the meantime Mr Potts has invited Appleby Town Council to consider a provisional offer to take a five year lease. This offer will be considered by a meeting of the Council on 8 July.

Short Stay Unit?

On 8 April 2009 our Council co-opted someone who Cllr Morgan described as a 'competent, capable, active and enthusiastic person' to fill a vacancy. Whoever he or she was, the co-optee failed to accept the challenge and did not attend any meetings before being replaced in June by Robert Knowles, the father of a sitting Councillor.

Other Than That

There is very little to report as very little seems to have happened in the corridors of power, save that Mrs Helen Newbury, who stood in for the Council's Finance Officer, Mrs Ruth Longrigg, whilst she was on maternity leave, was warmly thanked for her services and given a bouquet and a plant to mark her departure.

An Open Invitation

I, too, would like to thank Mrs Newbury for finding an unused £6,500 in the Council's bank account. In hard times we all need someone who can do that. She is welcome to discover the odd shilling or two in my account that I may have overlooked. I, too, would like to welcome ex Cllr Budding's other protégé, Mrs Longrigg, back to Bob Cratchit's stool. But, if ex Cllr Budding is still doing the Council's accounts behind the scenes, why doesn't he rejoin the Council and do it openly and save on staff costs at the same time?

Graham Coles

Member's Contribution

I hope you enjoy the following poem, composed by a Society member.

EDEN

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| 1 There is a glimpse of Heaven here below
Where nature paints the land with loving pride
And trees and flowers in untamed beauty grow
Amid this green and fertile countryside
Where tall majestic fells stand sentinel
Their craggy peaks outlined against the sky
With names that hint of glorious tales to tell
Of slopes where wild boars roamed in days
gone by | 2 Here time stands still on many a village green
Where cottages and farms surround the whole
And fields of corn, and grazing sheep are seen
In changeless scenes of peace that soothe the soul
Once children danced around the maypole tall
And maidens bore fresh rushes to the church
Now blossom covered trees in spring are seen
To contrast with the oak or silver birch |
| 3 Down in the valley see the ancient town
Its history woven for a thousand year
From Roman Conquest through to Stuart Crown
When Clifford's daughter scorned to live in fear
Proud Lady Anne, whose faith in justice lay
When claimed at last her rightful dues deserved
Her bounty reached to all within her sway
With loyalty retained and rights preserved | 4 But through it all, the river runs its course
From infant beck that rises on the moor
Rushing to plunge headlong o'er Hell Gill Force
And onward flows at last its purpose sure
Now fully fledged the Eden surges forth
Descends the moor in single-minded feat
Unyielding in its quest to voyage north
Refusing to surround Pendragon's Seat |
| 5 Sedate at last the river slows its pace
To wander through a gently wooded vale
Where sunshine dappled leaves resemble lace
And birch and rowan mark the well-worn trail
Now slipping past the castle on the hill
The water cascades gently o'er the weir
Its power borrowed by the busy mill
Before around the curve the bridge appears | 6 Under the fine stone arches see it flow
And turn to bid the town a last goodbye
Eager to journey on, still far to go
Clear gurgling water under deep blue sky
I sit and watch, and smile to see it so
I will not follow till it meets the sea
I am content to linger, for I know
This Eden is the place I want to be |

Committee Meeting 17 June 2009

Matters Arising from Minutes for 29 April 2009: Society Archive – meeting of sub-committee arranged for 22 June 2009, details given of items of furniture and storage/packaging materials to be purchased, funding sources discussed; President – a further approach to be made; Newsletter – deadline date given; Coffee Morning – thanks to everyone who helped, proceeds down, discussion took place on arrangements for next year's event; Chairman – Ian willing to stand for re-election but only for one more year.

Reports: Membership/Treasurer – audited annual accounts presented; Planning/Townscape/Dilapidated Buildings – discussed HSBC Bank air conditioning plant, new signage for Hare and Hounds pub, trees on Scattergate Green and The Sands, new signage for Boots Pharmacy; Appleby New Fair – praise for organisation of 2009 New Fair to be passed on at feedback meeting 6 July 2009; Chamber of Trade and Community Association – it was agreed that a more active part will be taken if we are approached.

Arrangements for A.G.M.: Ian to chair whole proceedings, a joint Chairman's/Secretary's report to be submitted, details taken of Officers and Committee members willing to stand for re-election.

Correspondence received: Windermere and Bowness Civic Society News No. 100, CLHF details of Annual Convention, FOCAS Newsletter 71, Appleby Archaeology Newsletter, details of Brackenber Moor Research Excavation and details of one-day conference.

Any Other Business: none.

Next meeting: Thursday 20 August 2009, 7.30, at 5 Friary Park.

From the Secretary

Appleby Archaeology Group

Is organising –

- 1) A week-long event to coincide with Festival of British Archaeology 18th-24th July 2009. Further details from Martin Railton: tel - 01434 382045 (office hours), 01768 88318 (weekend/evening).
- 2) A one-day conference – details and Conference Registration Form included as the last page of this Newsletter.

Cumbria Local History Federation

Has sent the programme and details for its Annual Convention. It will take place on Saturday 26 September 2009 at the University of Cumbria, Newton Rigg. This year, in the morning, as well as the A.G.M., there are two speakers: Professor John Beckett – *The Victoria County History and local and regional history today*; David Bowcock – *A new Record Office for Carlisle: Developing facilities county wide*. After lunch a choice of two of four practical workshops is to be offered. The workshops are - palaeography, newspapers as a source for local history, heraldry and using digital records and images. Throughout the day there is a free exhibition of research and projects mostly by members of the Federation. For any further details, please contact Vivienne.

Next Meeting

**Thursday 30 July 2009
7.30 p.m. Supper Room, Market Hall**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

and, following the business part of the meeting,

“The Art of Dining” – Speaker: Ivan Day

A welcome return visit by Ivan, who will give us a great evening. He will concentrate on British high-class food, the food of the Gentry and Nobility, from Tudor times to the 19th century.

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