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### **Public Meeting 31 January 2008: John Falshaw – “Mardale”**

“It was a dark and stormy night ....” Thank you to our speaker and to all those who braved the elements to make this meeting. The snowy conditions caused considerable concern but John made it from Orton and was greeted by a good audience of intrepid members and visitors. We were not disappointed and a fascinating evening ensued. John explained how talking to John Graham, a local historian whose connections with Mardale had led him to collect memorabilia and pictures, inspired him to extend his own knowledge. Using slides of photographs from the Graham collection, John revealed the poignant story of the flooding of Mardale. As he showed many slides of village farms and houses John told stories of the families who lived in them. We learned about the two schools, one at Measand and one at Mardale. The Dun Bull was a real social centre for the area, where shepherds gathered and enjoyed the annual “Shepherds’ Meet”, where lots of singing, drinking, racing and wrestling took place over four days (Friday – Monday) and a very good time was had by all. It was also a meeting place for the Ullswater Foxhounds. Mardale Church was another vital building for the community. The slides revealed the demise of the buildings as they were abandoned and roofs, windows and doors disappeared in preparation for the flooding. The old yew trees in the Churchyard were removed and the Church tower was taken down, stone by stone, the stones being used to face the draw-off tower. Bodies buried in the Churchyard were exhumed and reburied in Shap Cemetery, in an area dedicated as the Mardale area. 18 August 1935 saw the last service to take place in the Church, attended by an estimated 3,000 people and led by the Bishop of Carlisle. It is said that the Vicar, Mr Barham, was too upset to enter the Church.

Then we moved on to pictures of the building of the dam, the ‘temporary’ houses and community of Burn Banks, with its Canteen, Recreation Hall and Mission Hall, the new roads needed for construction vehicles and materials, as well as The Haweswater Hotel, from empty site to finished building. The project, commissioned by the 1919 Haweswater Act, cost 10 million pounds. Work started in the early 1930s but stopped after a couple of years, due to the general slump, and was completed in 1939. It was officially opened during the early 1940s, without ceremony due to it being wartime.

The final series of pictures was of Haweswater during the 1984 and 1995 droughts, showing glimpses of the village that used to be, finishing with evocative views of a full Haweswater in both summer and winter.

Jackie Huck’s poem, “The Story of Mardale”, read by John, ended a wonderfully interesting and enjoyable evening.

Vivienne Gate

### **From the Chairman**

#### **Venue**

From the few members that have responded to my request for comment on the venue for our meetings, I get the impression that most would like to remain in the Supper Room of the Public Hall, largely on account of the bracing temperatures encountered in the Methodist Hall!

### Their Loss

In a recent communication to Town Councillors, the Town Clerk announced that she would no longer read the Society Newsletter, as she did not have time to answer it! This does not change a lot! The situation remains that (with one honourable exception), if Town Councillors or officials wish to read our Newsletter, they can read it on our website, or in the TIC (though that copy seems to disappear suspiciously quickly - could Councillors be saving on the precept, or is this opinion-forming scandal-sheet more popular than we thought among the public at large? ) - or in the Library on the increasingly rare occasions when that establishment is open. Plenty of opportunity, chaps, to catch the latest opinion-forming polemic! If you want your own regular copy delivered to your doorstep, FREE, join the Society! A bargain at £6 p.a.!

The "Cumberland and Westmorland Herald" appreciates our efforts to keep a watchful eye on affairs in Appleby - as per the piece on page 10 of the 23rd February issue, under the by-line "The View From a King Street Window". It is pleasant to get professional support.

### The Coat of Arms

The "Herald" also reported a discussion in the Town Council about whether or not it had the right to give permission for Billy Welch to use the Town coat-of-arms on promotional material, and how it was refused partly on the grounds of the Council not wanting to get any more involved with the Fair. I have done a bit of reading; it is desperately complicated, but it seems that while the use of the official coat of arms of the Town is carefully controlled, the use of part of the coat of arms, like only the three "lions" with nothing else around them, **as a BADGE**, is of little concern to the College of Heralds. It would obviously need expert advice, but I'm not sure that the Council has any control over the use of a BADGE.

### Appleby New Fair Joint Committee

As to the Council not being involved with the Fair, I am happy to report that the New Fair Joint Committee enjoys the services of Appleby Town Clerk as its Secretary, support by the Council which is much appreciated by the Committee.

While about Fair matters, I would like to mention that members of the New Fair Joint Committee are working hard to try to improve arrangements for the Fair, but it is not easy, and we are finding out why matters have not been better arranged in the past. First, we need to raise finance for things like extra toilets, better publicity, &c., &c., then we need to create a fund to manage these grants, then we need to get co-operation to install the necessary arrangements. On all these aspects we are finding it hard to progress, but we will continue to try to alleviate perceived difficulties. I want to stress that, contrary to popular belief, Committee members, including EDC officers, are **trying** to make things better!

### Liaison

Some while ago ,Graham Coles found some informal liaison meetings between him, the Council, the police and Chamber of Trade very fruitful, but the present Mayor allowed them to lapse, and the Town Clerk informed us that the Council were not interested any more. Prompted by your Committee, I tried to resuscitate them and wrote to the Appleby Chamber of Trade and Community Association, and the police, and dropped a courtesy no-action copy to the Council. The Chamber said we had enough liaison so NO, the police haven't replied, but ironically it was a Council member who said that the avenue should be explored! A turn-up for the book, though I've not yet received any formal contact about it.

### The "Goal"

Maggie Clowes is researching the old "goal" (they almost always spelt "gaol" that way in the 17<sup>th</sup> century) - the one that absorbed the chantry astride St Lawrence's bridge. If anyone has any information about it, or old pictures, or stories about people incarcerated there, she would love to hear/see the material. So would we!

### Potholes

I am working on the pothole reporting scheme - I have at present three volunteers to report nasty potholes in Appleby's roads to a central person who can chivvy the Highways authorities - any more? I will publish the simple scheme shortly. We must praise the action that has been taken opposite Broad Close car park, in Castle View Road and in Low Wiend. We are a little cautious, to see how long the repairs will last, but they have been DONE!

### Council Questions

There have been moves in the Town Council to inhibit verbal questions to it. When the Council was considering becoming a Quality Council, it was made very easy to ask questions of it, as was required. At the start of each session of the Council, the Chairman asks if there are any questions from members of the public. These questions can be answered at once, but if there is no quick answer to the question, or if there is no relevant Councillor present, or if three days notice is not given, the answer can be delayed while the matter is passed to the Planning or F & GP Committee, which meet 3 weeks ahead, who will discuss it and present an answer to the next meeting of the Council, if they get it done in time! Quite a delay at best. Now the Council have said they will not accept the asking of “long” questions without 3 day’s warning, without any definition of “long”. There is a move to require **all** questions to be pre-notified; even though this does not guarantee an immediate answer! There was once a system introduced where people could fill in a yellow form to submit queries to the Council and these were then passed to individual Councillors to answer, who were asked to reply within a time limit. I have not seen that this system was cancelled - is it still going? I think there is cause for concern that the Council’s duty to address pertinent questions from their constituents in a reasonable timescale is being eroded.

### Appleby Accolade

We think that one of the most successful aspects of Appleby life is so interwoven into the fabric of our daily lives that it could be unnoticed - I refer to our outstanding Post Office. The service we get is so good that we are in danger of not realising how lucky we are to retain such superb work on our behalf. The delivery service is great - cheerful and reliable; the counter staff is absolutely the best - friendly, accurate, caring and patient, and always ready to help with the mind-boggling bureaucracy that threatens to stifle us all. We are delighted to congratulate Donald and all his staff on providing a first-class service for us all - I think everyone LIKES going to the Post Office in Appleby! Long may it continue that way!

R. Ian Campbell

### History Slot

#### August Assize in Appleby

It’s August 1664. You’re on your way to Appleby. Not knowing Westmorland you have to ask for directions. The man you ask is happy to tell you – not just the way, but a whole lot else besides. “You’ve asked the right person; I’ve lived in Appleby all my life –there’s not much I can’t tell you about it. You’ve picked a busy day to come. The Judges slept in the Castle last night and today they’ll be holding the Assize Court in the Moot Hall. They used to keep the prisoners safely locked up in the Castle and held the trials there too but they say Lady Anne got tired of having all those extra people around so the trials are held in the Moot Hall now, at the bottom of the hill just near St Lawrence’s Church and she’s turned the old gatehouse into a prison. You can’t miss it – you have to go through it to get into the town. Don’t look so surprised. My grandfather reckoned it used to be one of those chantry chapels where the priests prayed for your soul - nobody’s done that for a long time. It doesn’t look like the one I saw in Wakefield, very ornate that was with fancy windows and carving everywhere. It’s my belief that building was there to keep the Scots out (which it didn’t) and to collect tolls from travellers; there may have been a chapel over the arch. Anyway it hadn’t been used for years until Lady Anne came back and she had the bright idea of making it bigger and turning it into a prison. It’s kept busy with prisoners awaiting trial or those who’ve already been sentenced. Been very busy recently what with the people who call themselves Quakers and those wicked plotters.

You’d have thought, wouldn’t you, that everybody would have been relieved when the fighting stopped and we got rid of that miserable old Commonwealth and the rightful king came back (not going on his travels again, he says) but no. Those Quakers have spread over the country like a rash, reckoning they are the only true Christians, a likely story after sixteen hundred years. It all started up here with that George Fox fellow and now they’re setting up meetings all over the place. They won’t take their hats off to the gentry, won’t pay tithes to keep the proper churches going, call the vicars ‘hireling shepherds’, cause a load of trouble wherever they go interrupting services, even the women join in. Worst of all, they won’t take the oath in court (reckon Jesus told them not to), say the Bible says, “Swear not at all. Let your yea be yea and your nay be nay”. Trouble is - if you won’t take the Oath of Allegiance, that makes you a traitor, like all those Papists last century.

The powers that be are suspicious about what they get up to in those big meetings of theirs. Sir Philip Musgrave, him who fought for the King in the wars, reckons they’re a great danger. He and Sir Daniel Fleming from Rydal Hall, they’re out to get those Quakers, they think they’re mixed up with all the plotting that’s been going on in these parts. What plotting you say? Not everyone in the country was happy with the way things were going. There was trouble in Yorkshire and some folks here planned to join them.

Robert Atkinson was the ringleader. Nobody here trusted him - came from Kirkby Stephen for a start, that nest of vipers! He was captain of the garrison at Appleby Castle when the roundheads took it and he tried to bully the townspeople. He thought he'd get a lot of support but only a handful turned up for the rendezvous at Kaber Rigg. They pretty smartly abandoned the idea and sneaked off home, hoping nobody had noticed. But they were pretty soon rounded up and three of them were hung, drawn and quartered in Appleby as a warning to anybody else who was thinking of rebelling. Atkinson managed to escape punishment then, and they say he turned King's evidence but that won't save him - he's made too many enemies. He'll be under armed guard at the Castle no doubt - they're not going to risk him getting away this time. Atkinson won't be the only one appearing before the Justices. They've been kept busy with those Quaker people for years. Two years ago, 52 of them were locked up here and very uncomfortable they must have been. The Appleby gaoler, George Beck, was so cruel that even his wife would try to stop him beating prisoners. Now they've locked up one of the Quaker leaders. That'll be Daniel Fleming's doing - lock up their leaders and fine their followers - they'll soon lose their fancy ideas. (I'm not sure he's right - Edward Guy from Appleby was fined 100s just last year - he still won't go to church or pay his tithes.) The man they're after this time is called Francis Howgill. He's a farmer (tailor as well) from Grayrigg, over towards Kendal. He's one of the leaders of these people, travelled all over the country preaching, even went to see Oliver Cromwell, not that that did him much good - old Nol wasn't as keen on tolerance in practice as he said he was. In spite of all that travelling he found time to write some of these pamphlets they're so keen on - mighty long-winded they are too, but there are plenty of people who buy them. This will be the second time he's been up before the Judges here. It was back in '52, or was it '53, he was with James Naylor, one of their other leaders, when Naylor was arrested and carted off to Kirkby Stephen. Howgill followed him and started preaching to a crowd which had gathered, got himself arrested and spent the night in prison, guarded by 8 men who spent the night drinking and swearing. Next day he and Naylor were brought to Appleby to the Assizes and were imprisoned for five months. It certainly didn't deter him. He travelled and preached and wrote for years but eventually went back home to Grayrigg to look after his farm. Last July he went to Kendal market and was hauled before the Justices who tried to make him take the Oath of Allegiance. When he refused he found himself back in Appleby Gaol. I don't know why but they kept letting him out and then hauling him back in again. Philip Musgrave had something to do with it, said he was "a dangerous person, a ringleader of the Quakers" and the Judge went on about people "hatching Treasons and Rebellions" but then said but that doesn't apply to you! Surely there is no way you are going on with your journey without finding out what happened to those two men, locked up in Appleby awaiting trial.

"Yes, I wouldn't mind a quaff of ale, thank 'ee."

Will Robert Atkinson avoid the gallows this time?

What about the Quaker? If he doesn't take that oath he faces imprisonment for life, the loss of all his goods and chattels for ever, and the loss of his land during his life time. To find out, read the next edition of the Newsletter.

Maggie Clowes

#### Appleby Secret Society

Now I am in third place. Having discovered that Mr Whitehead beat me to it in 1927, when he declared the Council to be a secret society, I have since found the following editorial in the 10 August 1920 *Penrith Observer*. The item was headed, "A Secret Society in Appleby" and reads:-

"The ingenuity with which Appleby Corporation display in hiding practically all they do from the ratepayers would be commendable were it exercised in a better cause. Secrecy has got to a high pitch and were it not for the fact that the reporters often display like ingenuity by extracting a readable paragraph from an involved and abstruse sentence in the minutes, the burgesses would more often than not look in vain for a report of the proceedings. Very occasionally a member does not see eye to eye with what his colleagues have done in committee and asks a question in open council and then there may or not be a little ventilation. This was illustrated by what occurred at Wednesday night's meeting when Alderman Rigg raised the question of the cost of coke. The matter had previously been thrashed out at a meeting of the Gas Committee and the minutes of that committee had been confirmed by the council. By the time the matter had filtered through to the council, there was not a word either way about it in the minutes. All that the public, through the press, were officially informed was that the minutes of the Gas Committee had been confirmed. It might be said that this is a small matter to grumble about. Granted, but it is simply an illustration of the manner in which the council manages to bury its business in the secret archives of the Corporation."

Graham Coles

### Chariots of Fire (Part 5)

The previous article under this heading ended in December 1890 when Appleby Corporation decided not to supply the fire brigade with standpipes and hoses, items considered essential for the protection of the public, but agreed, instead, to put a standpipe and 150 yards of hose under the Moot Hall steps. (Perhaps Councillors realised that the Moot Hall was a fire risk even then.)

In April 1891, J. S. Rigg, Captain of the Fire Brigade, purchased Elm Bank, a large house situated at the junction of Station Road and Garths Head Road. The house came complete with stable block fronting onto Battlebarrow (now Keith Grove). At the risk of jumping the gun again, these stables were not used to house fire fighting equipment until after October 1938 when Mrs Rigg kindly made them available as an emergency fire station in the even of hostilities.

Also in April 1891, Mr W Story, the brigade's engineer, told the Council he could no longer afford to spend £10 a year out of his own pocket to keep the engine clean and he offered his resignation. One or two Councillors asked him to reconsider if the Council would agree to make a contribution. Others disagreed and were of the opinion that, so long as the engine was fit to fight fires, it did not have to be clean. *The Observer* newspaper reported that the very idea that the Council should spend money was met with "consternation". Common sense prevailed in the end. Mr Story kept his job and the Council dug into its coffers.

In May 1891, the brigade's A.G.M. was held at the Tufton Arms. Captain Rigg presided and the report was read by J Alderson. There had been three fires during the year. Two had been at Spittals and a third at Skirwith Hall. The brigade had received financial reimbursement for the fires at Spittals but the owner of Skirwith Hall declined to pay anything. Following these fires, which had been outside Appleby, local farmers formed a committee which invited donations from local landowners and insurance companies. A sum of £170 was raised and this was sufficient to purchase 2,000 feet of "best Rob Roy" hose fitted with "instantaneous couplings", a jump sheet and other requisites considered necessary to ensure the brigade could protect any building within half a mile of a water supply. A further £10 would have provided a set of tunics but this was not forthcoming. Mr Alderson reported that the average attendance at drills had fallen off in recent months. The matter of non-payment by the owner of Skirwith Hall was being progressed by the Town Clerk, Mr Hewitson.

June 1891 saw the first major departure from the original 'voluntary' nature of the brigade. The Town Council opened tenders for the post of Constable of the Fire Engine. It was proposed by Cllr Rigg (Captain of the brigade) and seconded by Cllr Armstrong that the tender of Alexander McDonald at £6 10s per annum be accepted. This was agreed. (That took me back to my police training school days – Constable – from the Latin 'comes stabuli' – keeper of the stables. The Council had agreed to employ someone to look after the fire station.)

In July 1891, the Council provided the cash to purchase tunics for the brigade and, according to *The Observer*, the brigade's troubles were over. With Council assistance, the brigade had purchased not only tunics but also boots and helmets and "Appleby now has a fire brigade as well drilled and officered and as bold and good looking as in any place in the country". Anxious to show off its new equipment and uniforms, the brigade paraded outside the fire station one Saturday afternoon. The engine was hitched to four horses and driven to the Butts. As many men who could travelled on the engine whilst the remainder ran behind, towing a handcart containing the new hose. Once at the river, the horses were detached, steam raised, hoses connected and very soon a jet of water was propelled eighty feet into the air. Festivities continued into the evening of this Saturday, when members of the brigade were entertained to dinner at the Tufton Arms at the expense of Mr Moordaff (brigade lieutenant) and his wife, who were celebrating their marriage that very day. Captain Rigg hoped that their marriage would not interfere with their duties as hosts. He was assured that they would not.

In August 1891, the Council's claim for £35 12s against Mr Slack of Skirwith Hall Farm was heard at Appleby County Court. Mr Hewitson, Town Clerk, represented the plaintiff. Briefly, the facts were as follows. In the afternoon of 29 November 1890 the brigade was summoned by telegraph to a fire at Skirwith Hall, a place 12 miles from Appleby. Brigade regulations stipulated that it should not go more than eight miles from Appleby, save in special circumstances. (Eight miles was an important distance then as evidenced by those who have read or watched *Lark Rise to Candleford*.) The Captain ordered his men to tackle the fire but, at about 2 o'clock the next morning Mr Slack, who would have to pay the brigade, said he wanted the fire to be fought at least possible cost. The Captain said he was quite happy to leave the site if

instructed. A compromise was reached whereby the engine and two firemen remained on site assisted by Mr Slack's men. They remained until 5 a.m. and did not arrive back in Appleby until 8 a.m. The men reported that the weather and roads were very bad with ice and snow. Captain Rigg gave evidence that firemen were working with their hands frozen to their hoses and in uniforms stiff from ice. The solicitor for the defendant raised an interesting point. The fire brigade was comprised of volunteers, it was not under the control of the Corporation and the court had no jurisdiction in the matter. Fortunately, the judge determined otherwise. Expert evidence from an insurance assessor to the effect that the men had remained on site too long and, therefore, the charge was excessive was also rejected. The judge pointed out that Mr Slack had agreed to the brigade remaining on site and found the charges not to be excessive, given the road conditions and mileage involved. Judgement was given for the plaintiff. An important and immediate spin off was a recommendation from the Town Clerk that the Council should give the volunteer firemen the status of employees. The Council resolved to 'employ' J S Rigg (Captain), J Story, James Yare, J Alderson, Sgt Major Clear, T Dodgson, A Dodgson, J Brunskill, J Elliott, J Ewbank, E Hebson, E Lightburne, W Lothian, T Nixon, W Sanders, D Steadman, F Stephenson and W Tydd. They remained a voluntary, unpaid organisation, apart from Alexander McDonald, who was officially on the payroll as Keeper of the Engine House.

There was a fire at Chatterley's ironmongers in September, caused by a lighted lamp falling over. The alarm was raised by some local children and the blaze quickly extinguished by Mr Chatterley and Police Sergeant Johnstone, who was on duty in the area.

To be continued .....

Maggie Clowes and Graham Coles

#### A Chance Encounter

Fireman Neil Aitken was on duty at the fire station one Sunday morning when he was approached by a man from Whitley Bay who was interested in Appleby's steam-powered fire engine, 'The Tufton'. It soon became obvious that John Hallam, a retired museum curator, was extremely knowledgeable on the subject. Fortunately Neil obtained John's address and passed it to the Society and we can now add to what we already knew about 'our engine'.

It was a Merryweather 'Montreal' model – the company always named a new model after the first municipality or organisation to order the first of a new design. The 'Montreal' won a gold medal at the Paris Exposition in 1878. Its catalogue price when Sir Henry Tufton purchased 'our engine' in 1879 was £450. It was fitted with a size 3 engine which was capable of pumping 350 gallons per minute at 90 lbs pressure. It came complete with all fixtures, fittings and hose but additional leather hose could be purchased at £8 10s per 40 feet. Leather hose was used nearest the engine as it could survive knocks and scrapes. Any hose which might be affected by fire was made of canvas which was slightly porous and was always intentionally wet when in use. Rubber suction hose (to pump water into the engine) cost 9 shillings per foot. Inside each wooden-spoked road wheel hung a canvas bag which dripped water onto the spokes to protect them from hot ashes and cinders falling from the firebox when the engine was in use.

When supplied, it was fitted with a 'Field' boiler which raised steam very quickly but a design flaw meant that its tubes quickly burned through. A better 'Jakeman' boiler became available in 1884 but we have found no evidence to suggest that Appleby's machine was ever re-boilered.

The nearest organisation to Appleby to also have a Merryweather 'Montreal' was Barrow shipyard. A 'Montreal' ex Gateshead Locomotive Works is on display at the National Railway Museum in York.

Appleby's engine was painted vermillion red but fire engines were supplied in many different colours. The Merryweather Works is now closed. It used to be at Greenwich. Unfortunately, its records were dispersed but if any reader has knowledge of where they might be now, would they please contact the Society and we will pass on the information to John Hallam, to whom we are very much indebted.

Graham Coles

#### **Committee Meeting 5 February 2008**

**Matters Arising from Minutes:** Playing Field/Memorial Trees – no letter yet sent to Mr P Emerson as per previous minutes. Ian will write. Explorer Films – letter sent to the Dybecks, as per previous minutes. 2008 Exhibition – To open 19<sup>th</sup> March and closes 11<sup>th</sup> April. Additional help offered. Suggestion for 2009,

Easter-ish, "Fire Service Now and Then". Society Archive – it was reported that the room which might become available in the Market Hall had been inspected and appeared suitable, with provisos regarding shelving, access, electricity supply, insurance and rental required. Meeting of sub-committee still to be arranged to discuss further work.

**Reports:**

Treasurer/Membership – report given by Maggie. Balance as at 5 February was £5501.10. Subs received from three new members.

Oral History – nothing to report.

Planning/Townscape – it was reported that permission has been given for the development of property behind Stephenson's shop on Boroughgate for residential use. Proposed new ramp for access to the river for horses is not going ahead. Consultants had recommended improvements to current ramp instead. United Utilities workmen have been isolating the 3 old lamp-posts on Boroughgate, prior to removal. Photos of the unacceptable repairs to pot holes on Chapel Street was sent to Cumbria County Council with a letter of complaint and a response has been received. The Society's response to the consultation exercise about the proposed crossing on the Sands was sent 17<sup>th</sup> January.

Appleby New Fair Joint Committee – Ian reported that the main item of concern for the Infra-Structure Working Party was the toilet provision. Traffic problems being tackled satisfactorily by Police. Earlier road sweeping will be arranged. Other matters being considered include forming a small committee to undertake ongoing monitoring and instigate any actions immediately during the course of the Fair and collection of rubbish on The Sands (e.g. cage for plastics for re-cycling).

Cemetery Chapel – it was reported that Cllr Langan's proposal that the £57,000 in E.D.C.'s capital programme 2008/9, set aside for Appleby's Cemetery Chapel, be used for refurbishment of Shire Hall toilets has yet to receive agreement of the full Council (E.D.C.).

Chamber of Trade and Community Association – had its A.G.M. On 31 January 2008. Ian and Maggie attended and reported the Association is keen on the creation of the Upper Eden and Heart of Eden Alliance, to take over from Appleby Alliance. To progress the parish plan project, funding to pay a project officer is required. The Association was not interested in re-starting a Liaison Group.

**Newsletter:** concern expressed about uncertainty of continuing access to the photocopier currently used to produce the Newsletter. Its location is under discussion by the P.C.C.

**Proposal for Pot Hole Working Group:** it was agreed that a large-scale map of the town would be useful for showing the accurate location of problems. We have a volunteer to act as a co-ordinator between pothole complainants and highways authorities.

**Correspondence Received:** FOCAS Newsletter; Windermere & Bowness Civic Society News; Cumbria Local History Federation Bulletin; Eden Area Police Community Forum - programme of meetings; Heritage Open Days – workshop arranged to take place in Penrith, 14 March. VG to contact Town Clerk and T.I.C. Manager to see whether any plans were already in hand for the September event.

**Any Other Business:** none.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008, 7.30 p.m.**

**From the Secretary**

I thought members might be interested to learn that we have received a request from someone interested in our Newsletter items about the Appleby Gas Works. The request has come as a result of information contained on the website.

Another piece of research being undertaken is on the White Horse inn/pub/beer house on Bongate.

Don't forget the visit to Haweswater 24 April 2008 – flyer enclosed. Places limited.

## **2008 Society Exhibition**

“APPLEBY NOW and THEN”

An exhibition concentrating on Appleby's businesses, with fascinating pictures and artefacts illustrating shops, industries and trades in the town over many years.

It opens on Wednesday 19 March and ends Friday 11 April.

Visit to Keswick Museum – date now arranged as **Thursday 14 August 2008**. To be there for 7.00 p.m. Full details will be given later.

### Next Meeting

**Thursday 27 March 2008  
7.30 p.m. Supper Room, Market Hall**

**“Creating a Parish Archive”**

Speakers Gordon Bowness and Eileen Risk will tell us the story from having the idea, achieving the project and the current use and future plans for Crosby Ravensworth Parish Archive.

**Website: [www.applebysociety.force9.co.uk](http://www.applebysociety.force9.co.uk)**

If you have enjoyed reading this Newsletter and are not already a member of the *Appleby-in-Westmorland Society*, you could have it delivered free to your home six times a year simply by joining the Society.

A £6 individual/£10 family subscription also entitles you to attend six bi-monthly meetings free. These are usually held in the Supper Room of the Market Hall on the last Thursday of January, March, May, July (our A.G.M. meeting), September and November at 7.30 in the evening.

Application forms are available at the Library.

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