

I've been tidying up my file of the programme events [from 2002] so that I can hand over a reasonably organised record to Pat Evans who will be taking over as Programme Secretary. Looking at all these programmes with 60 talks and many other activities, I've realised what a huge variety of events there have been with the first year's programme being rather tentative then, with more confidence, more adventurous topics and activities have been added.

Talks have been given by "off-comers" to the area on local themes and by locals on national or international topics and also on Cumbrian places and people. Trips to Appleby, Drumlanrig Castle, Conishead Priory, New Lanark and elsewhere were undertaken. Also, very importantly, each year has had the fascinating Town Walk and Hallowe'en Ghost Walk, energetically and imaginatively led by Pat Martin and her "merry band" of Helen Ivison and Derek Woodruff. In recent years the events for the Heritage Open Days have been increasingly exciting --- mainly thanks to the efforts of Anne Burton and Pat Kane.

It has been stimulating and enjoyable drawing up these programmes and I have been grateful for suggestions from our members. There have been many brilliant talks. The attendance has varied --- a "full house" this April for the "local hero", Sir Brian Donnelly, and for some other speakers but sometimes it has amazed me that several splendid talks by excellent speakers have had a very small audience. How does one solve this? So, many, many thanks for your help, support and patience with me over these years. I'm sure that Pat will have great successes in "her" programmes and will enjoy this "job" as much as I have. Good Luck, Pat !

Margaret Bremner

Memories Please

I would be delighted to receive any information on the following subjects:

- Darkie Joe
- A Visit to Long & Smalls – seaside
- Ellerbeck Hospital
- Jo Ismay [who used to wander round the area with flowers in his cap and binder twine tied around his knees. He always wore a muffler and clogs]

You can reach me at the Helena Thompson Museum, 01900 606155 or 01900 602058.

Thank you,

Pat Martin

Advertising Feature:

RED BUS CUMBRIA LTD



Alistair and Denise Grey have recently purchased a double-decker bus which has been converted for use at events. There are catering facilities and display areas on board. It was recently used as a collection point for Christmas Shoe Boxes.

We are hoping that we may be able to come up with a way to include the bus at a possible future occasion. It would have to be static, as it is not yet licensed for mobile use, but it would be great to have somewhere dry to display our photos and other things and have refreshments.

Enquiries are welcome: Their contact details are –
Tel No: 01900 67389 or Mobile No: 07712 767 382

Workington and District Civic Trust

2012 : Programme of TALKS / WALKS
MEMBERS F R E E NON-MEMBERS £2.00

[All talks last approximately 1 hour + discussion and will begin at 7pm at the Helena Thompson Museum, Park End Road, Workington Tel No: 01900-326255]

FEBRUARY

Monday 6 February "Living in an Old House"
Clare Spedding of Mirehouse, Bassenthwaite*
Relates some of the problems she and her husband encountered when coming to live in this country manor house with its strong literary connections

APRIL

Monday 16 April "Radio Doctor " Dr Rob Walker, local GP
Will entertain with stories from his time as Radio Cumbria Doctor from as far back as 1978

JUNE

Friday 29 June "The Golden Age of Northumbria"
Anne Swearman ARPS APAGB EFI AP DPAGB
An illustrated talk of the North of England coast to coast known as 'The Dark Ages'

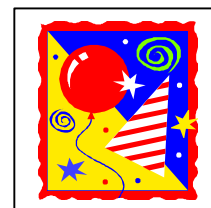
>>>> JULY

Sunday 15 July ---: TOWN WALK -2 pm Meeting Point to be Notified --
led by Pat Martin, Helen Ivison & Derek Woodruff

Sunday 22 July

Summer Event

Put the date in your diary and look out for more details of this popular annual event nearer the time



AUGUST

Monday 20 August
"The Work of a Coroner" John Taylor, retired Whitehaven Coroner
Talks about his experiences

>>>> OCTOBER:

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Monday 15 October

"My Falkland's War" Richard Hutchins

Served with the SOE during the 1982 War, now 30 years ago

OCTOBER

{NOTE} Annual Membership Fees due this month. Fees can be paid at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 25th October 2012 at the Helena Thompson Museum commencing 7.00 pm

Wednesday 31 October

HALLOWEEN GHOST WALKS

Children's Walk at 5pm; Adults at 7pm

Pat Martin, Helen Ivison & Derek Woodruff

BOOKING ESSENTIAL Ring 01900 606155

Meeting Place to be announced later.

Numbers will be limited so book early.

DECEMBER

Monday 10 December

"A Vet's Life" Clare Welford Milcroft Veterinary Group

Tells of her experiences and range of work

P L U S

APRIL & MAY Trips

**Following Clare Spedding's talk it is hoped to arrange a visit to
Mirehouse and/or Garden in April –
Refreshments available*

*A visit to and guided tour of Workington Police Station is planned during May
[Details of both nearer the time]*

Pat Evans November 2011