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## Given The "Run-Around"?!

### Collies Explore The Hall Lawns

*Inside .....*



Image: **Gwen Bainbridge** [Facebook], 21 April, '16.

**W**ITH **BILL Ramsey** now busy in his workshop in *Unit Twelve*, and *Hall News*' editor Alistair Aynsough finding rather little on the Internet about Bill last night, he turned to **Facebook** social-media and found this story. So, just as we

[ Even if My Cat Chose to Do Otherwise ]

## "... I Thought I'd Help with Bill's Marketing" ...!"

[Facebook Entry, 21st. April, 2016.]

What Georgina Perkins, ex-*Old Smokehouse* Co-Owner, once said about *Bill's Bespoke Joinery Shelves*

Photo: Georgina Perkins [Facebook], 2015; *Cat Cartoon* - ["Get Ready to Be Pounced Upon"]; *Flickr* Photo-Sharing / Microsoft "Clip-Art" Library.



## Bill's Bespoke Joinery

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did last time, we apologise for using others' posts, to chart a feline adventurer's antics. A cat at the home of ex-*Old Smokehouse* co-owner Georgina Perkins managed, around 4 years ago, to clamber up a large spice-rack, which Bill had made for her, and managed to bring down literally everything.

Georgina later posted this on her *Facebook* page: "I thought I would help with your marketing. Pictured is a very fine, bespoke spice-rack - made by Bill.

In 2015, I took the opportunity to take a picture of the fine structure after the cat kindly emptied the shelves by climbing up them..."

**Above:** *Catty Chaos* reigned at Georgina Perkins' home in 2015 when her cat clambered up a large spice-rack made by Bill Ramsey. **Right:** Georgina Perkins, seen on 4th. February, 2004, in the *Old Smokehouse*, and Gwen Bainbridge, seen in her previous workplace at the Hall, *Unit Four*, on 17th. April, 2017; both posted **Facebook** messages to praise Bill for his creativity. **Below, All Three:** Bill still busy in his *Unit Twelve* workshop on Thursday, 13th. June, this year, and two views of his store area - the former *Butler's Pantry* or "A2 Kitchen" - also on Thursday, 13th. June.



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# Brougham Hall Events for 2019

## HALL THEATRE WEEKEND

1994-2019 - Ovr 25th. Anniversary Year!

*Three Inch Fools* shall perform "Macbeth"  
*Hither!* Saturday, ye 27th. Day of July, 7.30 p.m..

**Eden Valley Artistic Network**

**The Second EVAN Arts Festival**

Thursday, 29th. August, to

Sunday, 1st. September.

EVAN Autumn Art Trail and Open Studios ...

Saturday, 7th. to Sunday, 15th. September

EVAN Christmas Fair, *Rheged*, Stainton ...

Saturday, 7th. December

**Interlude Ceramics** [Mary Chappelhow]

Wheel-Thrown Pottery Day-Classes ... ..

£125, including tea/coffee breaks and 2-course Lunch.

The Next-Available Class Dates are - - -

Saturday, 10th. August..., 9:30am-5:30pm.

Saturday, 14th. Sept'r. ..., 9:30am-5:30pm.

**Penrith Agricultural Show, Brougham Hall Showfield:**  
Saturday, 20th. July. [Now on Third Saturday in July.]

REMEMBER to Check the Brougham Hall  
Facebook Page Regularly for Updates ...

**www.broughamhall.co.uk**

... or Visit Individual Tenants' Social-Media or Websites for Events!

**HELPING  
THE HEROES!**

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without attached photographs  
of events at Brougham Hall - to  
**alistair@aynscough.net**

... .. **Thanks !!**

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If you are interested in  
hosting an event, using  
the grounds at the Hall,  
or would just like more  
information on holding  
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Website** ..... ..

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by **ALISTAIR AYNSCOUGH.**

BROUGHAM-HALL THEATRE WEEKEND.

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*SATVRDAY,*

ye 27th. Daye of July next,  
[2019], at 7.00 p.m.,

fhall be Perform'd ye *Shakespeare* Tragedie of

**'MACBETH',**

Or, ye "Scottish Play",

*BY YE*

*THREE INCH FOOLS.*

[ A Most-*Accomplish'd* and *Respect'd Troupe* of Theatre *Actors.* ]

1994-2019 - Our Theatre's 25th. Anniverfary Yeare!

*Bill-Poster Prod'cd by:* ALISTAIR AYNSCOUGH, [*Brougham-hall News*'], Colinfburgh, Fyfe, in ye Yeare MM.X.IX.



# Far From "Sheepish"

## Felt Artist Jane Shows Off Her Eye-Catching Creations in The 'Gallery For Nature'

**S**ETTING UP HER FINE DISPLAY in Simon Whalley's "Gallery For Nature", last month, was Jane Firth, one of the artists who were taking part in the recent *EVAN Art Trail* celebration.

Jane was busy hanging some of her truly eye-catching "Felt-Art" portraits on the wall opposite the fireplace of Simon's *Unit Ten* studio-gallery on Thursday, 13th. June, in readiness for the *Art Trail* to begin on Saturday, 15th.. Her distinctive works continued to be on show for the duration of the event, until Sunday eve., 23rd. June.

These are definitely no "average" artworks - as, working on her website, Jane wrote this about her business and vocation - *Ullswater Felt Art*: "I started felting after a career in education and a move to Cumbria. I was inspired by Cumbria's long history of sheep-farming. Both Cumbria and sheep are very photogenic, so I am often out with my camera, looking for the perfect subject.

"Needle-felting is an ideal medium to capture textures and colours that characterise the animals which are my subjects.

"Where possible, I use wool from whichever breed I am working with. Initially, I felted portraits of local Cumbrian sheep, but now I do a wide variety of different breeds, as well as some goats, Highland cows, alpacas and hares. "I also take commissions for my artwork."

### Why I Called it "Ullswater Felt Art"

"After a career in education, I completed my gradual move to the Ullswater valley in 2013. Along with spending a lot of time on the fells and training as a guided walk leader with the Lake District National Park, I took up felting. I have evolved a style of felting sheep with a strong 3-dimensional element, using mainly-local wool.

"I started with the sheep I see around me (Herdwicks, Swaledales, 'Mules', Rough Fell and Blue-Faced Leicesters...), but I now felt a wide variety of sheep and even some other species. My latest project is to felt the sheep on the *Rare Breeds Survival Trust* 'Danger List'. Many of these are wool breeds - and well worth saving.

"I work in a converted garage, overlooking [the lake] Ullswater. I have used wool from my neighbour's sheep that I can see from my window. Shearing time is busy because it is an ideal opportunity to stock-up on the colours and textures I want.

"There is a surprising variety of sheep in my local area, so putting my name on a fleece in advance is a good way of securing what I want! A whole fleece is a lot of wool, so takes a lot of washing, in many changes of hot, soapy water. I wet-felt my basic shapes - the same process that shrinks a woolly jumper in the washing machine - and needle-felt the detail and the background using a barbed needle that entangles the wool fibres in a similar way to wet-felting."

**Right, All Three:** Jane Firth is shown on Thursday, 13th. June, as she puts up six of her *Felt Art* portraits at Simon's 'Gallery for Nature'. She also has a selection of greeting cards, bearing prints of her vibrant portraits.



**Above:** Jane Firth's *Border Leicester* - priced at £225 - on show in Simon Whalley's "Gallery For Nature" on Thursday, 13th. June. The Gallery was set to be busy; the reflections don't do this justice!



[www.ullswaterfeltart.com](http://www.ullswaterfeltart.com)





# New Shelves for Susan's Workshop

Products of Recent Arrival Eleanor Barden



**Above:** The inner entrance to **Susan Clough's Silver Susan** workshop is shown here, along with some of the displays in Susan's "showroom", on Thursday, 13th. June.

**ONE RECENT COMMISSION for Eleanor Barden** - who we featured in *Hall News* last time, in her Carriage House workshop - was to produce a set of new shelves for the *Unit Three* workshop of the jeweller Susan Clough, or 'Silver Susan'.

The new shelving, made of wood but held in place by solid-looking, decorative black brackets, was set up just a few weeks ago and is prominently seen in the above photograph, and is just one of a wide range of things that Eleanor can create — as we noted in *Hall News* 869.

**Right:** Eleanor Barden in a repeat of a photograph from last time, with her preparing for her next task on Thursday, 13th. June.



## Given The "Run-Around"?! Four Collies Explore Their Hall Surroundings



**Above:** A quartet of Border Collies on the Main Courtyard lawns at Brougham Hall on Thursday, 13th. June.

**THESE FOUR LIVELY CHARACTERS**, who are Owned by At Least Two of The Hall Tenants, are often given the chance of a run-around at Brougham Hall, as they were when *Hall News*' editor Alistair called in on that same mid-June Thursday afternoon on which he took several of the photographs for this edition. The Border Collies explored the grounds and Stables Courtyard area and even Eleanor's Carriage House area.



**Right:** Brougham Hall was formerly known for its **Greyhounds**, but on **4 November 1872**, they - around 12 of them - were sold at auction at Longtown, because the owner had "gone abroad for the winter".

*Penrith Observer*, Tue., 5 Nov'r., 1872; *British Newspaper Archive Website* - © British Library Board; ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

**SALE OF THE BROUGHAM GREYHOUNDS.**—The fine kennel of greyhounds belonging to the Hon. H. Brougham was sold by auction, at the Globe Inn, Longtown, yesterday (Monday), by Mr. John Jackson, of this town, and realised about £269 6s. The following dogs were offered:—*Saplings*: Fawn and white bitch, by Bendimere—Baggot, 10½ guineas, sold to Mr. Nicholson, Whitehaven; fawn and white dog, do., 11 guineas, Mr. Todd. *Puppies*: Red and white bitch, by Jolly Green—Baggot, £3, Mr. D. Patterson; red and white bitch, do., £4 5s., Mr. Dobson; fawn and white bitch, do., £7 10s., Mr. D. G. Patterson; fawn and white bitch, do., £8 10s., Mr. T. Brown, Penrith. *Second Season Dogs*: Red and white dog, Bannock, by Cauld Kail—Baggot, 4 guineas, Mr. Longrigg, Eamont Bridge; fawn dog, Bellweather, by Cauld Kail—Baggot, 10 guineas, Mr. T. Brown, Penrith. Fawn bitch, Benique, by Eweadale—Baggot, £3 13s. 6d., Mr. Todd; fawn or red bitch, Baggot, by Gilbert—Veritas, £3, Mr. Strong. The kennel was parted with in consequence of the owner having gone abroad for the winter.



★ JULY 1989 ★

30 Years Ago  
Summer Garden  
Scenes Reported

### Chocolate Factory

#### Summer Garden Scenes for Third C.T.C. Newsletter

THE JULY EDITION of *Cumbria Training Company News* - the new equivalent to the August 1986-launched former *Community Programme Newsheet* (later *Project Cumbria*) - was published by the recently-founded youth training business currently based at 44-45 Castlegate, Penrith - but now set to move to its new home at the stylishly-presented "Ferric House", in the town's Albert Street (near Sandgate and the town's bus station).

This is the third edition of *C.T.C. News*, and it has been produced by *Brougham Hall News* editor Alistair Aynsough.

Its lead story is all about a forward-thinking gardening project at Cumdivock, a hamlet just north-east of Dalston, Carlisle, in which so-called "organic" food is being cultivated, with crop being grown only in a natural, no-nutrients, no-pesticide, environment.

#### Rona Newsom's New Project

THE LATEST *Crafts Centre Shop* to open here at *Brougham Hall* came into operation in about mid-July, 1989. It is being run by Rona Newsom, the careers officer who started trading at the *Old Smokehouse* on 17th. May, 1987.

The new shop, in *Unit Two*, was painted from top-to-bottom early in July '89 by some of Lee Barry's *Hall Team* trainees, and is gradually prepared for business as the month progresses. *Unit Two* is to be a chocolate shop - or "chocolate factory", as *Hall News 98*, at the end of the month, calls it. We hear that Rona Newsom will be producing luxury chocolate items such as truffles, and that the new shop could well become known as 'Truffles'.

#### Ready for Hall News' "Century"

A FORTNIGHT Before it is due, work is underway on *Brougham Hall News No. 100*, which will be a "Project Review", featuring maps with numbers that chart events and work at the Hall, to correspond with numbered entries which are cross-referenced to enable readers to follow stories of parts of the Hall structure that have been surveyed.



★ JULY 1994 ★

25 Years Ago :  
'Walled-In' Unit Nine  
Now Almost Ready

### Heat and 2nd Hall!



**VALUABLE WORK** is being done to complete, and make available to potential tenants, the newest addition to *Brougham Hall's Crafts Centre* - the central *Unit Nine*.

The latest stage in the work has included the construction and setting in place of new, North-facing double doors and window of the *Unit*, and these now await their gloss paint, as used on other doors and windows at the Hall; familiar black for the doors and gates, white for windows.

The South window still needs repairs to stone-work before the glass can be fitted, but otherwise it is nearly ready, together with a walled, potential outdoor 'tea-room' or outdoor dining area.

**Left Both:** New window-frames and double doors of *Unit Nine*, and Syd. Walker with the outer wall, and "tea room" area, in Mid-July '94.



**Heatwave: Sunniest Since 1990.** - Preparations for *Brougham Hall's Shakespeare Weekend* - its first in modern times - continues amidst the sunniest, hottest, weather since the scorching conditions of 1990. The extensive lawns at the Hall have been neatly mown, chairs for the audience are being hired, and general tidying-up goes on.

#### Strange Way of Life at Crossrigg Hall, Cliburn

**ONLY THE Wall-Calendar** gives the game away that this is part of the modern age, but even this shows December 1967. Other than that, *Crossrigg Hall, Below*, near Cliburn, Penrith, and around 6 miles (9.6 kms.) from *Brougham Hall*, is in many senses a huge time capsule. The late brothers Torbock, who owned this elegant 1864 mansion house, led formal and very regimented lives - being ex-military - and kept various items, including food tins and kitchenware, of decades past... even an old car, all but forgotten, in a garage.





### ★ JULY 1999 ★

#### 20 Years Ago: Lintels, Girders ... and Holidays!

**ON THURSDAY, 8th. July, 1999** - the day before *Hall News*' editor Alistair Aynsough starts his epic *Barnardos* and *Calvert Trust* 'Summer of Adventure' of voluntary adventure holidays - he twice visits Brougham Hall, on the same day, to witness the placing of new Lintels on the north-facing door and window of *Unit Ten*, [now Simon Whalley's 'Gallery for Nature'] as well as a roof-support girder being slotted into place for *Unit Twelve*, the proposed 'Library and Resource Centre', [now Bill Ramsey's *Bill's Bespoke Joinery*]. The large, 75ft. (23-metre) mobile crane used to place another lintel on one of the fireplaces of the A.2. 'Kitchen' back in November, 1998, is brought back for these latest lifts.

**'Galloping Off Into The Sunset' ...**  
**THE FELL PONY Society** team 'inexplicably' leave their new offices at Brougham Hall at the end of July, 1999, after barely four months here. They have left no forwarding address for the *Hall Trust*.

#### 10 Years Ago: Hot to Wet!

**SO SOON** after the **Heat-wave conditions** of late-June and early-July 2009, rain and floods lead to the hurried abandonment of the *Cumberland Show* in *Rickerby Park*, *Carlisle*, on **Saturday, 18th. July**. The show directors accept the offer of a new venue, and the first show at *Carlisle racecourse* is soon booked for 2010. [The event has since moved on, to *East Park*, at nearby *Brisco*, and 2019's show was on **Sat., 15th. June**.] Work at Brougham Hall is also affected in some way.

Heatwave temperatures also prevailed for many days in late-May and early-June 2009, reaching a peak in *Carlisle* at 29°C., (84°F.), and also affecting some of the work at Brougham Hall.

**Driveway Work.** - A new Driveway is created, in July 2009, on the south side of the Carriage House, to replace the muddy track that has existed here. It has been laid to enable access to stonemason *Piers Merry's* Carriage House workshop so vehicles can now easily be backed-up to the Carriage House to load or off-load *Pier's* stone, or completed artworks.

### ★ JULY 2009 ★

### ★ JULY 2004 ★

#### 15 Years Ago: The Old Smokehouse is Sold

**THE OLD SMOKEHOUSE** (*Unit One*) has been sold. That 'shock' news, just days before similar developments at *Carlisle United* hit the headlines, was announced to *Hall News* by *Jo Hampson* on Thursday, 8th. July. *Jo* mentioned that their two units (including "Truffles", *Unit 2*), which have "come on in leaps and bounds" since they last changed hands early in 2001, are going to an ex-member of the *Hall Crafts* community. [He later turns out to be 1996 *Tea-Room* (*Unit 3*) tenant *Richard Muirhead*.]

**Another Voluntary Adventure Holiday.** - There is an element of irony at the Hall on Thursday, 8th. July, 2004. There was significant news to report on the same date in 1999 (**Left Column**) as new lintels and a ceiling girder were set in place. News of the *Old Smokehouse* sale comes one day before *Hall News*' editor Alistair Aynsough starts his three-week, latest voluntary adventure holiday, his fourth, with the *Bendrigg Trust*, near *Kendal* - or fifth including his original stay in 1983.

#### 5 Years Ago: A First Visit

**BROUGHAM HALL's** much-respected stonemason, *Piers Merry*, who we have known for fifteen years or more, celebrates a new chapter in his life, with his wife *Anna* giving birth to their new son, *Finlay*. He has just made his debut at Brougham Hall. *Piers Merry*, *Anna* and their new son visited Brougham Hall during a call to *Cumbria* between **Monday, 7th. and Thursday, 10th. July, 2014**.

*Piers* was engaged to *Anna* [née *Nowak*] in his native *Australia* on 6th. July, 2013, and they married soon afterwards. Their son was born in February, 2014 — and *Hall News* dubbed him "Mr. Multinational"!

**Showing The Way.** — Carpenter *Bill Ramsey*, of *Bill's Bespoke Joinery*, in the Carriage House, has been busy replacing the visitor guide "lollipop" signs that are located at significant sites around the Hall. Each is painted in the familiar, eye-catching white, and, no doubt, updated versions of the laminated sheets for the signs have been added by *Christopher Terry* in time for the summer holidays.

### ★ JULY 2014 ★



Above: *Hall News 500* is the latest of the publication's periodic *Project Reviews*, and is also dated to the start of its editor's latest voluntary-adventure holiday in July 2004.

## HEAVY RAINS AND INTENSE STORMS.

### Rain Falls in "Pailfuls".

ON MONDAY, 22nd. July, a thunderstorm in the Penrith district caused mayhem, bringing rain in "pailfuls", proving no less than "disastrous", and being called the "most violent we ever remember".

The thunder reportedly "made the ground tremble ... lightning vividly flashed in all directions, striking terror in the stoutest heart", and, but for Penrith's new drainage system, there must have been extensive floods. The storm lasted for well over three hours and was particularly destructive around Arthur Street and Meeting House Lane; large blocks of stone were left in the streets as a result of a torrent of water and debris from the Beacon hill.

Farmers had, most fortunately, got much of their hay in, but the countryside was much afflicted. The lightning was particularly destructive in the Langwathby area, where Mrs. Kidd's house was obliterated and the gable end of neighbour John Hodgson's house was brought down - both houses will likely need to be wholly rebuilt - and a beautiful tree nearby was destroyed.

Around the end of August, a new Maypole had to be raised on Milburn Butt Hill, after its ancient predecessor fell to the *Helm Wind*, a local phenomenon. Then, on Wednesday, 4th. September, Penrith was again visited by a terrific storm. This time the town was badly affected, the sewers being totally overwhelmed. The house of a Mr. Nicholson, near Thackagate, was much damaged by the *electric fluid*, which was dazzling and in frequent sheet or forked in form throughout. This time, homes and businesses in Queen Street were flooded.

Cattle galloped around fields in the Skelton area the previous night, in terror, and birds were darting about in all directions, while homes "shook" and many animals cowered in apparent terror.

On the night of Monday, 17th., and Tuesday, 18th. December, around eighty sheep were lost to floods on different farms in the Burthwaite area, a few miles to the south of Carlisle.

### FIRST CONTEST FOR THE "F.A. CUP".

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S first 'Challenge Cup' final was played on Saturday, 16th. March, at Kennington Oval, London, the local *Wanderers* beating the *Royal Engineers* by one goal to none.

# 1872

## GOING FROM 'HARD AS IRON' TO VERITABLE 'QUAGMIRE'.

### TOO HARD TO DIG IN SUMMER - EXCEPT IN 1872! RAILWAY NAVVIES IN BOTHER OVER TREACHEROUS BOULDER-CLAY.



**THIS YEAR's Dire Summer**, especially in the bleak moorland districts, has greatly held up construction work on the Settle-to-Carlisle *Midland Railway* extension over the wild moors of Yorkshire and Westmorland. *Navvies* have had to contend with treacherous boulder-clay and days of saturating, incessant rain for so much of 1872, with conditions being little short of dreadful.

Firstly, the masons of Batty Moss Viaduct, at Ribbleshead, as well as on Dent Head Viaduct, and other sections of the new line, were on strike for over a week, indignant at being paid just 6 shillings three-pence for a nine-hour day. When the contractors asked them to do ten-hour shifts in the Summer, for four shillings extra in all, they walked out, the *Lancaster Guardian* reported. That was only part of the drama. The Summer itself has been dismal, along with so much of the year, weather-wise; some 92 inches [2,339 millimetres] of rain was recorded at Dent Head during 1872, and 60 inches [1,524 millimetres] at Kirkby Stephen, a short distance to the north of the line's highest point at Ais Gill. In many locations along the route, boulder-clay has become a veritable and dangerous, cloying quagmire with the ground

being so waterlogged. Whereas it has been almost as hard as iron to take a pick-axe to in hot weather, up to now, the clay has been utterly transformed; it has the consistency of soup and is being shifted in buckets.

They *had* been shifting it with dynamite.

The works have been seriously retarded by the driving away of many workmen from these remote moors, reducing the number of working days available, and leaving much of the material for the embankments so soft that it can not be tipped until the fine weather returns. Many of the large cuttings have had to be deserted for a time.

These three years past, since work on the railway began, there have been reports of men accommodated by the dozen in 'living-vans', especially in the settlement at Ribbleshead that is locally called "Batty-wife-hole". On their way to or from work in that place, men have had to contend with deep mud-holes that might swallow them entirely but for the desperate efforts of their mates in digging them out, often at night.

"At the bottom of Rise-hill, or Black-moss", one wrote in the *Lancaster Guardian*; "We came to a deep and wide gully, through which runs Cowgill-beck. Many disasters of a nature to retard operations have occurred during the progress of the work on account of the frequent rains and floods. At times it was impossible to go on. As it was impracticable to divert the stream in consequence of the gully on both sides being so steep, the staging (wooden scaffolding) and other materials were frequently washed away."

"The filling-up of this gully will be a great and a difficult operation on account of its great depth and the miry nature of the earth in the immediate district. It was calculated that it would take about 200,000 cubic-yards of earth to fill this gully, now it is thought that it will take 155,000 more".

## IMPRESSIVE MOORLAND BRIDGE AND VIADUCT.

"NEAR Garsdale is Moorcock Bridge, which 'skews' at an angle of 70 degrees. This fine, massive-looking bridge, which crosses the Hawes and Sedburgh road, contains about 3,000 cubic-yards of masonry. The structure is finished, with the exception of the coping stones. It has a span of 35ft., and is 36ft. high. Close by, to the South, will be the 12-arch Dandry Mire (or Garsdale) Viaduct." - *Lancaster Guardian*.





## The Marriage of Sir. Henry Tufton to Miss Harriet Stracey.

### Fiery Celebrations.

"THE MARRIAGE of Sir. Henry Tufton, *Baronet*, Appleby Castle, and Miss Alice Harriet Argyll Stracey, second daughter of the Rev. William J. Stracey, Rector of Buxton, Norfolk, took place at St. George's, Hanover Square [Mayfair, London], on Tuesday, 10th. December.

That evening, at the best commanding sites in Appleby, Brough, Dufton, &c., in the neighbourhood, bonfires, fireworks and other such tokens of demonstration were on display".

### 'STEAMER' IS LATEST IN ROAD TRANSPORT.

"On Thursday evening [12 Jan.], a 'road steamer' [wagon] passed through Kirkby Lonsdale, drawing a wagon-load of coals on its way to Underley. This is the first time that anything of the kind has been seen in the town and, as a natural consequence, it created a great amount of curiosity. It is to run chiefly between Underley and Kirkby Lonsdale Railway Station. The engine is about 20-horsepower, and has been made by an Ipswich firm for the Earl of Bective." - *P/Obs'r.*, Tue., 16 Jan'y..

### APPLEBY FOOTBALL.

"ON TUESDAY, (3rd. Dec'r.), a match was played between Appleby Grammar School and the Town. The sides were evenly matched but, after some exciting and spirited play, Barnes scored a goal for the School." - *Penrith Observer*, Tuesday, 10th. Dec'r..

**A PENRITH PLACE OF REST.** - An Extensive, new public cemetery has just been opened on the upper Beacon hillside (by Beacon Road) in Penrith.

## CHOIR "BANNED".

THERE is an unholy row at a festival to mark the anniversary of the *Penrith Primitive Methodists* at the George Hotel on Good Friday, 29th. March, when the *Brougham Chapel Choir* were reportedly "banned" from performing at the Festival.

The Rector of Brougham, Rev. W. S. Salman, noticed a placard that stated that his Chapel Choir would participate in a *Primitive Methodist anniversary*, and promptly forbade them from doing so. Mr. A. McDougall, of Barco, Penrith, said he was "extremely pained" to hear of Rev. Salman's move, saying: "I can only regard it as one of the *bad fruits* of the connection between the Church and the State. I am glad to find that a prominent member of the Choir has repudiated any connection, on his part, with what has been done".

There are hopes that, in time, the connection between Church and State will be cut - leaving all participants believing that they might be equal. ...

## INTER-CITY RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL.

### Glasgow vs. Edinburgh.

AT Burnbank, Glasgow, home of the *Glasgow Academicals Rugby Football Club*, on Saturday, 23rd. Nov'r., was played the first of two matches under this designation. Much anticipated and watched by many hundreds, the match was badly affected by heavy rain and mud, as with so many things in 1872, and saw the men of *Glasgow*, in white, take on the rival twenty of *Edinburgh*, in dark blue; not that either team stayed in the colours in which they started. *Edinburgh*, the heavier side, at length won the contest, and a 'return' game is much anticipated.

**BELLS STRIKE.** - Bell-ringers at *All Saints' Church*, Cockermouth, went on strike on Sunday, 14th. January, for want of a rise in their pay.

## Mystery of The 'Mary Celeste'.

### FOUND ADRIFT ... AND CREWLESS.



**GREAT Mystery Surrounds** the discovery of a ship adrift and crewless - apparently deserted - near the remote Azores Islands, in the mid-Atlantic. The *Mary Celeste*, an American (formerly British-Canadian) brigantine, the was found afloat on Thursday, 5th.

December, by the crew of the *Dei Gratia* - another brigantine, from Canada. The *Mary Celeste* was found to be "in a dishevelled but seaworthy condition, under partial sail, and with her lifeboat missing", en-route from New York to Croatia. The crew seem to have been overtaken by some strange event four weeks in; and her log-book was last dated ten days before the ship reappeared. There were still plenty of food and other provisions on board, and neither the crews' belongings nor cargo of 'denatured' alcohol were touched.

## NEW RAILWAY TO CONSTANTINOPLE.

**MODERN ADVANCES IN TRANSPORT** reach an ancient port city when a railway is at last built into the Ottoman port of Constantinople. Although the original plans had to be scaled back (Constantinople was to have been connected to Vienna, Austria, but for financial troubles within the *Ottoman Empire*), a hugely-positive outlook for the age-old city's economy is being envisioned.

**CLOCK FOR KIRKBY STEPHEN CHURCH TOWER.** - A fine, clock, with three handsome dials and full set of chimes, and adopting the very latest mechanical improvements, has been provided for Kirkby Stephen Church tower, thanks to the benevolence of Miss Thompson of Stobars Hall. - *Penrith Observer*, Tuesday, 10th. December.

**STANLEY FINDS LIVINGSTONE.** THERE Was remarkable interest in reports that Mr. Morton Stanley had found Dr. David Livingstone in the heart of Africa. It took forty days for the news to reach the coast at Zanzibar. - *Penrith Observer*, Tue., 7th. May.

## Death - aged 14 - of Greyfriars Bobby.

**THIS Poor though interesting dog** died on Sunday evening, 14th. January, at the supposed age, in human terms, of 14, having for much of his life guarded his master's grave in the elegant Greyfriars Kirk-yard, Edinburgh, since he, a lowly shepherd known only as Auld John Gray, died in 1858.

A notable court case, in 1867, ended with Lord Provost Chambers granting the Skye Terrier *Freedom of the City*, with him being identified for the public by his specially-engraved collar, after it was accepted and ruled that Bobby would always refuse to be taken in by new owners or even his 'guardian', a *cafeteria* owner named Mr. Traill, and insist instead on remaining ever by his master's side.

## DEATH of The EARL of LONSDALE.

### ONE OF SEVERAL LOSSES THIS YEAR.

**WILLIAM LOWTHER**, the 2nd. Earl of Lonsdale, of Lowther Castle, near Penrith, died at Carleton House Terrace, his residence in London, on the night of Monday, 4th. March, in his 85th. year. His was only one of several deaths among the local gentry this year. Colonel Edward Williams Hasell, of Dalemair, passed on Sunday, 7th. April, aged 75; William Marshall, of Patterdale Hall, died on Thursday, 11th. May, in London, aged 76; and Sir. George Musgrave, of Eden Hall, on Sunday, 29th. December, in his 74th. year.

On Thursday, 8th. February, Lord Mayo (Richard Southwell Bourke, 6th. Earl of Mayo and an ex-Cockermouth M.P., latterly the Viceroy of India) was assassinated at Port Blair, India, at 49.

## JOHN RUSKIN SETS UP LAKES HOME.

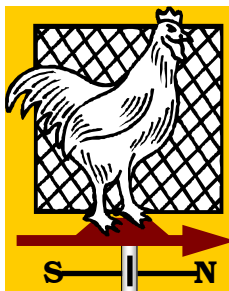
### THE NOTED ARTIST AND ART CRITIC.

**ONE OF The greatest art-critics** of the age, and an artist and possessor of many skills, Mr. John Ruskin has made a home in the Lake District. He bought for £1,500, from Mr. W. J. Linton, the rather dilapidated *Brantwood House*, on the shores of Coniston Water, in August last year and, intending it to be his main home, has made various improvements, such as the provision of larger boat-landings and an *ice-house* [for the refrigeration of food], as well as a turret for his bedroom, to afford him a panoramic view of the lake.

**STUCK ON MAIL TRAIN ROOF.** - **ONE** of the 'lamp-men' from Carlisle (who change the roof-mounted lamps in rail carriages; they slot in from above) was rescued near Plumpton on Wednesday night, 2nd. October, after being on the train roof for around 12 miles



in pouring rain. He had not got off the train before it set off for Oxenholme, and had to let himself fall into the mail-collection net and be thus hauled in - once he'd managed to attract the sorters' attention by kicking the roof. He was soaking-wet and benumbed with cold, and was also obliged to continue the journey to Oxenholme before finding any dry clothes.



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## FIRST SCHEDULED PASSENGER FLIGHTS FROM CARLISLE AIRPORT SINCE 1993

### Collapse of The Oldest British Building Firm

Rich 528-Year-History



**Above:** Poundsbridge Manor, at Penshurst, Kent, was originally built by R. Durnell & Sons in 1593 - then partly rebuilt by them after bomb damage in World War II. - Image: Paul Am-sinck / Letitia Byrne (1810); Wikipedia.

Story: BBC News Website, Thu., 4th. July.:

**THE OLDEST Construction Company in Britain** closed down early this month - ending a rich, 528-year history. R. Durnell and Sons ceased trading, and left over 100 skilled craftspeople jobless.

Durnells' (or Dartnell's, to "update" their name), was set up on 22nd. July, 1591, specifies **Wikipedia** - in the reign, rather ironically, of Queen Elizabeth I. It was run by thirteen generations of the family. The company was working on a £22m., partial-refurbishment of the *Royal Pavilion Estate* in Brighton when it closed forever. They were based at Brasted, Kent, and started as carpenter-builders, building wholly in wood rather than in brick or stone. In 1593, only two years after their establishment, they designed and built the *Picture House*, Poundsbridge Manor - the kind of black-and-white, timber-framed house ▲ that is so symbolic of the age.

### Flights For London, Dublin and Belfast

Story: Simon Meechan, Newcastle Evening Chronicle Website ("Chronicle Live"), Thursday, 4th. July.:

**CARLISLE LAKE DISTRICT Airport** has welcomed its first commercial passenger flights for 26 years.

On Thursday, 4th. July, the first of these flights left the airport a few miles east of Carlisle, which is owned and operated by the haulage 'giant' *Stobart Group* and is now renamed *Carlisle Lake District Airport*.

The services are to London [Southend], Belfast City and Dublin, and are operated by Scottish airline *Loganair* using a fleet of 33-seater *Saab 340B* aircraft, offering nine return services on weekdays and five, daily, at weekends.

The first flight, for Dublin Airport, was waved off following a blessing from the Archdeacon of Carlisle, the Venerable Lee Townend.

*Stobart Group* Director of Partnership Development, Kate Willard, said: "It's going to be an extraordinary day for the airport and for the city of Carlisle."

### The Roads to The Skies.

The airport is accessed from the A689, six miles (9.6 kilometres) east of Carlisle city centre, five miles (8 kms.) from the A69 road between Newcastle and Carlisle and 18 miles (29 kms.) from Haltwhistle, in Northumberland.

It is hoped that the airport will boost Lake District tourism and bring new travel opportunities for people in Cumbria and the general area.

Ms. Willard said: "The launch of passenger flights at *Carlisle Lake District Airport* (formerly Carlisle Crosby-on-Eden Airport) is of huge significance for the *Northern Powerhouse* as it will connect regions and economies.

"Airports are symbols of confidence and this shows Cumbria is open for business. It was unbelievably disappointing for everybody - particularly for the team who worked so hard when the launch day for these flights was delayed [twice] last year.

"We have now moved forward, and we have a full cohort of air-traffic control staff here, and ready."

Flights were initially set to return to the Airport in June 2018, but an air-traffic control staff shortage led to a year-long delay. This airport, like so many others around Britain, is a former *RAF* airfield, and its previous commercial passenger flights were made in 1993.

Cheapest fares today are priced from £39.99 for Belfast, and £44.99 for both Dublin and London Southend.

### The Huge Success of Womens' World Cup

USA as Winners, England Fourth

**THE WOMENS' Football World Cup** tourney, which is seen as a hugely-successful one in the advancement of ladies' sport, concluded on Sunday (7th. July) with a 2-0 win by the *United States of America*, defending champions, over the *Netherlands*; Bronze Medal Game: *Sweden 2 - England 1*.

## Closure of 700 Betting Shops

### After-Effects of Changes in Gambling Laws

Story: BBC News Website, Thursday, 4th. July.:

**BOOKMAKER William Hill** recently announced that they plan to close down around seven-hundred of their high-street betting-shops in the next few weeks or months - a move that could end the jobs of 4,500 employees.

*William Hill* currently have 2,822 shops and 12,500 employees but suggest the closures could begin by year's end. The firm stated they're obliged to reduce services after the Government decision, three months ago, to reduce the maximum stake on *fixed-odds* betting-machines from £100 a time - to just £2.

"We've seen a significant fall in gaming machine revenues since the changes", a company representative said;

"The group look to apply voluntary redundancy and extensive re-deployment measures, and will provide support to all colleagues throughout the process."

*William Hill* have not yet stated which of the stores will close but the shop staff were informed right away.

### Money Can Be Quickly Lost

The Government greatly reduced the maximum stake on fixed-odds terminals in response to great and widespread concerns that many players were quickly losing large amounts of money.

Electronic "gaming" - or *gambling* - machines allow players to bet on the outcome of various, simulated games such as *Black-Jack*, *Roulette* or *Bingo*, as well as horse races - actual or in *virtual reality*. *William Hill* feared the Government decision would cut annual bet-shop sales by up to £100m..

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