

# Autumn Newsletter, Chairman's Report & Invitation to the AGM

Autumn 2017



## ***Introduction from the chairman.***

*The nights have started to draw in already and it is time to look back on what the Trust has done in this our fifty-second year as well as look forward to what is planned for the Winter of 2017 and the Spring of 2018.*

## ***The Spring 2017 Evening talks/lectures.***

### ***21st March 2017 The History of Upperby Village.***

*Stephen White gave us a fascinating insight and look back in time to when Upperby was a village outside Carlisle. Did anyone notice any difference?*

### ***25th April 2017 Thomas Bouch and the Tay Bridge***

*John Mather, a local historian from Thursby gave us a most informative talk about Thomas Bouch the famous local engineer responsible for the design of the "Tay Bridge"*

## ***Events over the Summer 2017 period***

### ***Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May Visit to Our Lady and St Wilfrids Church at Warwick bridge.***

*Unfortunately, this event had to be cancelled due to an apparent lack of interest. However, it now appears that there was significant interest, however, the committee were not informed. To prevent a recurrence of this we feel that we should supply advanced booking forms for all events.*

*It is proposed that a visit to Our Lady and St Wilfrids Church at Warwick bridge will be included in the 2018 itinerary.*

### ***Saturday 3 June. Annual Coach trip. Caerlaverock Castle, followed by a tour of the Devils Porridge Museum.***

*Report on the visit by committee member Mike Little.*

#### *Civic Trust - Trip to Caerlaverock & the Devil's Porridge*

*It was my first trip with my colleagues on the Civic Trust we met up at Rosehill on a lovely Saturday morning and Janis was there getting us organised onto the mini-bus. We chatted away on the bus and before long we were pulling into Caerlaverock. We agreed to walk around and meet up later. Approaching, I could see the swallows had made many nests inside the castle they were showing off their aerial mastery skimming the meadow in front of the castle, flying just past my ear swooping in and out of the castle. It was many years ago since I last saw the old 13C moated triangular castle and it still looked spooky and forbidding. Full of turbulent Scottish history besieged and abandoned and rebuilt over the last 400yrs it still retains its charm and interest and a worthy visit to one of the most impressive medieval fortresses.*

*It was 1pm and we all gathered to take the mini-bus to the Devil's Porridge at Eastriggs and first lunch served by the kindly folk in the restaurant. Then on into the Museum to reveal the remarkable secret heritage of what was the largest munitions factory in the world during the First World War. The*

*museum describes it as a story of conflict, courage and community. I could have spent all day in there looking at all the exhibits and listening to audio accounts of the work done in the factory. It was a dangerous job for the thousands of mainly women who produced the porridge, the ingredients for the munitions. The Devil's Porridge Museum is definitely a 5star attraction with enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff it was a memorable visit. On the mini-bus back people were still talking of the museum and what they had saw and experienced, in all an excellent day out.*

## **Events to look forward to.**

### **2017 AGM**

*The AGM will take place take place on Tuesday 12th September commencing at 7:30pm. There will be no charge for this event. Wine and nibbles will be available from 7pm. If you have anything you would like to say to the committee, now is your opportunity.*

*We are also pleased to say that Ian Tyler will give one of his most interesting talks after the formal business of the AGM.*

### **Forthcoming Evening talks/lectures in the Winter of 2017 and the Spring of 2018**

#### **Tuesday 17 October 2017 – The History of Rickerby**

*Stephen White (from Carlisle Library and local historian) – will be telling us about the History of Rickerby*

#### **Tuesday 21 November 2017 “Peace Trails”.**

*Mark Richards, Local artist, author of walking guides and Roman Wall expert will tell us about his new project “Peace Trails”.*

#### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Railway heritage**

*Tonight we will be screening a film that gives a real insight into our railway heritage.*

#### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - A tale of two bridges**

*John Kelsall (Vice chairman) will give a talk on Sir Robert Smirk and two bridges across the Eden.*

#### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Swimming in Carlisle through the ages.**

*Local historian and committee member John Mather will be revealing the secrets of swimming in the city throughout the ages.*

#### **Conservation Area Advisory Committee.**

*The CAAC currently has two members of the Civic Trust as members, the chairperson and a committee member. Its purpose is to consider planning applications for alterations to existing buildings and for new buildings, within the Carlisle and District conservation area, as part of the overall planning process.*

*Meetings are held monthly with members of the local authority planning staff at the Civic Centre in Carlisle. Applications are discussed and views expressed as to how the proposal might fit within the conservation area. Feedback from the local authority confirms that the views of the CAAC are seriously considered at the formal planning stage, and are regarded as helpful. It can be said that the views expressed by the CAAC have often had a significant impact in ensuring the protection of the conservation area.*

#### **Local list.**

*The Civic Trust has been involved in the Local List for Carlisle and District since its inception. For information, its purpose is to establish local groups to consider listing buildings and areas that are considered by the residents to be significant and worthy of some protection from development. It does not carry the same weight as national listing, but nevertheless does require the planning authorities to give thought to the views of local people.*

*So far two Local Listing groups have been started - Denton Holme in Carlisle, and in Warwick Bridge. These groups meet monthly. The Denton Holme group has successfully put forward Robert Ferguson School for listing with the use of information from the County Archives, and is proceeding with a larger project to have the remains of the Denton Holme railway line and associated structures listed. It is hoped to perhaps find a sponsor with funding to produce a walking trail with information and leaflets describing the development and demise of the railway.*

*The Warwick Bridge group has so far proposed a local cottage, known as Cobblers Cottage, and has successfully had this listed on a local basis. The cottage, unsurprisingly, was the local cobbler's premises and was a well-known local meeting place for those living in the village. The local Warwick Bridge History Group gathered information to support the application.*

*After the local groups have made their proposals for Local Listing it is considered by a Nominations Committee which includes representatives from a number of agencies including the Civic Trust, local council and Historic England. This committee considers the merits of the proposals put forward and sends them forward to the local council for adoption.*

***The current committee members are:***

<i>Terry Jolley</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
<i>J L. Kelsall</i>	<i>Vice Chairman &amp; Architect</i>
<i>Janis Jeffery</i>	<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>
<i>Jenny Smith</i>	<i>Honorary Secretary</i>
<i>Frank Jeffery</i>	<i>Committee member</i>
<i>Michel Little</i>	<i>Committee member</i>
<i>John Mather</i>	<i>Committee member</i>
<i>Alistair Mc Gregor</i>	<i>Co-opted &amp; Architect</i>
<i>Roger Higgins</i>	<i>Urban Design and Conservation Officer. Co-opted committee member</i>

*On behalf of the committee of the Carlisle and District Trust, I should like to thank you for your support in the past and look forward to seeing you all at the forthcoming events throughout Winter and the Spring of 2018.*

*A T Jolley  
Chairman Carlisle and District Civic Trust*