

# **LOOKING FORWARD**

**JAN BRIDGET**

**MILLOM AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

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## Millom & District Local History Society

### Background

The Society was formed at a public meeting held on 4th February 1972 at the Millom Centre, chaired by Mr Afonwy Davis, District Librarian.

The formation came about as a result of a series of five "Looking Back" lectures held at the Centre the year before. These lectures generated enough interest that 50 people attended the open meeting and formed the Society.

Original committee members included: Mr. Alfonwy Davis (voted Chair), Mr S.F. Killick (voted secretary), Mrs E. Hackett, Mr .E. Bryer, Mrs J.H. Smith, Mrs I. Troll, Miss C. Simpson, Mr W.E. Cowper Johnson. Mr.J.W. Ainsworth of Midland Bank Millom co-opted as Treasurer.

Ideas for lectures included: Millom Town, Millom Castle, Mills, Shipping, Furness Railway, Folk Lore, Place Names, Personal Names, Stone Circles, Land Use, Quarries and the tapping of memories of the older inhabitants. It was felt courses of lectures and visits to places of interest would appeal to all.

Over the years many talks have been given and visits to places of interest. Jane and Colin Micklethwaite were stalwarts for twelve years but ceased their involvement in 2019; we thank them for keeping the Society going for so long. There were a couple more successful events then along came covid.

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## Useful Links

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Barrow Archives  
Beacon Museum  
British Association for Local History  
Cumbria County History Trust  
Cumbria Family History Society  
Cumbria Historic Environment Service  
Cumbria Industrial History  
Cumbria Local History Federation  
Cumbrian Manorial Records  
Cumbria Past  
Cumbrian Railways Association  
Cumbria Vernacular Buildings Group  
Dock Museum  
Duddon Valley Local History Group  
Furness Hidden Heritage  
Historic England: Lidar  
Kendal Archives  
Lancashire Archives  
Lidar Finder  
Millom and Haverigg Civic Society  
Millom Castle  
Millom Heritage and Arts Centre  
Millom Mining Heritage  
Millom Miscellanea  
Millom of Yesteryear  
Norman Nicholson Society  
Old West Cumbria  
Ordnance Survey Maps  
Portable Antiquities Scheme  
Research Frameworks  
Roman Cumbria  
Roman Finds Group  
Roman Roads Research Association  
Tullie House  
Waberthwaite Local History Group  
West Cumbria Archaeological Society

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## News

Sharing news and coming attractions.

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### POP UP MUSEUM

28th February 2022

We have had great publicity about this event: it has appeared in NWMail and nearly 10,000 have seen our event on Facebook, so word is getting around about the fantastic history in this little town. Tickets are still available from [Eventbrite](#).

A new coin has been added to the 100+ artefacts on display: Josh Carr has just this week found a Charles II coin.



### MILLOM LOOKING BACK

3rd February 2022

Tickets are now available from [Eventbrite](#).

There will be over 100 artefacts on display; Duane and Josh will be talking about their various finds throughout the ages (from Pre-historic to Victorian and later). It will also be an opportunity to find out what other events/projects we are planning.

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## Programme



### Family History, 7th May 2022

Bry Cooper runs two local Facebook pages: Millom of Yesteryear and Millom Families with about 7,000 members. He has been researching the histories of Millom families, and Millom, for many years and has over 100,000 individuals in the Millom Family Tree. Chances are if your family is from Millom, Bry will know something about your ancestors. Bry is going to talk about how he got into family research and researching Millom families. He might even share some of the fascinating stories of how some Millom folk are related to famous people. There will then be a refreshment break. This talk is also at Holy Trinity Church and will cost £5.

Another keen family historian, Jan Bridget, will then talk about her family. She discovered that the story of her four times great grandfather, Richard Sutton, was possibly used by Emily Bronte for the beginning of her novel, "Wuthering Heights." There have been academic papers published about it as well as a half hour documentary film. Whilst born in Lancashire, Richard's parents crossed the boundary into what was then West Yorkshire but is now Cumbria, Dent. He was involved in a scandal that was recorded for posterity by William

# MILLOM THROUGH TIME



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## MILLOM THROUGH TIME

Millom is special. Why? Because it has been inhabited throughout much of history. How many places can boast of Prehistoric footprints, Neolithic crop marks (with several stone monuments not far away), possible Bronze Age round house, likely Roman occupation, inclusion in the Domesday Book, a Medieval Castle and Church, on site involvement in the Battle of the Roses and the English Civil War (Roundheads and Cavaliers), an annual fair and weekly market from 1251 until about 1777, a possible deserted medieval village and so on.

The aim of this section of the website is to work our way through the different historic periods, sharing related information, relevant artefacts found in or around Millom and links to further information. It is a work in progress and will take some time to complete.



**Prehistoric (Before 43 AD)**



**Roman (43-c.410 AD)**

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Holy Trinity Stones



Heritage Triangle



# HOLY TRINITY STONES PROJECT



# **GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY?**

**NEOLITHIC? ROMAN? MEDIEVAL VILLAGE? MONASTIC  
RUINS?**



# WORLD HERITAGE SITE: FRONTIERS OF ROMAN EMPIRE



# HERITAGE TRIANGLE



# **OLD SCHOOL HERITAGE CENTRE: DUAL PURPOSE**



# CASTLE STONES PROJECT?



# FOOTPRINTS PROJECT?





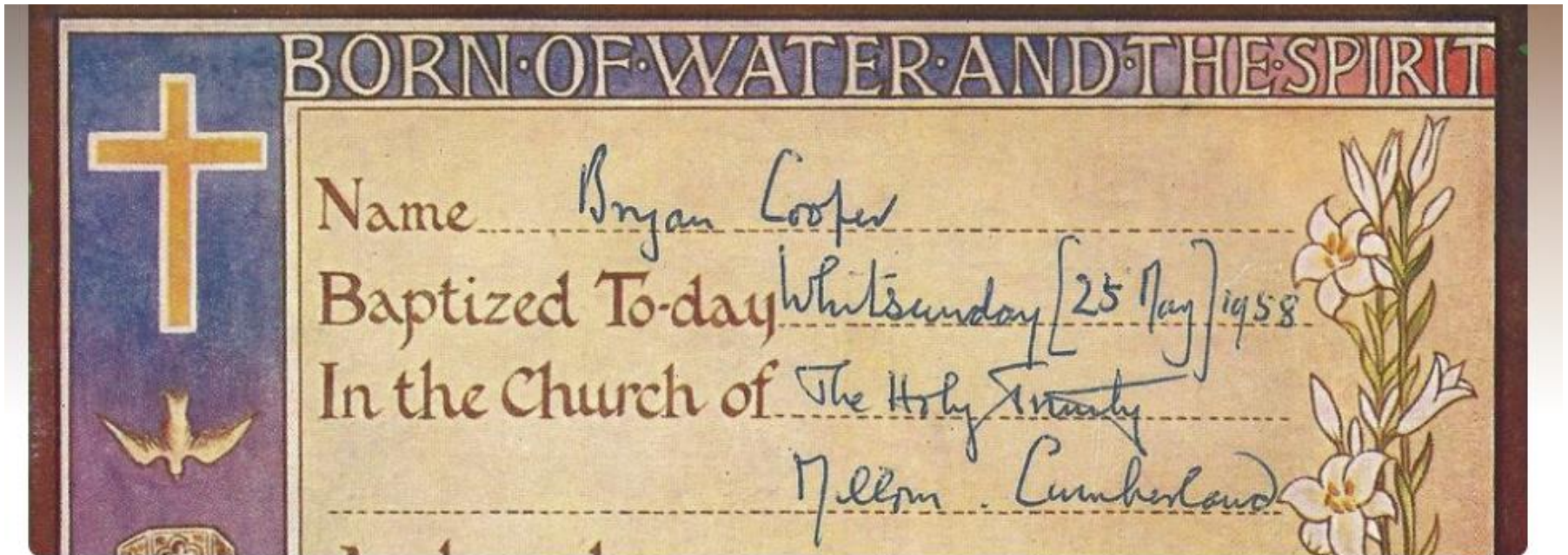
**Alison Burns**

**THE PREHISTORIC  
FOOTPRINTS  
AT FORMBY**

**Discover the footprints on the Sefton Coast  
and take a glimpse into prehistoric Britain**



# NEXT EVENT: FAMILY HISTORY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY



## Millom Families

Private group · 1.0K members

# BRY COOPER



## Millom of Yesteryear

🔒 Private group · 6.2K members

# MY HEATHCLIFF CONNECTION



REGULAR BLACK - The Hidden History of *Wuthering Heights*

In association with Professor Cassandra Pybus at the University of Sydney.

*Director: Adam Low*

**“This film promises to enliven discussion of Brontë’s *Wuthering Heights* in the way that Chinua Achebe did for Conrad’s *Heart of Darkness*.”** Barbara Harlow, Louann and Larry Temple Professor of English, University of Texas

DVD available from the [Brontë Parsonage Museum Shop](#)

# **FUTURE PROGRAMME**

**Bi-monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in month, events, Holy Trinity, 1-3 + tea and cakes:**

**Work through history, grounded in Millom and Cumbria**

- Sep 4<sup>th</sup>: Prehistoric (Claire Bradshaw, Archaeology and Heritage Officer, Morecambe Bay Partnership)
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup>: Roman
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup>: Saxons & Vikings
- Mar 4<sup>th</sup>: Normans
- May 6<sup>th</sup>: Plantagenets
- Maybe Occasional evening talks
- Walks: to be arranged
- Maybe Trips

# MEMBERSHIP



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## Membership

Membership is open to any individual on payment of the appropriate subscription. The fee is £15 a year individual; £25 family (maximum of three); £10 student and the year starts in September with alternate monthly events up to May. This covers you for the five bi-monthly events.

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Non-members can attend these events but will have to pay for tickets; events will cost £4.90 for non-members.

There may be occasional evening talks and walks/trips which may be charged separately.

Download membership form [here](#), complete and email to: [Secretary](#) and bring your subscription fee to the event in September.

# THANKS, Q&A, POP UP, TEA & CAKE

