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50th Anniversary Ale

Ten years ago we celebrated our 40th Anniversary and one of the things we did was have a special beer brewed. Hard to believe it is ten years ago and I've drunk all my stock, so we have decided to have another brew produced. Carlisle Brewing Co. will produce it for us. It will be available in bottles and I hope to have some with me, for you to purchase, at the Members Meeting in March, where we will formally launch it. I'm hopeful that I will have a 'pin' as well. If it all goes to plan that will mean we will have 36 pints available so half a pint per member, for you to purchase from the bar, at a special price and toast the Association in its 50th year! How about that for a reason to make sure you come along if you have not been to a meeting before? The beer will be available to order direct from the brewery, as postal regulations means one has to use an authorised courier to deliver alcohol. It will be a dark stout, to represent the coal and mining industries with a nice creamy head. It will be gluten free and Vegan friendly so no excuse for people not to drink it, as long as you can tolerate alcohol! Full details will be posted on our website once it's available to pre-order. We don't know how many bottles to get so pre orders will give us some indication as I'd not want anybody to miss out.

Mine's a Pint.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

In accordance with Clause 9.2 of the Constitution of the Cumbrian Railways Association (CRA), notice is hereby given that the 49th Annual General Meeting of the CRA will be held at Carus Green Golf Club, Burneside Rd, Kendal LA9 6EB on Saturday 21st March 2026 at 12.15 pm.

Please see the agenda and separate Annual Report, which are enclosed with this Lakes Express.

In accordance with our Constitution, 1/3 of the existing Trustees will be eligible for re-election annually and this year that will be Philip Tuer (as Chairman) and Ken Harper, both of whom have indicated their willingness to stand again for a further term. Together with any other nominations for Trustee, all nominations should be with the Secretary by Friday 6th March 2026

No member may nominate more than two Trustees to the Committee in any year.

All nominations must be proposed, seconded and accompanied by an acceptance from the nominee indicating his or her willingness to serve if elected. All Trustees elected will be required to sign an "eligibility declaration" in accordance with Charity Commission "best practice".

The current Secretary is more than happy to discuss any of the positions and what is involved with any interested member. This is your chance to make a difference.

In the event that circumstances preclude our holding a normal 'in person' AGM, arrangements will be made to hold an alternative form of meeting, in accordance with clause 9.6 of our constitution. Confirmation of the type of meeting and details of what arrangements are being made will be given in a flyer with this mailing. This allows a decision to be made as near the date as possible.

Downloadable copy of Lakes Express

There is a copy of Lakes Express in the members area of the website. It is available to download for those with visual impairment. Log in to our website ('Members Log in', top left) and scroll down the Members' Area page to the tile 'Latest Lakes Express'.

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From The Secretary

Hi There

On Monday 3rd November 2025 the November meeting of the Management Committee was held as a hybrid meeting, with most members attending via the Zoom platform and some members meeting in person at Carlisle Station. Altogether there were 16 members of the Committee and guests present.

Committee Meeting - Our Chairman Philip Tuer opened the meeting at 10.10 and welcomed everybody to the meeting, thanking them for attending either in person or via Zoom.

Management – With a volunteer in place as the Deputy Journal Editor and with the progress on the updates to the website on-going there will soon be an interim Webmaster in place, so the important positions are slowly being filled. However, if you fancy taking a role within the management of the CRA, have a look at the vacant positions mentioned elsewhere in this LX and if you are interested in any of them, contact a member of the Committee. We then discussed some ideas to celebrate the CRA's 50th Anniversary, which occurs in 2026. These included Journal articles and the possibility of creating a celebratory beer. Co-ordinating this is the Publicity Sub-Committee so if you have any ideas how we may celebrate it, contact the Committee.

Finance – Next, we discussed the current finances of the Association and our Treasurer Barry Stephenson said that he was happy with them at present and the CRA was in an excellent position financially with no need to increase the subs at present. However, with postage costs constantly increasing, the cost of the subs would be kept under review.

Members Meetings –The final details of the November Meeting were discussed, and it was noted that there would be 75 attendees. The March 2026 meeting will be held at the Carus Green Golf Club on Saturday 21st March 2026, and part of its content will be to celebrate our 50th year. So make a note of this in your 2026 diaries and look out for further information in LX.

Membership - Our Membership Secretary Barry Stephenson stated that the membership currently stood at 502, so if you know someone who would enjoy being a member (*and who wouldn't want to be part of this thriving Association - Ed*) get them to sign up – or how about giving them a year's membership as a birthday present!

Publications – Our Book Production Manager Les Gilpin discussed the publications currently under production and their progress. Amongst those in the pipeline is a book on the Cleator and Workington Junction Railway, which has gone for proof-reading, and another on the Maryport and Carlisle Railway, and we are also in the early stages of books covering the Engine Sheds in Carlisle. We discussed forthcoming books and the cost of producing them, and don't forget that all our publications are available through our new website (see Page 5 in this LX for details).

Collections – We had an update from John Pickup on his work with our photographic collections who added that he would be completing a pdf summary of the latest mystery photos shortly. In his report Tim Saunders gave us an update on the work he was doing on Filemaker.

Publicity – In his report, our Publicity Manager Don Jary brought us up to date on activities carried out to promote the CRA, including attending CIHS and CLHF meetings and display boards for the S&D 200th Anniversary. We then discussed the new website and the steps being taken to take this forward, so if you haven't had the opportunity as yet to have a look at it, please do so.

Finally, at 13.05 and with no other business to discuss, Philip drew the meeting to a close, thanking everyone for attending.

Mike Warhurst, Secretary

CRA's new website launched

The CRA's new website was launched on 6th November. Many members will already have had an explore. Our website address remains the same (cumbrianrailways.org.uk) and most of the content of the old site has been brought across, but hopefully people will find the new website easier to navigate and a bit more visual. Most pages can be accessed either by clicking on the illustrated tiles, or by using the drop down menus at the top of the screen, and to get back to the "Home" or "Front" page, click the Cumbrian Railways Association logo to the left of the menu bar. The new website also works much better on mobile devices than its predecessor.

Two aspects that were not included in the transition are the photo search and the real time train information. As documented elsewhere in this Lakes Express (page 8) and the Journal, we have an exciting new photo search exclusively for members. Non-members can access the photos that were previously available through the website photo search at the Association's Zenfolio site (cumbrianrailways.zenfolio.com). Meanwhile we decided that it was not worth the investment to recreate our own version of the real time train information when there are several sources of this information on line that can provide far more functionality than we ever could.

One significant change is that to access the Members' Area of the website, and receive the valuable members' discount in the Shop, you now have to log in with your own user name (normally your email address) and password. This replaces the shared user name and password which used to appear on the back page of each edition of Lakes Express. If the Association has a valid email address for you in its records, you should have received instructions about logging in and creating your password, and we know many of you have. If you have not received the email it is probably because we don't have an email address for you, or what we have is incorrect. In this case, if you click the Members Log in link (top left on the website) and look for the "Email address not recognised? Contact us" link, this will take you to an online form you can fill in telling us your email address and we will sort you out from there.

The new website uses WordPress which allows content to be edited and created visually, pretty much like any modern word processing software. If you enjoy spending time on your computer and would like to play a role in the running of the Association, perhaps you might consider becoming the Association's webmaster? No previous WordPress experience is required – the team of volunteers that put the new site together didn't have any when they started but look what they have managed to achieve!

Tim Saunders, CRA Interim Webmaster

A plea from the publications team!

Is anyone within our membership lucky enough to own a BR shed plate relating to any of the Carlisle sheds? (**12A/68A** Kingmoor, **12B** Upperby, **12C/68E** Canal)

If so, please could we have a photo of it (for credited use within a forthcoming CRA publication), and could you let us know which locomotive it came from?

Photos of said shed plates that members may have taken (either in collections or even close-ups attached to smokeboxes) would also be very welcome. We obviously have plenty of photos of locos wearing Carlisle shed plates, but it's photos of the plates themselves we are after.

If you do, and you'd like to contribute, please contact me off the chatline via eliotandersen@outlook.com

Eliot Andersen

Chairman's Musings

It's strange how things turn out. I thought I'd have plenty of time to prepare for this edition of LX and then… lots of unexpected things transpired to ensure I was working against the clock, again! Probably the worst was my computer. It started to crash when I was using my internet browser, or e-mail account. I thought my computer was on the way out but then after a number of shut downs and reboot. I thought it was okay, that was until I came back from a meeting to find it had downloaded 2,400+ emails going back to July 2023. Boy did that lose me a few days trying to make sure I didn't delete anything that I shouldn't. Trouble is I did. Not a problem I thought, go to my ISP online account and they will all be there. Wrong. For some inexplicable reason all of Novembers emails had disappeared. No idea why and it should not have happened. More strife! What was the email about? Well, while demolition work was going on by Water Street, to the west of Carlisle station, a well was uncovered. I was in liaison with CRA members and the Cumberland Council Conservation Officer, Roger Higgins. Was the well connected with the station, or an earlier building? The consensus is that it was for Iredale Brewery. I have a very good relationship

with Roger, on behalf of the CRA, as he has approached me several times regarding Carlisle station and its environs. We never did find a photograph, or other information, to show what the ceiling was like in the station entrance hall, above the current modern fittings. He did send me a copy of his Heritage report into the Second World War Emergency Control Centre, which will appear in our archives in due course.

Those of you who attended the fantastic Members Meeting that we held at North Lakes Hotel will know that we managed to get the new website live before the meeting and show members what it looked like during the intervals. There is still lots to do and we are looking at updating pages, especially the modelling ones, so it will be a while before everything is done, then we need to show various people how to update their pages so that not everything falls on one person. Tim will continue to look after it but we could do with somebody to relieve him, as he has more work to do in Filemaker. Feedback from the meeting was excellent, in particular from two members who wear hearing aids, as they both said it was the best sound system they had come across and they had heard every word. Our thanks to all the speakers for using the microphones.

On the Monday prior we held our usual Committee meeting. The problems on the West Coast Main Line due to a landslip at Shap prevented several members attending in person. We were in the Northern Rail meeting room on platform three of Carlisle station, as Avanti training rooms were both in use for courses to get their staff up to speed ready for running trains on the Settle & Carlisle line in January. Things went okay until a train ran through platform three and my computer lost its internet connection. I could not get reconnected so David Hunter kept the meeting going while several of us decamped to my house to continue the meeting. I think we have agreed that in future we will just run with Zoom, although anybody is welcome to come to my house for the meeting and we will have a sociable lunch afterwards, when further work can be progressed usually by the PSC members.

50th Anniversary – Not as much is going to happen this year as I had hoped due to a lack of volunteers to organise events. A Real Ale should be launched at the AGM in March. A talk by yours truly covering the first 50 years of the CRA, followed by photographs from our collection. Special articles in the Journal and for those that want them, CRA branded items of clothing, see details on page 7.

Members Meeting organiser position is still looking for a volunteer to step forward. This will be very much a team role, so not as onerous as it has been. The PSC will support the incumbent and there is admin support for taking bookings and dealing with the money. Could you take charge on the day and make certain everybody knows what they have to do, all equipment is to hand, speakers are introduced and we all keep to time, etc. etc.

Please feel free to contact me if you have an idea, or there is something you think we should get involved with. Many hands make light work!

Philip T Tuer, Chairman

SteamAle Meetings

New speakers are required. Would you like to come and talk to us? Please contact Philip if you would like to talk or just attend.

Transport related slide show and talk. Third Tuesday in the month, September to May. Ex Services Men's Club, Victoria Place, Carlisle, 19.30 - 22.00. Cost £5.00 (to include sandwiches). 01228-522118 for info.

Meetings and Events

Spring Meeting & AGM 2026

The Spring Meeting & AGM of the Association will be held on Saturday 21st March 2026, at the Carus Green Golf Club, Burneside Road, Kendal, LA9 6EB.

The cost for the whole day is £30.00, including tea/coffee on arrival and mid-afternoon and a two-course lunch. For those not taking lunch, the cost is £11. The details of the lunch choices are set out on the booking form contained within this posting.

If you intend to be at the meeting, please send your booking form, remittance, and menu choices (if required) to:

Dave Stubbins, "Brome", Green Lane, Flookburgh, Cumbria LA11 7JT Phone 07807 836591, email meetings@cumbrianrailwaysassociation.org.uk .You can also register to attend via the CRA's new web site using the guidance on the booking form.

Members wishing to pay by Internet Banking, please remit to: - Sort Code 20-45-28 A/C NO. 80305510, with surname in reference box.

ALL BOOKINGS TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY, PLEASE.

The programme for the day is as follows: -

10.30 Assemble – tea and coffee available.
11:00 ***Philip Tuer –*** Chairman CRA
11:05 ***Chris Jackson- Managing Director, TPE*** "TPE- preparing for the future"
12.20 AGM
13.00 Lunch
14:15 ***Philip Tuer –*** "The 'CRA: half a century up and still getting stronger"
15:30 Tea/Coffee
16:00 ***Tim Saunders-*** "1976 to 2026: 50 years of change on the Cumbrian Railways scene"
17:00 End of meeting

For information Chris Jackson has strong local connections and was Regional Director at Northern covering Cumbria prior to joining TPE.
Philip is of course well known to us all and Tim is responsible for the management of the CRA's database of images on Filemaker.

Additional books

CRA new books are in the offing but last year there were several published by other people that are worthwhile to obtain a copy.

West Side Story was published to coincide with the Stockton & Darlington 200th anniversary celebrations at Kirkby Stephen East. Only £13.95. This is a very nice photo album of what was produced for the travelling exhibition, by that name, which CRA was heavily involved with and two names on the front cover are our members that did lots of work selecting photographs, helping mounting them and also putting up and taking down the display boards at various venues. Some of the photographs in the book are ones that did not make the display. The quality of print is very good. There may be some copies still available through the CRA so contact the chairman, or stop by the stand when you see it at a model railway exhibition, otherwise direct from https://mainlineandmaritime.co.uk/

Furness 20 Copies possibly on our stand, or from https://furnessrailway.co.uk/shop/ See page 8 of LX126 for details.

Railway Women Across the Northern Pennines published by Upper Eden History Society and Ravenstonedale Parish History Group. Only £10. I'll be honest I've not had a chance to read my copy yet but flicking though it I really do need to. Starting with the Stockton & Darlington Railway, (where else could one start?) It moves on to the Darlington, Stainmore Line, Kirkby Stephen East, Tebay Junction and the Eden Valley line and finishes with some 'Railway Women today'. There are some very interesting photographs to look at and anecdotes that will surprise you. It is available from local shops in Kirkby Stephen, or the online shop of KSE station https://stainmore-railway-company-shop.co.uk/

The Longbridge Branch Self-published by CRA member Mike Norris. A very limited run, in hardback for £30. The book covers the surprising number of private sidings and associated businesses along the branch as well as describing the lines numerous signalling installations. May be a copy or two on the CRA sales stand, or direct from Mike at: mike_t_norris@hotmail.com

Philip T Tuer, Chairman

Cumbrian Railways and Lakes Express copy deadline dates

Copy deadline dates for Cumbrian Railways and Lakes Express :

Cumbrian Railways Volume 15/06 – 198 : 16th March 2026,
Lakes Express 128 : 23rd March 2026
target despatch : 11th May 2026
Cumbrian Railways Volume 15/07 – 199 : 18th May 2026,
Lakes Express 129 : 18th May 2026
target despatch : 20th July 2026
Cumbrian Railways Volume 15/08 – 200 : 27th July 2026,
Lakes Express 130 : 27th July 2026
target despatch : 21st Sept. 2026
Cumbrian Railways Volume 15/09 – 201 : 30th Nov. 2026,
Lakes Express 131 : 30th Nov. 2026
target despatch : 25th January 2027

Cumbria Local History Federation meetings

The Cumbria Local History Federation (CLHF) has a full program of meetings around the County, covering all aspects of our history. For their program, visit their website : https://www.clhf.org.uk/events-diary/.

CIHS Programme 2026

The Cumbria Industrial History Society (CIHS) has a full program of meetings around the County. For further information about any meeting please contact cihs@cumbria-industries.org.uk. For their program, visit their website : https://www.cumbria-industries.org.uk/cumbria-industrial-history-society/programme/

Furness, Lakes & Lune Branch of the RCTS meetings

Wednesday 4th February 2026 : **Diesels & Electrics in the Blue era** by Roger Sutcliffe
Wednesday 4th March 2026 :**Railways around London & the South East** by James Sutcliffe
Wednesday 1st April 2026 : **Steam & Diesels in the Northern Fells** by Ian Pilkington
Wednesday 6th May 2026 : **On the Right Track – A Life in Track Renewals** by Sean Devaney
All meetings take place at the Royal Station Hotel, Carnforth at 7.30 pm.
For further information: Telephone 01524 34840, e-mail alan.sattenstall@tiscali.co.uk or Website: www.rcts.org.uk

Cumbrian Railway Resources

CRA Publications for Sale

The Kendal and Windermere Railway **£13.20**
Oxenholme – Trains and train working in BR Steam **£6.40**
Lancaster's Line to the Sea **£12.00**
Dalton-in-Furness: Mediaeval Capital to Mining, **£ 6.75**
Millom: a Cumberland Iron Town and its Railways, **£11.20**
An Introduction to Cumbrian Railways,£ **7.95**
The Bigrigg Branch and Iron Ore Mines, **£6.00**
The Pilling Pig, **£12.00**
A North Lancashire Railway Album , **£11.60**
The Ulverstone & Lancaster Railway, **£5.40**
The Coniston Railway, **£ 7.20**
Map, The Railways of Cumbria, **£15.00**; (further discount if collected in person at meetings or exhibition)
Map, The Knott End Railway, **£15.00**; (further discount if collected in person at meetings or exhibition)
PDF downloads :
The Furness Railway Magazine 1921-1923
CRA Journal Volumes 1-5
CRA Journal Volumes 6-10
Cleator & Workington Junction Railway Minutes.
Rules and Regulations of the WJR & WFJR
These are obtainable as downloads from the web site at a cost of £5.00

Book Purchases :

Either Buy on-Line via our web site or orders and enquiries for **books** to : Cumbrian Railways Association, 1 Brierydale Lane, Stainburn, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 4UH.

Orders and enquiries for the **maps** to the Chairman : Mr. Philip T. Tuer 24 Carlton Gardens Carlisle Cumbria CA3 9NR

Second-hand copies of Cumbrian Railways back numbers are occasionally available which may fill in some of the gaps. Please contact Philip Tuer direct as he sells them at meetings and model railway exhibitions.

Please note that prices quoted for publications include members 20% discount and post and packing and are for members only.

Please make cheques payable to 'Cumbrian Railways Association'. Non-members prices are listed on the website by default. Members should log in to the website using their username (usually their email address) and password to see the discounted prices and make their purchases.

Cumbrian Railways Back Numbers

Vol 2 No.16 £1.00 each
Vol 3 Nos 2, 6, 7, 9,10,14–16 £1.00 each
Vol 4 Nos 1, 3-11, 13-15 £1.00 each
Vol 5 Nos 2-7, 9-11, 13-16 £1.00 each
Vol 6 Nos 1-6, 8-16 £1.00 each
Vol 7 Nos 1-4,8 £1.00 each
Vol 8 Nos 2-4,6-8,11,12 £1.00 each
Vol 10 Nos 2-3, 5-12 £1.00 each
Vol 11 Nos 2-6,8,10,12 £1.00 each
Vol 12 Nos 1-6, 8-11 £1.00 each

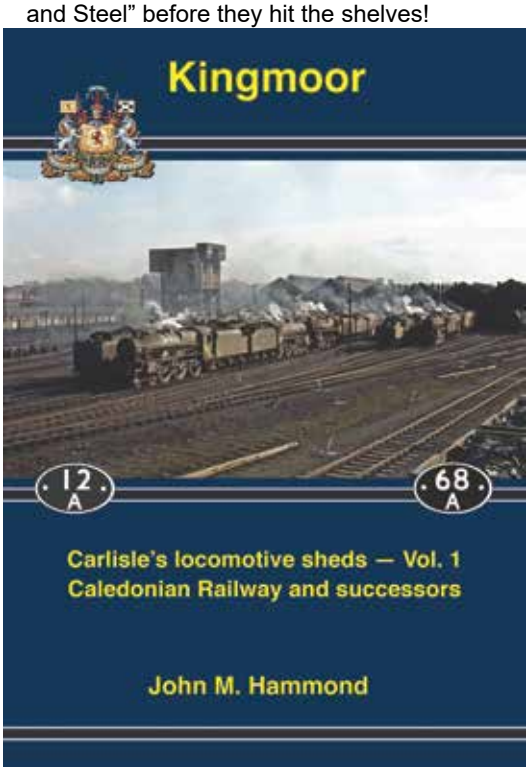
Post & packing of the above at cost – please enquire.

Vol 13 Nos 3-5, 8, 9, 12 £3.00 each incl. P&P. (members 2.40)
Vol 14 Nos 2-4 £5.50 each incl. P&P. (members 4.40)
Vol 14 Nos 5-12, £7.00 each incl. P&P. (members 5.60)
Vol 15 Nos 1-4 , £7.00 each incl. P&P. (members 5.60)

Some out-of-print back numbers may be available as pdf downloads from the web site - check the site for information.

Incoming CRA books

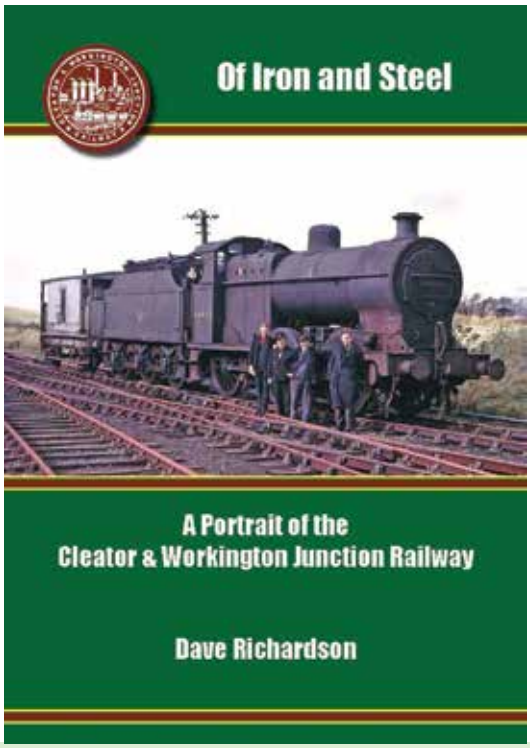
As you'll have read elsewhere in this LX, the fantastic new CRA Website is now available. While you have a look around, don't forget the Shop and the Books page within it! Here you'll find our currently available books and, look in regularly, soon you will find our latest publications: "Kingmoor" and "Of Iron and Steel" before they hit the shelves!



"Kingmoor", by John Hammond, is a thorough history of Kingmoor steam shed from its origins at Carlisle's West Walls, through the move to Etterby and then renamed during the first World War to Kingmoor.

"Of Iron and Steel", by Dave Richardson, modestly describes itself as a portrait of the Cleator & Workington Junction Railway. It is a thorough, authoritative and well illustrated history of the pivotal West Cumberland railway. Need I say more? Watch out for them. Full details once they are on the Web Site!

Les Gilpin



Model Railway Exhibitions

Kendal – 24 & 25 January. Kendal Leisure Centre
Preston – 7 & 8 March – Preston College, Fulwood
Kirkby Stephen East – Sunday 21 June – Father's Day, KSE Station
Come and join me if you can. It's good to talk.

New Locomotive shed at Upperby

Cumberland Council has granted permission for a 140-metre-long steel-framed canopy at the former Carlisle Upperby Diesel Depot, off St Nicholas Bridges, to provide covered storage for historic steam locomotives and heritage rolling stock.

The application, from Locomotive Storage Limited, relates to the former 12B carriage shed site at Upperby. once a key part of Carlisle's railway infrastructure.

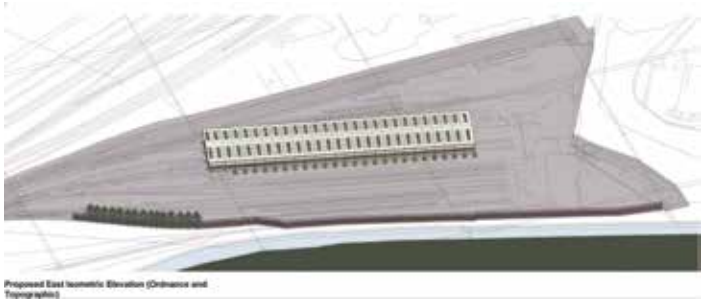
The depot, originally built by the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway and later rebuilt by the London, Midland and Scottish Railway in 1948, operated as a major maintenance, storage and servicing hub for steam and later diesel locomotives.

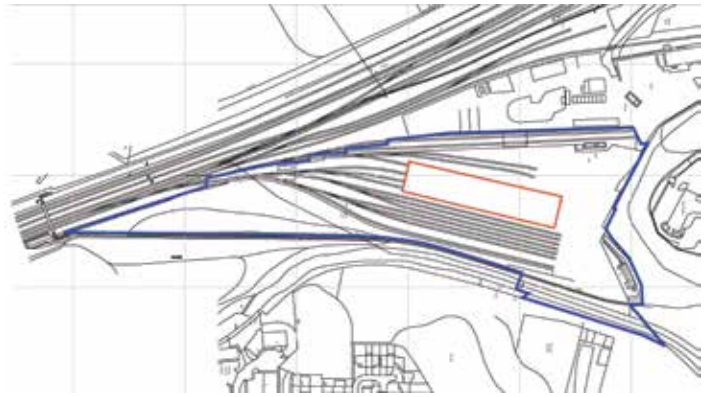
The new structure will be located within the existing confines of Carlisle Diesel Depot on the site of a former railway storage building.

Locomotive maintenance at Upperby ended in 1968 with work transferred to Kingmoor, carriage work continued into the early 1990s, and the remaining sheds were demolished in 2016, 'marking the end of an era for this historic facility'.

The new canopy will sit over the existing rail head on the brownfield site, using goosewing grey cladding and two-metre-high side panels to give weather protection while remaining largely open-sided. (see drawing alongside)

The development will provide 'a secure and weather-protected environment for historic steam locomotives, contributing to the preservation of the nation's railway heritage, and the facility has the potential to 'attract visitors, support tourism, and provide educational opportunities related to railway history'.





Burneside - St. Bees return

I was running the West Cumberland Railway Museum stall at Solrail (as excellent as ever), and one of my items for sale was a station sign off Burneside station. Not withstanding its quite a long station name, the sign was over 7ft long and made of a box section of aluminium, in good condition. I'd owned it for quite a while and, not really being in my core territory, I thought I'd try to move it on. On the Saturday it didn't get a sniff of interest, so as I was driving to Energus on Sunday I was thinking, "If I only sell one thing today may it be the Burneside sign, as that will allow me to only need one trip home for everything else."

Within 10 minutes, a guy comes up to the stall and asks how much I was asking for the Burneside sign. I told him what the ticket said but then asked if he lived there. He replied he was only dropping his Dad off to help run a layout but thought he'd have a quick look round before going back home, and that was when he clapped eyes on the sign. As luck would have it, his wife is the Secretary of Burneside football club and they needed a new sign to go on the outside of their clubhouse, which is situated by the side of the railway, not 400m from the station. "Wow" I thought, serendipity or what! Of course, I let him have it at a reduced price as it was going to such a good home and was being repurposed so close to its place of origin! A real win – win situation.

Peter Rooke, West Cumberland Railway Museum

Image AR0098 from the CRA's Archive Collection, showing the sign in original situ.

Modelling Cumbrian Railways

Exhibitions – Since the last LX I've had the stand out at Furness MRE, Workshopwise, Workington MRE, and the members meeting, both the last two manned by Barry and his team. Many thanks chaps and for the first time Manchester MRE. I'm writing this before I attend it, so no idea how we will have done! We've had a couple of new, none CRA books on sale, which really helped boost our sales.

Workington show saw a great gathering of CRA members several of whom are building models of the railways in our area. Winner of the Cumbrian Rose bowl, donated by Mike Peascod, was Bob Hetherington with his Stockton & Darlington model of Garrigill. This is a superb representation of what might have been if they had built their line into Cumberland via this route. It was planned to join up with Lord Carlisle's railway, so some of the stock on the layout is based on what ran on his railway. There were two other layouts based on Cumberland locations but I'm afraid they may not be seen in Cumbria again!

New Models – The second batch of Furness Railway Wagon Parts in 4mm have been ordered so have a look at the website shop for details.

I didn't take my M&C models to the members meeting in November because I just didn't have enough modelling time, who does? Maybe the March one!

Want to build a model of St Bees station? You could always buy one as there are 3D printed models of the footbridge, both Up and Down Station buildings and the signal box, at https://www.mdndesigns.com/. I have not seen them in the flesh so no idea what the quality is like. Have you?

At Workshopwise I came across NERmodels.co.uk. Their models are produced to 4mm scale but they have said they would be willing to produce in other scales, all you have to do is ask. Lots of wagons but also the wonderful NER footbridges.Probably best to look for them on Facebook at present.

Graham has found a facebook site that shows a couple of 3D printed R&ER locomotives. Look up Fourdees Limited on facebook for full details. https://www.facebook.com/fourdees.limited

Browsing on RMweb. I've not had much time to browse, mainly just following the important sites: -

https://www.rmweb.co.uk/topic/169935-citadels-workbench-carlisle-in-late-victorian-times/page/1

https://www.rmweb.co.uk/topic/102022-modelling-the-mcrs-branch-lines-in-em-gauge/page/33/#comment-6002832

Elsewhere on the web.

The Eden Valley Railway website has had a makeover and like ours it is still evolving with lots of bits to update but it's good to see their progress: https://evr-cumbria.org.uk/

https://paternosterrow.blogspot.com/ includes the model of Carlisle Citadel.

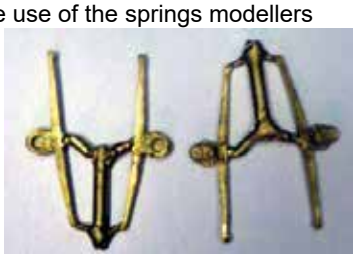
https://ksesignalling.blogspot.com – 12" to the foot scale rebuilding of the first S&DR signalbox at https://www.kirkbystepheneast.co.uk/ or better still find them on Facebook.

As always if you see anything on sale relating to Cumbrian Railways that has not been reported on, or are looking at getting something produced yourself please get in touch.

Philip T Tuer, Modelling Coordinator

4mm scale Carriage Springs

4mm Scale carriage springs in lost wax brass. These were used on 27' 6" under frames for both 1st, 2nd and 3rd class coaches as well as smoking saloons, composites, 2nd brakes and clerestory brakes. To make use of the springs modellers will also need the Saddle Ends, which are available from Prickly Pear Products. Cost - FIVE pounds for a set of four springs, post free, and they should be ordered direct through Philip or our website.



CRA Branded Clothing

Those of you that have attended our meetings, or model railway exhibitions, may have noticed that I wear Polo shirts with the CRA logo on them. One or two people have asked about getting some for themselves to wear, the Publicity Sub Committee have approached the firm that does them and they will make a batch to order. They will have our logo on but also celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Don't worry you do not have to stick to Polo shirts as they do Sweatshirts and other items of clothing. Look at Facebook Carlisle Embroidery, or https://carlisleembroidery.fullcollection.com/ We will need Type, Size and colour to place an order. Think about the colour as the logo might not show up very well if you have the wrong background. Costs are expected to be £16 for Polo and £20 for Sweatshirt, other items will be quoted for, P&P on top. Collection could be arranged at events the CRA stand will be attending. Further details and the links will appear on the website. Orders will need to be placed by the end of March and we will advise you of payment methods.

Philip T Tuer, Chairman

Axle box castings and FR seat kits

New from the CRA are these 3D printed axlebox and leaf spring units (alongside) in a number of different styles, priced at £6 or £7 depending on style.

These superb brass axle box and spring 4mm scale castings (below) are suitable for a range of Cumbrian (and other railway) carriages.

Price £7 per set of four. Post and packing is free to CRA members.

The Furness Railway squirrel seat kits are still available priced at £4 per pair in 4mm scale and £6 per pair in 7mm.

Below is an image of both 4 and 7mm scale assembled seats. The etches for each set of ends need to be laminated together before adding the seat etch. Post and packing is free to CRA members. Orders and enquiries for springs, seats and axleboxes to Philip T Tuer. Cheques payable to: - Cumbrian Railways Association or Buy On-Line via our web site. https://cumbrianrailways.org.uk/product-category/modelling

For modelling matters contact: Philip T Tuer, details on page 8

Membership Matters

Comings and Goings
Membership stood at 507 on 31 December 2025

New Members

Geoffrey Ayers	Cockermouth	
Allison Cosgrove	East Linton	
Andrew Dawson	London	
David Hustings	Askam in Furness	
Joel Leach	Penrith	Student Member
James A Lynn	Richmond	
Mario Papworth	Shipley	
Alan Prosser	Shipley	
James Rowlandson	Grange Over Sands	
John Rudd	Hyde	
David Varley	Keighley	
Andrew Vines	Bath	
Paul Worthington	Moor Row	

Resigned

P A Barker	Chesterfield
S Bassham	Carnforth
D Galer	Bexley
M Green	Ulverston

Died

Mr F J D Holmes-Higgin	Glasgow

Barry Stephenson Membership Secretary

Quick Who's Who of the CRA

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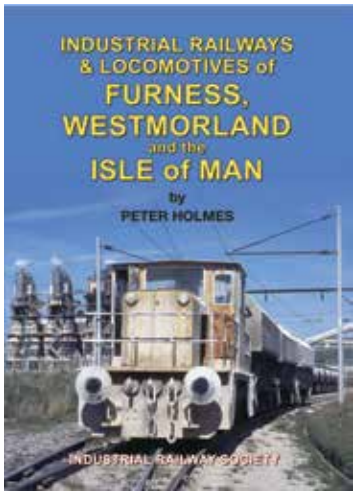
Industrial Railways and Locomotives of Furness, Westmorland and the Isle of Man

I'm glad to report that the Industrial Railway Society's regional handbook *'Industrial Railways and Locomotives of Furness, Westmorland and the Isle of Man'* is at last available. It's taken a long time but we hope readers will find it was worth the wait. Hopefully a full review will follow soon.



The book contains descriptions of all known industrial railways and locomotives in the areas covered, including temporary contractors' railways, preservation sites, dealers, and the small systems worked by 'hand, horse and haulage'. There are numerous photographs, some in colour and many of great historical interest, plus comprehensive maps.

The book is available from the IRS sales officer Mr S.Geeson, 24 Dulverton Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0SF (sales@irsociety.co.uk) or via their website : www.irsshop.co.uk/Furness . Price to IRS members £32, public price £39, post and packing at 20% but orders over £70 post free. Cheques payable to **Industrial Railway Society**.

It is hoped that the book will shortly be available through local retail outlets; Sutton's Bookshop in Market Street, Ulverston, will certainly be stocking it.

Downloadable copy of Lakes Express for visually impaired members

For some time, we have advertised on Page 1, that there is a downloadable version of Lakes Express in the members area of the web site. The primary purpose is that visually impaired members, maybe with the aid of family or friends can download a copy and expand it to ease their readability. The recent changes to the web site have prompted us to ask – do any such members actually use this facility, and/or make use of it or expect to do so if, say, cataracts deteriorate? If so, do let me know

Graham Worsnop, Editor.

Members' Photo Search launches

As described in the Photo Team article in the accompanying Cumbrian Railways journal, our new Members' Photo Search facility should be available now that Lakes Express has landed on your doormat. Access to the Photo Search facility requires an individual username and password (which is independent to the login for the CRA website). To apply for access, first log in as a member to the CRA website and then click the "Photo Search" tile on the Members Area page (or type "cumbrianrailways.org.uk/photo-search" into your address bar). This will take you to a simple on-line form for you to complete. Once you have been granted access, you can bookmark the Members' Photo Search in your browser to go straight to it without going through the CRA website.

Tim Saunders, FileMaker GateKeeper.

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