

HISTORY IN HOUSES by Jean Scott-Smith

No 20 – Brackenber Township

As indicated in the last article about the Greyhound Hotel, there is much of interest in this part of Shap. Most anciently it was the site of the prehistoric avenue of stones, and the enormous Carl Lofts stone circle which had a diameter of 400 feet with a large stone at its centre; today very little of either remains although some stones are marked on this map.

Brackenber Township consisted of the following buildings: The Greyhound Inn or Hotel, Green Farm, Brackenber Farm, the former farm now called Lindene, and the cottage called Springside.

This map dating from 1860 shows these buildings plus the railway station, sited at that point for the simple reason it is the only place where the railway is neither on an embankment nor in a cutting. The railway was opened in 1846. Let us look at the other houses separately.

Green Farm, formerly referred to as *The Green*, bears a date stone with the same initials and date as that on the archway at the Greyhound. The initials AW over WW and the date 1703, it is believed that the farm was built by the Whinfells, who owned the Greyhound, to provide food for the hotel. The main features of note are the arched pediment over the front door, and the blocked out window at the south of the upper floor which is supposed to be a victim of the window tax, and the painted reproduction keeping the balance of the building.

There seem to have been two farms known as **Brackenber Farm**. The one adjoining the hotel to the south now bears the name, and shows ancient blocked up windows, it was the home of the Airey family for many centuries; but the farm (**now Lindene**) to the north was also referred to by the same name. The last people to farm Lindene were George and Nellie Blenkinship; the site of the present garage was a cottage lived in by Mr Blenkinship senior, and the barn is now converted into cottages.

Springside takes its name from the spring in the grounds; this may have been a main water supply for the settlement. In the early 20th century the spring was topped by the ornate Shap Granite memorial to James Shepherd Rae's little daughter, in the form of a drinking fountain. This spring may have been of significant importance as it lay close to the avenue and stone circle.



Shap School

We have had two very successful fund raising events in school this term. By doing chores for family and friends we managed to raise an amazing £189 for the Tsunami appeal. We also had a red nose and whacky hair day in aid of Comic Relief. We raised £162 for this worthwhile cause. A big thank you to everyone who gave towards these appeals.

A group of junior pupils travelled to the Sands Centre in Carlisle to play in a 5 a-side football tournament on Saturday 29th January. The players were Abi Leach, Adam Wood, Andrew Miller, Chloe Groves, Luke Fraser, Rachel Mann and Wayne Croasdell. They played really well and represented the school brilliantly. They were placed third in their group - a super result especially as most of the schools were much bigger than ours.

On Wednesday 9th March Class 2 went to visit The Kadampa Buddhist Temple in Ulverston. This linked in with their RE work on Places of Worship. The children enjoyed spending time in the beautiful temple and walking in the surrounding woods. They listened to the story of Prince Siddhartha and learnt about the Buddhist way of life. The children asked lots of questions and were very interested in the statues and symbols which they saw. Lunch in the dining hall and a visit to the shop completed an interesting and worthwhile visit.

SHAP SCHOOL '100' CLUB

14/01/05	A Watson	28/01/05	M Long
11/02/05	Mr Beavis	25/02/05	B Anderson
11/03/05	J Wood		

Youth Club/Playgroup/Sports Hall Lottery Winners

28th January 2005

£100 Marie Groves

£50 Beverley Anderson

25th February 2005

£100 Patsy Newsome

£50 Don Ewbank

SHAP SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

would like to thank everyone who supported the Quiz Night
in The Crown which raised £170-00

We are having a **Girls Night at the Conservative Club**

Friday 29th April 2005 Tickets £10 each

available from: Marie Groves 716811
Judith Lightburn 716688
Kate Thompson 716008

We are also still looking for a Treasurer, Lifeguards and people to help in
the shop. Please let us know if you can help.

SHAP WI.

April 19th Open Meeting 7-30 pm The Green Room Memorial Hall
Inheritance Tax – Mrs Lynn Emery (LLB) Hons (TEP)
of Arnison & Company Solicitors
Visitors £2 Competition - An Old Family Photograph

May 17th Members Only 7-30 pm The Supper Room Memorial Hall
Competition – Decorated Hat

Shap Local History Society

Monday 25th April Green Room 7.30pm

AGM followed by **Slides of Eden** with Gordon Bowness

Monday 23rd May Green Room 7.30pm

'The story of British Gypsum'

Visitors welcome – £2 per meeting

**The Heritage Centre Summer Exhibition
starts Spring Bank Holiday Weekend**

The next exhibition in the Heritage Centre will be on the surrounding
hamlets of Keld, Rosgill, Wet Sleddale, Hardendale, Swindale, and the
development of Shap village. If you have any information about your
house - date built or names of occupants through the years - and you
would be willing to share it, could you please let Linda at the Library
have the details. Many thanks. The exhibition will open Spring Bank
Holiday weekend and continue throughout the summer, watch notice
boards for opening times.

SHAP PLAYGROUP

Please support your local Playgroup

MONDAY

9:15-11:15 am

3-5 YRS ONLY

Play Leader

Supervision

TUESDAY

FAMILY SESSION

0-5 YRS

WEDNESDAY

FAMILY SESSION

0-5 YRS

THURSDAY

1:15-3:15 pm

FAMILY SESSION 0-5 YRS

3-5 YRS ONLY

Play Leader

Supervision

BABY SESSION

1st - 3rd Wednesday

0-7 months Baby massage

0-1 year Baby session

FAMILY SESSION

0-5 YRS

PRICES FOR THE PLAYGROUP SESSIONS

9 mths – 1yr: £1

1-3: £2

3-5: £2.60 (child is able to be left under the supervision of the Playleader)

TEA/COFFEE: 40p

BABY CLUB

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY, IN SHAP PLAYGROUP (behind the library)

Run by Fiona Sim (Health Visitor)

1.00 – 1.45 pm Baby Massage Session for babies from birth to 7 months.

1.45 – 3.00 pm Baby Session for babies from birth to 1 year.

Older siblings also welcome.

A chance to meet other new mums (or dads!) to share experiences and socialise,
to chat to the health visitor or have your baby weighed. No charge.

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC at the surgery will be on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

1 – 3 pm.

For further information contact Fiona Sim 01768 362378

PLAYGROUP AGM

Wed 27th April 7.00 pm in the Playgroup Everyone welcome

SHAP PLAYGROUP FAMILY NIGHT

Sat 14th May

in the Memorial Hall

6.30pm – till late

Family Ticket £5

Children's entertainer

Disco

Bar

Shap Community Development Centre

IT COURSES

Making the most of Adobe Photoshop Elements (digital imaging software) starts Tues 12th April 4.30-6.30pm for 5 wks

Desk Top Publishing – FREE Introduction/Refresher (2 wks)
Mon 18th & 25th April 7.00-9.30pm

Desk Top Publishing Level II – starts Mon 9th May for 8 wks (not Bank Holiday) 7-9.30pm
Learn more

European Computer Driving Licence – starts Tues 26th April 6.30-9.30pm for 31 wks (term-time only)
Level 2 course covering: Concepts of Information Technology, Using the computer and managing files, Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Databases, Power Point, Internet and Email

Power Point – FREE Taster Sat 21st May 9.30am –12.30pm

Introduction to Power Point– starts Sat 11th June 9.30am-12noon for 4 wks

Wed is LEARNDIRECT and OPEN ACCESS night 7-9.00pm
Enrol on a Learndirect course at Shap CDC and then complete the course in your own time at home, at work or at the CDC.
IT, Maths, English and Language courses available. Drop in at the CDC (use Infant Entrance at Shap School) to see what is available
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-11.30am, Wed 7-9.00pm
Tel 716447 or email: cdc@shap.cumbria.sch.uk

CAREER GUIDANCE – Wed 27th April 7-8.30pm at the CDC

OTHER COURSES

Indian Head Massage starts Tues 19th Apr for 5 wks in the Methodist Church
Jazz Dance for Adults – Thurs (term time only) 5.30-6.30pm in the School Hall

ADULT LEARNERS WEEK 21ST– 28TH MAY

See posters for details of our special events including
Silver Surfers day - Friday 27th May FREE Internet Taster

St Georges Day Barn Dance

Saturday 23rd April 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Memorial Hall

£3 including supper Children £1 at door

HIGHLIGHTS RURAL TOURING

Blaize Theatre Company
Presents

‘On Pendle Hill’

Saturday 7th May

Memorial Hall

7.30pm

Tickets: £5/ Conc. £4 Tel 716273

A play about a play about another play. A writer's quest to find the family she has lost uncovers a disturbing connection with the story of the Pendle Witches. Past and present interweave and merge as she cuts across the generations. Pendle Hill dominates the sky-line, suggesting something strong, independent and enduring. History is long, but memory is short. How do we go forward into the future if we do not learn from the past?

SHAP EVERGREEN CLUB COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 14TH MAY

9-30 TO 11-30 am

MEMORIAL HALL

ADMISSION 50p

Coffee, Raffle, Stalls

Everyone welcome

See you there, so come and have a nice cup of coffee or tea and meet friends for a chat

VILLAGE DIARY

APRIL

Saturday 9th		Spring Clean	Church & Yard
Sunday 17th		S. Michael's AGM	Church
Tuesday 19th	7.30pm	W.I.	Green Room
Saturday 23rd	7.00pm	Barn Dance	Memorial Hall
Monday 25th	7.30pm	History Society	Green Room
Wednesday 27th	7.00pm	Playgroup AGM	Playgroup

MAY

Saturday 7th	7.30pm	On Pendle Hill	Memorial Hall
Saturday 14th	9.30am	Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall
Saturday 14th	6.30pm	Family Night	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 17th	7.30pm	W.I.	Green Room
Monday 23rd	7.30pm	History Society	Green Room
Saturday 28th	10.30am	Plant Sale	The Hermitage

Claiming Dates

June 17th	Vicar's Auction.
July 26th	Open Gardens
August 1st to 5th	St Michael's Holiday Club
August 6th	Ice-cream Saturday at Vicarage.
August 20th	Village Flower Show
September 10th	Vicarage Garden Fete
October 8th	Evergreen Club Autumn Fayre
October 31st	Halloween Social
November 25th	Christmas Fayre.

Shap Parish Council

Open Meetings for Volunteers and Interest Groups

Tues 12th April 7.30pm The Green Room
Gardening/Rambling/Creative Arts for Children

Mon 25th Apr 7.30pm The Market Cross
Good Neighbour Scheme

We know from the results of the Vital Villages survey that community members are interested in the above. Please come along if you would like to be involved.

CHURCH NEWS

METHODIST CHURCH

Morning Service 10.30am every Sunday (except 6th March - see below)

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass 12.30pm every Sunday in the Methodist Chapel

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Parish Eucharist 11.00am Every Sunday except 1st of month
Children's /family service 11.00am Usually first Sunday of month
Holy Communion 8.30am Wed and on major Festival days
Morning Prayer 8.30am Tues and Fri, also Mon & Thurs during Lent
Service in Wasdale 2.00pm last Thursday of month
Sunday Club 10am-12 every Sunday, 15 Church St, age 3 upwards

APRIL

Sun 3rd Family service with Baptism
Sat 9th Boon Day at Church help tidy up and spring clean .. Church and yard.
Sun 10th Parish lunch in Memorial Hall from 12 .. Roast lunch and pud .. Courtesy of Sunday Club.. £5
Sun 17th Annual meeting in church immediately after service
Sat 23rd St George's Day Barn Family Barn Dance.
From 7 til 9. £3 inc supper Children pay £1 at door.
Sun 24th Passover party at Sunday club at 10 am
Thurs 28th Service in Wasdale at 2pm

MAY

Sun 1st Family Service
Thurs 5th May Appleby Deanery Ascension Day Service, St Michael's 7.30pm
Sun 15th Whit Sunday .. Parish service and baptism.

St Michael's Church Plant Sale

Saturday 28th May
from 10.30 am

at The Hermitage
Coffees Lunches Teas



