The Society for Folk Life Studies

**Annual Conference**

**Carlisle, Cumbria, England**

**12th to 15th September 2019**

*\*\*Cumbrian folklife, agriculture & industry\*\**

The conference venue will be Tullie House Museum.

The accommodation will be at the Travelodge Carlisle Central, Cecil Street, *CA1 1NL*

**PROGRAMME**

[DRAFT: 13-7-2019]

**THURSDAY, 12th September**

*17.15-18.00 Registration at Travelodge Carlisle Central, Cecil Street, Carlisle, CA1 1NL•*

*18.30 Dinner at Penny Blue, Halston Hotel, 20-34 Warwick Road, Carlisle CA1 1AB*

20.00-20.45 **Eric Robson**, Broadcaster and farmer

 An introduction to Cumbria and Carlisle

**FRIDAY, 13th September**

*09.30 Assemble at Tullie House Museum*

09.45-09.50 **Dr Dafydd Roberts** (President, Society for Folk Life Studies)

Welcome to the 2019 annual conference

09.50-10.00 **Andrew Mackay** (Director, Tullie House Museum)

Welcome to Tullie House Museum and Carlisle

10.00-10.20 **Andrew Mackay** or **Tullie House curators**

Tullie 125 / collections overview

10.20 – 10.40 **Melanie Gardner** (Curator, Tullie House Museum)

 Tullie House quilt collection

10.45-11.30 **Gabrielle Heffernan** (Curatorial Manager, Tullie House Museum)

 Tullie House agricultural hand-tool collection

*11.30-11.50 Tea & coffee*

11.55-12.30 **Peter Brears**

Cumbrian traditional food

12.35-13.15 **Chris Donaldson** (Lecturer, Lancaster University)

 ‘The traveller will be liable to disappointment who visits Carlisle’

In 1875, Henry Jenkinson jested that visitors to Carlisle might be disappointed. The City, it seems, was far too modern. ‘Instead of dirty alleys,’ writes Jenkinson, ‘there are now clean wide streets, with modern buildings of stone and brick, and hardly the vestige of an edifice interesting to the historian and the antiquary.’ Taking my orientation from this quotation, in this talk I shall focus on the development of Carlisle during the 1700s and 1800s. I shall draw on the collections of Tullie House and the observations of historical visitors in order to consider how the ‘Great Border City’ changed during these two centuries.

*13.15-14.00 Buffet lunch at Tullie House*

14.00 **Excursion 1**: Carol Donnelly (City guide)

 Guided tour of Carlisle, Castle & Cathedral

*16.30 Return to Tullie House for Tea & Coffee*

*17.00* **Annual General Meeting** of the Society for Folk Life Studies

(Lecture Theatre, Tullie House)

*18.30 Dinner at Tullie House, including an illustrated presentation from Dr Sue Allan, ‘Echoes of Old Cumbria: The traditional music of Cumbria and the Lake District’*

**SATURDAY, 14th September**

*09.15 Assemble at Tullie House*

09.30-10.15 **June Hill** (Chair of Cumbria Vernacular Building Group)

 Cumberland vernacular architecture

10.15-11.00 **Alan Cleaver** [TBC]

 Corpse roads in Cumbria

*11.00-11.15 Tea & Coffee*

11.15-12.00 **Steve Matthews** (local author, historian and bookseller)

 Carlisle State Management scheme

*12.15-13.00 Buffet lunch at Tullie House*

13.30-14.10 **Excursion 2**: Coach to the new Windermere Jetty, Museum of Boats, Steam and Stories

16.45-18.30 Coach to Carlisle via Threlkeld Mining Museum with Ian Harland and Diccan Chaplin-Brice

19.30 *Dinner at The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, 2 Bank Street, Keswick CA12 5JY*

20.45 Return to Carlisle.

**Sunday, 15th September**

*Information regarding church services will be available for those wishing to attend*

*09.30 Assemble at Tullie House*

09.45-10.15 **Jeff Cowton** (Curator, The Wordsworth Trust)

The Romantic Movement

10.15-10.45 **Dr Ryan Foster**

Reconstructing early shieling landscapes & land-use in Cumbria from environmental and place-name evidence.

10.45-11.15 **Professor Margaret Bennett** (The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland & Honorary Research Fellow, The University of St Andrews)

The Life & Legacy of Eric R. Creegan

11.15-11.30 Tea & coffee

11.30-11.50 **Enid Roberts**

“Mae gen i dipyn o dŷ bach twt” - Welsh social housing standards in 2019

11.50-12.10 **Heather Holmes**

Unfinished business: past life regression and the crusade of King Robert the Bruce's Heart to Jerusalem, 1330-2018.

*End of conference*