



The Kirkby Caller

October 1605

All quiet in Westmorland

The Earl of Cumberland in response to an enquiry from London reports that in Westmorland, the gentlemen are quiet. Rumours of a plot led by a certain York gentleman have had no impact here.

West Indies Trade 1597 Why such a late report?

The Earl has had gross misfortunes in his trade with these islands. His fleet of twenty specially built ships has made little profit on the cargoes of sugar and ginger which they brought back recently. The ship builders and victuallers are pressing for their money.

Stop Press.

Bankruptcy Charges against the Earl.

A survey of all the Earl's property, made at the request of his attorneys has now been completed. He has been declared bankrupt, and the matter is before the courts. Margaret, the countess of Cumberland, who is separated from her husband, has put in a long-standing claim for maintenance to the receivers.

Grammar School News

Master Edward Mynesse has reported a successful year. Twenty scholars from outside the town have boarded with him. He has news of an old boy of the school; the Rev. John Kneustub, was a leader of the Hampton Court conference held earlier this year, at which the preparation of a new prayer book and a new version of the bible have been authorised. Master Mynesse has now been in charge of the school for over forty years, and he has seen a number of his scholars win scholarships to Seaberg and from thence to Cambridge and Oxford.

Church News

Rents for the recently installed pews will be collected each year by the churchwardens. There will be a few free pews at the back for paupers and strangers.

Wanted: a boy to keep the church clear of curs and hounds.

Wages: 1d a quarter

Vermis: 1 shilling for each brock head and for each fox head.
To be brought to the churchwardens

Farm Stock Sale.

Crosby Gerrard

31 sheep

2 kyme

2 loads of otes, 2 bushels of bigg,
Also household gear, bedstoks,
fire vessels

A table, a form, bedding and some old clothes.

Total valued at £14

Household Hints.

A new smock for the fair?

Take a yard and three ells of material
Cut in half lengthways.
Take one half for the skirt and back.
The rest will be the bodice and sleeves.

Oatcakes or Clap bread

Recipes for use on the new girdles.
Pound 16quarts of oats to 16lbs of meal.

Add water and knead. Roll flat

Divide into fifteen rounds.

Cook on a hot girdle.

Enough for a month's supply.

James Ferguson [pedlar] of

Penrith

at the Luke Fair.

Everything for the home dress maker:

Needles, threads, scissors,

Ribbons, buckles, laces, leather bodies,

Rolls of kersey, dimity and broadcloths

Spectacles, combs, looking glasses, lace

collars, bands.

Bibles and Chap books

Lancelot Hodgson of Brough

Hundreds of horse-shoes in stock.

Repairs to your cauldrons and fire irons,

new ones made to measure.

Weights and Measures.

Official Note

A stone of tallow, yarn or wool
= 16lbs

A bushel of wheat or rye
= 64 quarts,

A bushel of barley and oats
= 80 quarts.

7 fleeces = 1 stone of wool

Note: a new survey of the Kirkby shows just over 60 households in the village at the time of going to Press.

Wharton land available in 12 acre lots, south end of the town.

16s 8d a year. Two pledges required.

Apply the Reeve, Wharton Hall

Arms amnesty

All lances, swords, and daggers to be returned to the Muster master before Lady Day next. No man has need of arms now as the border service is in abeyance. Our sovereign lord James is king of England and Scotland and will have no fighting between the two.

Householders are reminded that whereas there has been great loss and damage through fire recently, each house must keep handy one leather bucket full of water.

Swoyne: Any swoyne wandering free must be well-and-sufficiently ringed in the nose and bowed at the neck else the owner shall be fined vi d.

Likewise: Owners of Mastiff dogs being abroad during the day unmuzzled will be fined vi d, if at night viij d.

Dung Hills must be cleared outside all houses in the main street within the month.

Ale-brewers. Remember that all new brews must be tested before sale. You must raise your ale-stake above your door to attract the official taster's attention.

The Town Bull kept on the Intake is not to be let out by any unauthorised person

Fair Tolls Luke Fair

For Kirkby inhabitants:

1d for all the beasts sold in one day.

For strangers:

1d for every beast sold

1d for every beast bought

4d a score for fat swine and sheep

6d a horse

1d cart passage

Jobs

Master mason requires time-served men to work in Kirkby.

Masons, 12d a day,

Joiners 12d a day,

Thatchers 10d a day.

Also labourers 6d a day

Carters 7d a day

Apply at the site in Melbeck.

Services offered.

Chimneys swept. 3d each
Heightening of chimneys to make them safe from 3s each. Bill Perkin

Candles 1d a bundle, Bones for stock from Jack Hutchinson of the Shambles.

Beef side ready for smoking: 3s.
John Barnet, Bloody Bones Lane.

Goosherd available, mid-Autumn. 1d a day.

Named and Shamed?

In court recently:
Pardon for Lancelot Hodgson of Ravensthuayte, carpenter, for theft of 5 lambs belonging to Anthony Pearson at Ravenstonedale Fell, 30 June, also for a mare taken from George Overhead at Tebay on July 21st.

Next court: Edward Wilson accused of assault on the wife of John Barnet and Edward Moore for assault on Leonard Lee and his wife, Elizabeth.

New Accusations that: Richard Williamson of Kirkby Stephen, yeoman, took leather pieces to the value of £5 from Cuthbert Langhorne and others at the Luke Fair.

That Richard Moore lately of Kirkby Stephen did make four pieces of money, i.e. half crowns similar to the good and legal money of the realm.

Best Quality Lime for mortar or for the garths. 3d a load.
Apply: Morland and Hartley at Kirkby lime pits

The Latest from London

The First Dictionary of English
'A table Alphabetical of all the Hard Unusual English words' by Robert Caodrey has just been published. Don't guess any longer. Ask your will-writer to check his spellings.
Details from the Grammar School.

Do you have pustulating boils? Rub tobacco on - a new plant from the colonies. James from Lancaster will be here on Tuesday

Public Notices:

Gambling is forbidden during the hours of divine service, and all ale houses must close during these hours.

The new Constables of Kirkby wish it known that young people abroad after the sounding of the Toggie Bell must account for their movements or pay a fine.

Proclamation on New Tanning Act 2 James I

None may enter the leather trade unless he be properly trained and licensed.

Sports News

Football. Whosoever do play football in the street and break any windows shall pay 12d for the fault and 3s 4d for every window broken.

All such persons above the age of twelve years that do play in the street a game commonly called Kattstick and Bulloett shall incur a penalty of 12d or if they have no goods, they will be imprisoned for two hours.

Bowling Green behind the King's Arms.

Next meeting: mid-day on Saturday.

Back Lane Barns, Tuesday night at dusk. Bring your fowls and dogs. Lights provided.

Small Addendum.

Swords, Knives, and other tools sharpened. See George Guy, Blacksmith at the Luke Fair.

Swinbank's of Kirkby have a large and varied stock including:
14 pairs of sheets, 3 dozen napkins, pillows, painted-chests, and quishons.
Bring comfort to your house

Spinning wheel for sale, in good condition, 2s 6d

Ten Hairy Hides £3 ready for tanning.
Alan Urwin

For Sale: Two old doublets and a jerkin
2s Old pair of hose -worth darning 4d

Selling up. At the German mines Keswick. Everything must go.

Prices when new:

A great chair 10s, iron fire basket 7s 10d, coarse linen to make 3 pairs of sheets. 14s

toasting fork 1s

Canvas to make a hanging meat safe, Canvas to cover the dining place to keep out the bats, 16s

Lettuice seed 4d

A black jerkin, fox skin lined £1-2s-6d

Offers?

Dr Joshua Tillan needs to purchase leeches 1d a piggie.

Local Farmers please note:

Beasts ready for the Southern graziers should be taken to the drovers who will be on Hartley Fold and Kirkby Green on Monday week. At the same time, young black beasts bred in Scotland will be on sale.

And today:

In 2003

October 24th -26th

Jacobean Charter Fair

**Banquet, Procession,
Craft and Market stalls,
Workshops, Street theatre
Plays in the church,
Exhibition:-
Crewel work,
Locally-made furniture
Spinning,
Falconry, Blacksmithing**

Sponsored by:

**Heritage Lottery fund,
Local Heritage Initiative,
Nationwide Building Society,
The Countryside Agency and
Kirkby Stephen Town Council**

The names are those of local residents in 1604/5, taken from the rentals.

These prices and services are taken from the accounts of the Mines Royal at Keswick for the years 1568-9

Others from the inventories of Kirkby from 1600-1620
Rates from Bole of Kirkby Kendal 1580s -17th century
and from the Pines of the manor of Kirkby 1695.

-Kirkby Stephen fair tolls, in CRO[K]

The Calendars of State Papers.

Appleby Bangasses Books and Indictment books

Assize Records for Westmorland.

Accounts of the Mines Royal at Keswick.

The fines of Murgate Manors.