



# 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 sugar which they brought back recently. The ship builders and victuallers are pressing for their munny.

## 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. Marjorie, the countess of Cumberland, who is separated from her husband, has put in a long-standing claim for maintenance to the revenues.

## 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 Kierstead, 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 St. Dunstons 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 purgans and strangers.

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

Wages: 1d/day

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

## Farm Stock Sale

Crosby Gerard

31 sheep

2 kye

2 loads of oats, 2 bushels of trigs

Also household gear, bedstap, five vessels

A table, a form, bedding and some old clothes

Total valued at £14

## Household Hints

A new amock for the hair?

Take a yard and three ells of material

Cut in half lengthwise

Take one half for the skirt and back

The rest will be the bodice and sleeves

## Outcakes or Clap bread

Recipes for use on the new griddle

Pound 16 quarts of oats to 16 lbs of meal

Add water and knead. Roll flat

Divide into fifteen rounds

Cook on a hot griddle

Enough for a month's supply

## James Ferguson (pedlar) of Penrith

at the Lake Fair

Everything for the home dress maker:

Needles, threads, scissors

Ribbons, buckles, laces, leather bodices

Rolls of lace, dimity and broadcloths

Spectacles, combs, looking glasses, lace collars, bands

Hobbs and Chap books

## Lancelot Hodgson of Brough

Hundreds of horse-shoes in stock

Repairs to iron caldrons and fire irons

new ones made to measure

Weights and Measures

Official Note

A stone of tallow, yam or wax = 16 lbs

A bushel of wheat or rye = 64 quarts

A bushel of barley and oats = 60 quarts

7 stivers = 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 widges required

Apply the Reeve, Wharton Hall

## Arms amnesty

All knives, 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.

Wharfedales 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.

Swayne: Any swaine wandering free must be captured sufficiently ringed in the nose and hosed at the neck else the owner shall be fined 1d.

Librarians: Owners of Mettill dogs bring abroad during the day unlicensed will be fined 1d, if at night 1s 1d.

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

Alchemists: Remember that all new brasses must be tested before sale. You must enter your ink strike about your door to attract the official tester's attention

The Town Hall kept on the Institute is not to be let out by any unauthorised person

## Fair Tolls Lake 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

John

Master mason requires five or six men to work in Kirkby

Masons 12d a day

Joiners 12d a day

Thatchers 10d a day

Also labourers 6d a day

Carters 2d a day

Apply at the site in Meltham

### Services offered.

Chimneys swept. 3d each  
Heightening of chimneys to make them  
safe from 1s each. Bill Perkin

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

Peef side ready for smoking: 3s.  
John Barrett, Bloody Bones Lane.

Cowherd available, road Autumn. 1d  
a day.

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### Named and Shamed?

In court recently:  
Harden for Lambert Hodgson of  
Rumwithonsic carpenter, for theft of 3  
loaves belonging to Anthony Mason of  
Raucastredale Fri. 30 June, who for  
a name taken from George Overhead at  
Tebay on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Next court: Edward Wilson accused of  
assault on the wife of John Barrett 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 Lake 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.

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

### The Latest from London

The First Dictionary of English  
'A table Alphabetical of all the Hard  
Unusual English words' by Robert  
Cusdrey has just been published. Don't  
guess any longer. Ask your well-wisher  
to check his spellings.

Details from the Grammar School  
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Do you have postulating birds? Rob  
Johnson has a new plant from the  
colony. Juncos 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 Tagger 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.

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### 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 Kattick and  
Ballcock 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 Barne, Tuesday night at  
dark. Bring your feet and dogs. Lights  
provided.

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### Small Addendum.

Swords, Knives, and other tools  
sharpened. See George Gray, Blacksmith  
at the Lake Fair. \*\*\*

Sawbush's of Kirkby have a large  
and varied stock including:  
14 pairs of sheets, 3 dozen napkins,  
pillow, painted-hats, and girths.  
Bring comfort to your house

Spinning wheel for sale in good  
condition. 2s 6d \*\*\*

Ten Hair Hides £3 ready for tanning.  
Alan Urrin

For Sale: Two old doublets and a jerkin  
2s Old pair of bear-skin dorrings 4d

### Selling up. At the German mines Kessnick. Everything must go.

Prices when new:  
A good chest 10s, iron fire-basket 7s 10d,  
copper tongs to make 3 pairs of sheets, 14s  
roasting fork 1s  
Cans to make a hanging meat safe.  
Cans to cover the dining place to keep  
out the heat, 16s  
Lettuce and 4d  
A black jerkin, fox skin lined £1-2s-6d  
Offers?

Dr Joshua Tillam needs to purchase herbs: 1d  
a penny.

### Local Farmers please note:

Boats ready for the Southern graziers should  
be taken to the driers who will be on Hartley  
Field and Kirkby Green on Monday week. At  
the same time, young black heasts 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 Kessnick for the year  
1568/9

Orders from the universities of Kirkby from 1600-1620  
Rents from Duke of Kirkby Rental 1480s-1517 century  
and from the Estates of the manor of Kirkby 1695.  
Kirkby Sweden for 1611, in CRCHK  
The Calendar of State Papers  
Apprentice Haggover Books and Indenture Books  
Antic Records for the manor of  
Accounts of the Mines Royal at Kessnick  
The Lives of Mynnyr's Men.