

Kirkbean Parish Heritage Society.

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The Graveyard project has been completed. The inscriptions on Five Hundred and Ninety-nine gravestones commemorating Eighteen Hundred people have been recorded. A lectern has been placed beside Kirkbean Church showing a map of the stones and a list of all names in alphabetical order with the stone numbers where those names can be found. Funding for this came from Robin Rigg wind farm and our own funds. We now have all these inscriptions catalogued and would like some ideas from members how this information should be shared.

The Society greatly appreciate the time that Kaye Clark and Alice Rourke have given to this project.

The outdoor closing down service for Kirkbean Church was held on Sunday the 19th of June. Over a hundred people attended. It was a wet morning and with the church clock stopping a few hours before the service this all added to the misery of the day.

At a committee meeting in July it was decided that a commitment to maintain the Church, which is a listed building, and the costs of buying (asking price believed to be £50k)and repairing the building was beyond the society's means.

The website can now accept subscriptions paid by card through Pay Pal. An editorial committee is being setup to produce material for a continual up dating. Any member with memories or information which they think would make interesting reading on the website should make contact on line.

Kaye Clark has taken on the task of responding to the contacts made to our website. We apologise for taking so long to reply but can now promise to reply and we can help with many of your queries. Please remember to put your email address in the box on the enquiry page and, to make doubly sure, write it again somewhere in the main text of your query.

The Society is continuing to record memories from the long time residents in the Parish and to scan and store as much information as we can from minute books and old records. Anyone who is willing to help with this work please get in touch.

We had a very enjoyable evening following the AGM when Mrs Sheila Dibnah spoke on her life with Fred. Ninety people attended in the village hall and were entertained with much hilarity.

An evening meeting has been arranged on Thursday 15th September at 6.30 pm to visit Wreaths Castle and Preston Cross with Andrew Nicholson taking us through the

history of these two Local monuments. Please approach from the west to Wreaths Castle and then move to park at Solway Links car park for The Preston Cross. We will then finish with a cup of tea and an opportunity to discuss the evening in Kirkbean Village Hall.