



CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND ANTIQUARIAN AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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AN EVENING WITH SIR JOHN BARROW

At Sir John Barrow's Cottage, Dragley Beck, Ulverston,
in collaboration with The Arctic Club

Wednesday 29th August 2018 at 19.30pm

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL



Last year Dan Elsworth who runs Greenlane Archaeology and is also a CWAAS Council member took over the running of Sir John Barrow's birthplace in Ulverston. The Society has arranged a special evening opening of the house, an interesting vernacular building in its own right, during which Dan will describe the history of the building and explain its significance, and reveal his plans for its future. Rob David will place Sir John in the wider context of nineteenth century exploration. Conveniently the Farmhouse pub is about two minutes walk to the south for those who wish to round off the evening there.

The cottage is a rare survival of an early small house, suggested to be of late sixteenth century in date, although this is uncertain. It was the birthplace of Sir John Barrow in 1764, and his home until he was 14, however, his mother, in whose family it is said to have belonged, lived there until her death in 1813. Thereafter it was apparently occupied by her servant, Betty Williams. In 1864 it was bought by some local gentry and given to Sir John's son, who in turn gave it to the town. During the nineteenth century it routinely came with the job of monument keeper (the Sir John Barrow Monument having been built on Hoad in 1850), and while few of them, if any, seem to have lived in it, they seemed to have started the tradition of it being a shop, which continued into the 1990s. For a short time it was operated by the local heritage centre as a museum but after it folded it stood empty for several years. In 2017 Greenlane Archaeology took on the lease of the building, and working collaboratively with the local Civic Society and local artists re-opened the cottage as a heritage and arts venue.

The house is exceptionally small, so there is a maximum group size of 24, which will be divided into two groups of 12. To book your place/s, please return the booking form below as soon as possible to:

Becky Moreton, CWAAS Administrative Officer, 40 Parkfield Drive, Lancaster, LA1 4BU.

Please note, we will run a waiting list so any cancellations can be filled. There is an extremely modest charge of £1.20 or 0.60p for concessions per person (which members might wish to exceed!), payable on the day.

Please also see further information overleaf.

If you would like confirmation of your booking by email please give your email address.

If you prefer written confirmation please enclose a **stamped addressed envelope**.

I /We wish to attend the Sir John Barrow Evening – 29th August 2018

Name/s.....

Address

Tel/s..... Email address.....

Access requirements

Terrain and distance: The cottage itself is all level, but there are a couple of steps at the front door to enter the building. There is a ramp and confirmation of whether the door is wide enough for wheelchair access can be confirmed if necessary. The garden is a lawn which is currently being re-seeded so is unlikely to be included, but it is available if people want to have a look around.

Location and parking: Sat Nav. : LA12 0HD. There is no dedicated parking. There is on street parking to the north at the end of Victoria Road or on Priory Road to the South. The nearest designated car parks are some distance away in town, but are a feasible walking distance for those who are keen and able.

Clothing: It is recommended that trainers or stout shoes are worn.

Toilets: There is an outside toilet on the side of the cottage.

Dogs: Due to the modest nature of the venue, please do not bring dogs.

For further information please contact the organisers, Dan Elsworth on :-

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