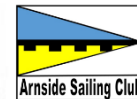


Crossfields of Arnside and the return of the *Severn*



A talk by Mary Hamilton (Arnside Archive Group)
and Alasdair Simpson (Arnside Sailing Club)
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Links across the Bay

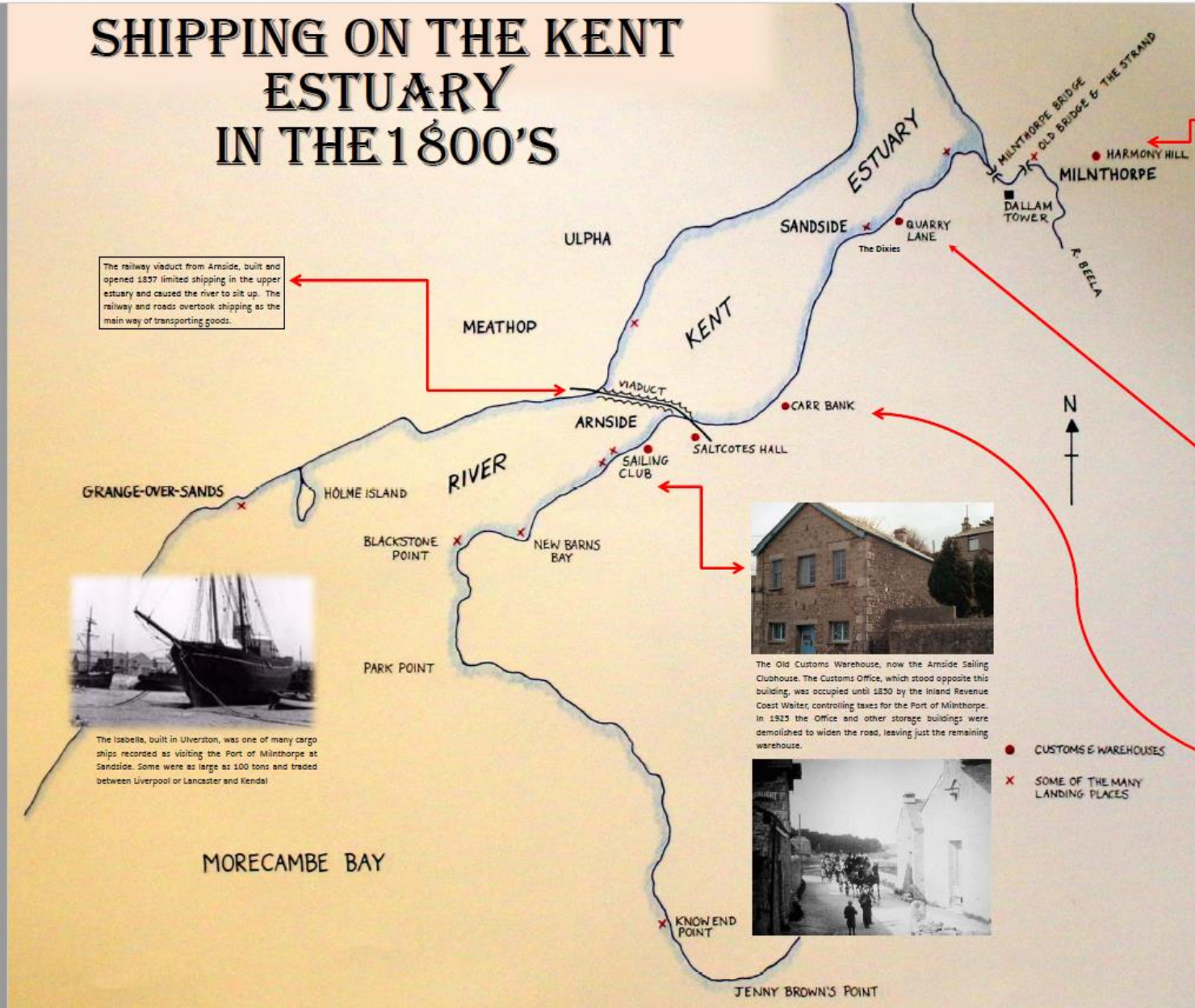


1833 Map of Morecambe Bay



Gordon Biddle's map

SHIPPING ON THE KENT ESTUARY IN THE 1800'S



The railway viaduct from Arnside, built and opened 1837 limited shipping in the upper estuary and caused the river to silt up. The railway and roads overtook shipping as the main way of transporting goods.



The Isabella, built in Ulverston, was one of many cargo ships recorded as visiting the Port of Milnthorpe at Sandside. Some were as large as 100 tons and traded between Liverpool or Lancaster and Kendal



The Old Customs Warehouse, now the Arnside Sailing Clubhouse. The Customs Office, which stood opposite this building, was occupied until 1830 by the Inland Revenue Coast Wailer, controlling taxes for the Port of Milnthorpe. In 1925 the Office and other storage buildings were demolished to widen the road, leaving just the remaining warehouse.



The Red Barn, Harmony Hill Milnthorpe c1730 was a bonded warehouse on the route that connected activities on the Port of Milnthorpe's estuary with the old main road which ran through Crooklands. In 1840 the barn was occupied by George Whittaker who made a fortune importing guano from South America for use as a fertilizer.



Quarry Warehouse was used by Walter Berry, carrier & salt dealer of Milnthorpe, to store goods for transported to and from the landing point at Sandside, to Kendal and beyond. The first half of the 19th century was a busy time and trade with Liverpool and elsewhere was so brisk, that Berry kept about 25 horses to cope with the delivery of goods. Flour was brought from Liverpool and other Lancashire ports. Outgoing vessels carried agricultural produce, hempen, cloth, ropes, and also took salt from the 'salt steeds' at the south end of the estuary, one of which was near Guard Hill.



Plantation Cottages c1670 situated on Sandside (now Carr Bank), were a cottage and barn known as the "Powder House" used as a Royal Navy Gunpowder store in connection with gunpowder works at Sedgewick and Gatebeck.

- CUSTOMS & WAREHOUSES
- × SOME OF THE MANY LANDING PLACES

Boat-building around the Bay

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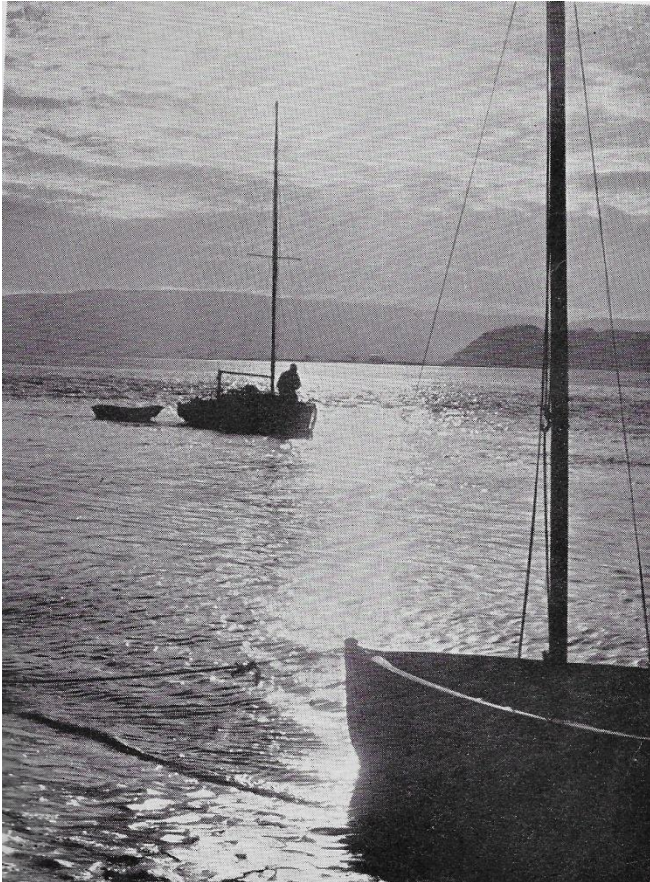
Fishing in the Bay



The Morecambe Bay Partnership has carried out an oral history project of fishing in the Bay including first-hand accounts, pictures and information:

www.recordingmorecambebay.org.uk

150 years of Boat Building in Arnside



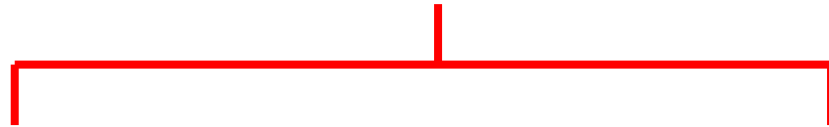
Crossfields of Arnside



First Crossfields in Arnside

John

1782 - 1864



Thomas

1805 -1886

Francis John

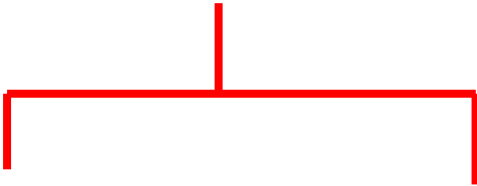
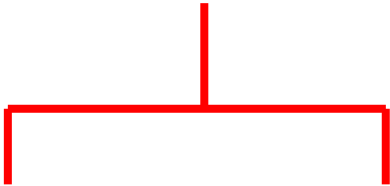
1811 - 1899

Francis John

1811 - 1899

Jane m

m Mary



William

1847 - 1921

Francis

James

1849 - 1935

John

1851 - 1944

George

1856 - 1909

Crossfield Brothers



Top Shop, Church Hill

Boat Launch 1897



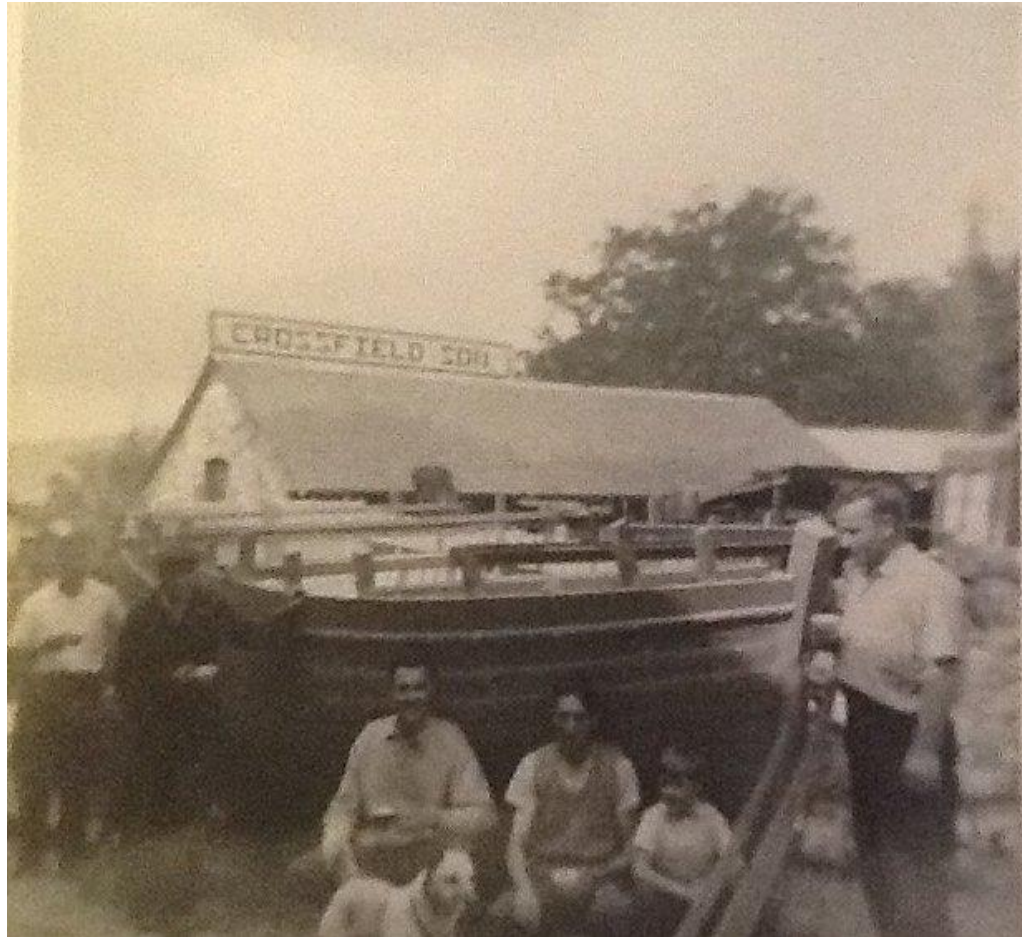
William Crossfield & Sons

1892 - 1952



Beach Walk

John Crossfield of Conway 1906 - 1944



George Crossfield & Sons Top Shop, Church Hill



1906 – 1909

George Crossfield & Sons

1909 – 1915

Crossfield Brothers

(George and Herbert)

1915 - 1924

Hoylelake, Wirral

Crossfield Successors

John Gill 1952 – 1966

John Duerden 1966 -1983



Hi Sheriff being built 1961

Boat Building

(boats no longer designed)

Boat Storage

Village Chandlery

Closed after gale in 1983

John Duerden set up

Arnside Coastguard

ESTABLISHED 1838.

CROSSFIELD BROS.,

ARNSIDE.

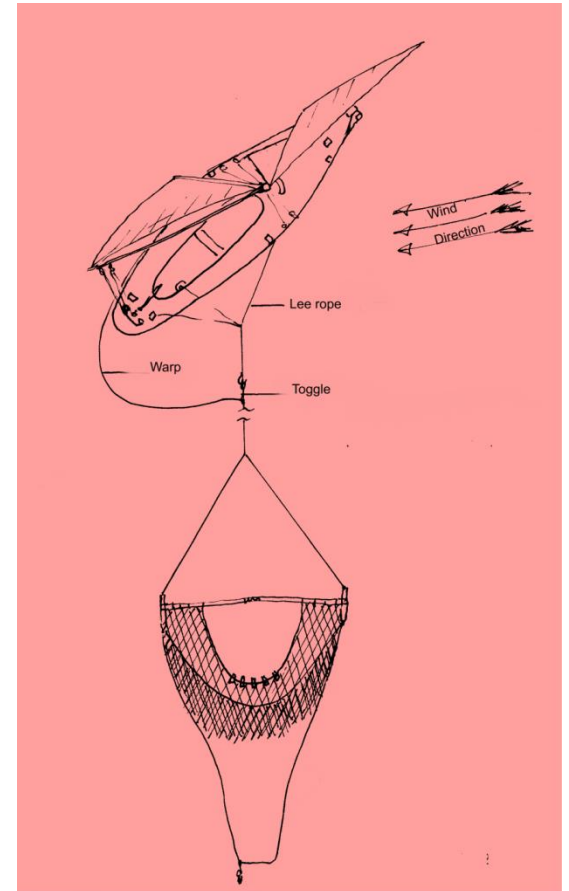
Yacht and Boat Builders,
Joiners, Builders and
Contractors.

Funerals Completely Furnished.

YACHTS AND PLEASURE BOATS

FOR SALE OR HIRE.

Morecambe Bay Prawners (Nobbies)



Bay Boats



Morecambe - Grange / Arnside

Yachts



Yacht Race Douglas Bay 1907

Dinghies and Rowing Boats



Boats built by Crossfields

Bonita 1888



**Off Mallaig
Round Britain Challenge 2013**



Edwin Grundy Wrigley (1832-92)

**Edwin Wrigley, of
Holme Island early
owner of Bonita**

Ziska 1903



Based in USA

Took part in Race2Alaska 2019

Shortlisted for two major Classic Boat Awards

Molly 1914



Glasson 1920s

Last boat to leave
Ulverston canal 1949



Fleetwood 1960s



Barcelona 2018

Formosa 1909

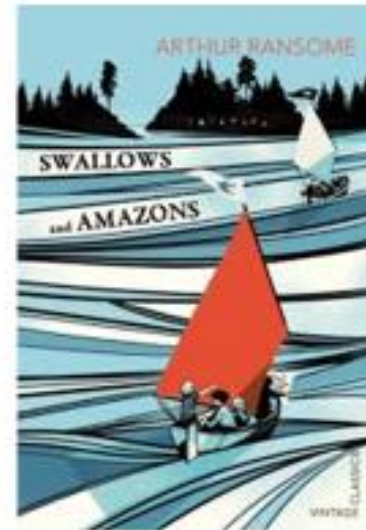


Arnside



Windermere

Swallow circa 1912



Coch-y-bonndu 1934



Built for Arthur Ransome in 1934

Used to teach sailing at Earnseat 1950s & 1960s

Now in Windermere Jetties

Severn 1912

Royal Mersey Rivers Class Yacht



Friends of Crossfield Yacht Severn



LOTTERY FUNDED

Royal Mersey Rivers Class



10 built

**Cost £50 each plus Sails £14.18s.
(Average Wage £67 per year)**

**Evening Races, May – July
Season**

Prize money 1914 £44

Crew of 3 gentlemen

Elwy / Ribble



**Commander
Broadbent**

1912 Owned L.Y.Stott

**1913 Joint Winner of
Race Series**

**1914 Owned by Commander
Harvey Broadbent, HMS
Conway**

Severn 1928

SUNK YACHT TO SAIL AFTER 14 YEARS.



THE SEVERN, a yacht which was sunk in the Mersey during a regatta of 1914, lay there until last November. It is seen being repainted for the coming yachting season.

Severn



North Wales 1960s

Severn

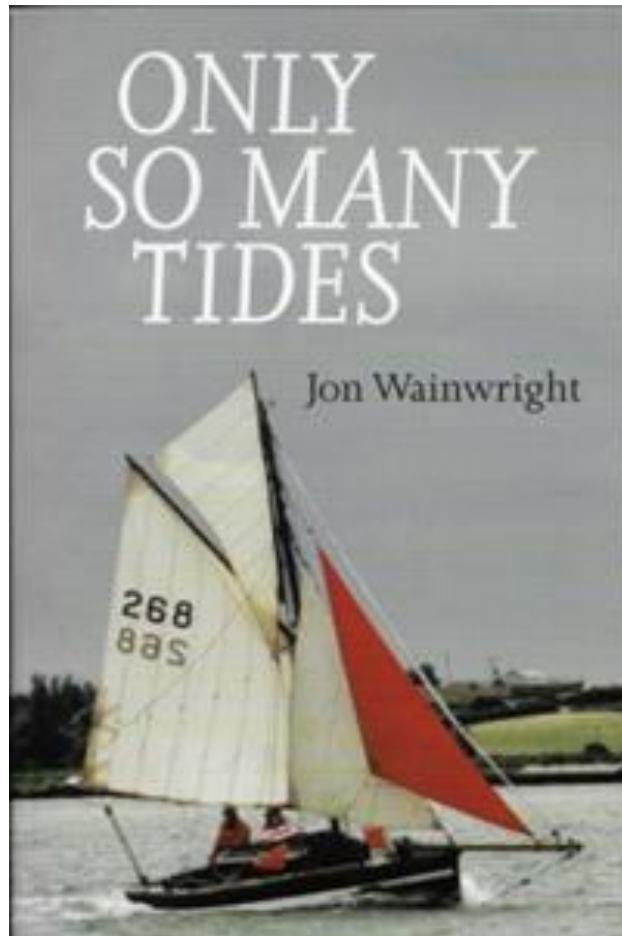


Essex 1972 – 1998

Kent 1998 – 2012

Essex 2012 - 2018

Deva 1912 (sister yacht to Severn)



Owned by Earl of Derby
1926 -38

Owned by Jon Wainwright
1962 – 2007

Crossed North Sea 4 times
European Champion 1997

Brought by 18 year old
apprentice 2018

Crossfield Conference

Sat 21st March 2020



Classic Boat Awards - Ziska



- Restored Sailing Vessel under 40 foot
- Gstaad Yacht Club Centenarian of the Year

<https://awards.classicboat.co.uk/vote-now/>



<https://youtu.be/5drR8l1OVmM>

Arnside Sailing Club

RYA North West Club of the Year 2019



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More Information



<http://arnsidearchive.org.uk/>

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The Arnside archive group is a voluntary organisation based in the Arnside Educational Institute. Members are cataloguing and organising materials donated by local people, notably a large collection of photographs assembled by [local historian Dennis Bradbury](#).

This new website showcases some of the highlights from the archive collection and other information we have collected for our exhibitions. We are updating it all the time so please keep visiting!

Return of the Severn