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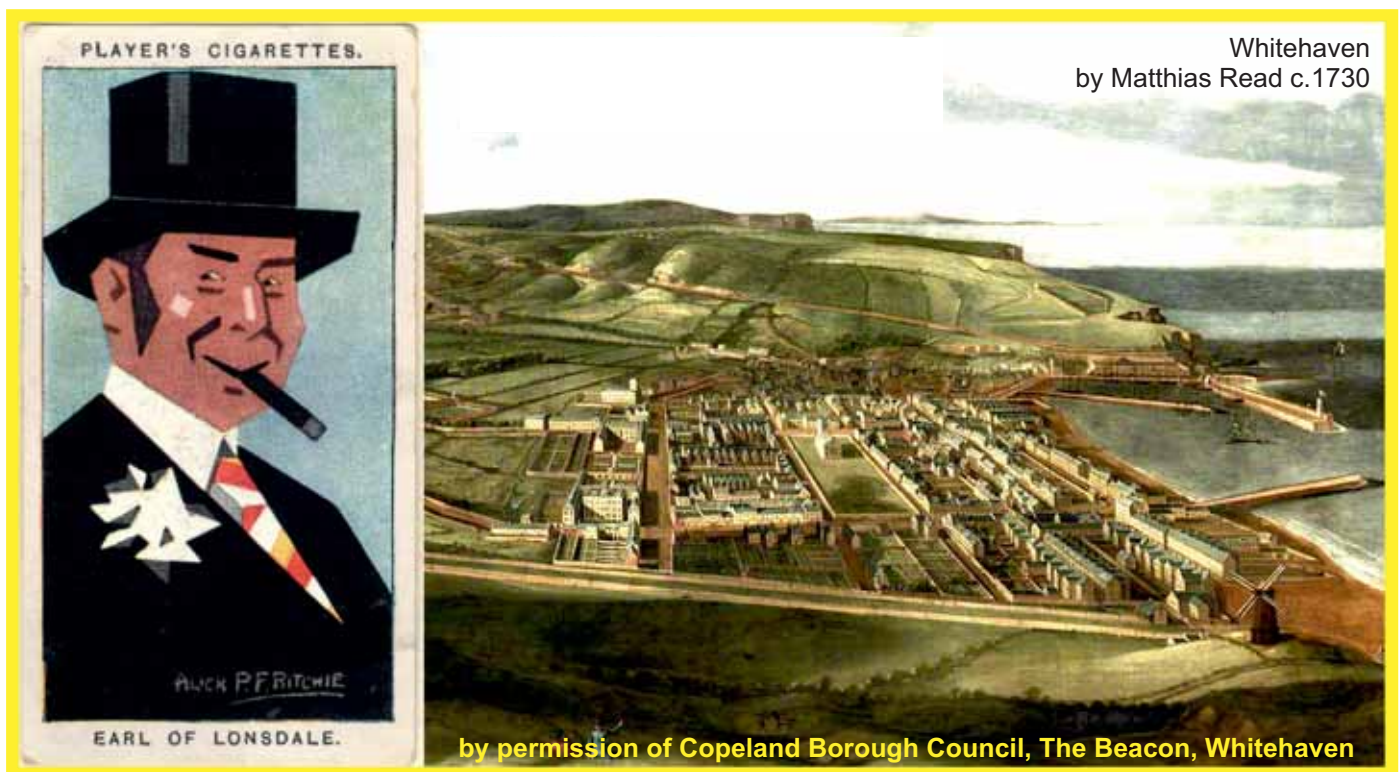
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**Breaking up is hard to do:
selling the Lowther estate in West Cumberland**

by Dr Alan Crosby

Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton, on Thursday 13th September, at 7.30pm



A crisis faced the Lonsdale Estates in the early 1950s, when double death duties, and the half-century of profligacy by the 'yellow earl', the 5th Earl of Lonsdale, produced a financial disaster. The Trustees decided to sell the Lowther estate in West Cumberland, owned since the early 17th century, as quickly as possible.

Dr Crosby is one of Britain's best-known local historians, and since 2001 has been editor of The Local Historian. He has researched and written extensively about many aspects of Cumbrian history, and has undertaken major research on the manorial interests of the Lonsdale Estates.

Visitors are welcome at £3.00, refreshments included

Next talk 8th November, Dr Michael Winstanley: Markets to Supermarkets: 200 years of shopping.