

# NORTH CRAVEN



## HERITAGE

### **North Craven Heritage Trust Newsletter January 2012**

Seasons Greetings to all our members, and we wish you all the best for the coming year.

#### **The Chairman's AGM Report - extract**

Thanks to all members of the committee who have worked hard to deliver another successful year. I also wish to record our gratitude to those members who give their time to distribute the Journal, put up posters, obtain advertising revenue for the Journal, lead walks and maintain the Trust website. Without their voluntary efforts the costs of running the Trust would be significantly higher.

During the year, we enjoyed an excellent programme of 6 walks, 4 lectures and a Summer Outing around Penrith, and a new musical event at Coniston Hall, all of which were well supported.

We have made substantial grants (£4,400 in total) during the year, from the Historic Churches Fund, to the Parochial Church Councils of Thornton in Lonsdale, Burton in Lonsdale, Clapham and Stainforth. The result of this has been to run down our funds. Two committee members did not seek re-election this year. David Johnson, who has served for twelve years, lately as archivist, and led the summer outing for ten; and Rita Hudson who has diligently coordinated our lecture programme for the last three years. We are very grateful for all their efforts.

As a consequence we have transferred our archive material to The Folly, who have agreed to store them for us

#### **Secretary's Report**

##### **AGM**

We had a good turnout for the AGM on 13 October. The proposed revisions to the Constitution were approved. The revised version is on the website - for a printed copy ask the Secretary.

Following the AGM Dr. Sylvia Harrop gave a most enlightening talk entitled "The Ramifications of Reading" in which she traced the development of popular reading in the 17th – 19th centuries and the part played by local schools in the Austwick area and by reading rooms in North Craven.

##### **Visit to Levens Hall Gardens**

Giles Bowring has arranged an evening visit next summer which should be of special interest to all gardeners. On Wednesday 16 May there will be a visit to Levens Hall Gardens for a tour with Head Gardener Chris Crowder. For more information see [www.levenshall.co.uk](http://www.levenshall.co.uk). The tour will start at 6.30pm. Levens Hall is situated close to the junctions of the A590 and A591, about 45 minutes drive from Settle.

There will be a charge of £10 per person. Pre-booking is essential (Giles Bowring 01729 823551 [lawklandhall@austwick.org](mailto:lawklandhall@austwick.org)).

##### **Report & Accounts for 2010-11**

The Trust's Annual Report & Accounts are now on the website. If any member would like a paper copy, please contact the Secretary, John Asher (01729 825075).

##### **The NCHT Archive**

The Archive contents are now fully listed on the website and the originals are in the keeping of the Trust or the West Yorkshire Archive Service at Sheepscar in Leeds. The Hollet collection of documents scanned for us by Rita and Phil Hudson is also available for inspection on-line. These original documents are deposited with the North Yorkshire County Council Archives at Northallerton.

### **The Museum of Craven Life at the Folly**

The collections of the Museum of North Craven Life are already partially catalogued on computer. An effort is now being made to scan all photographs and documents and to incorporate these scans into the museum catalogue system. The next step is then to make these available for inspection on the Museum website in due course. The Museum and the Folly are entirely dependent on volunteers to help manage these places and make them as accessible as possible to residents and visitors alike. Please contact the Hon. Curator Mrs Anne Read (015242) 51388 or email [curator@ncbpt.org.uk](mailto:curator@ncbpt.org.uk) if you would like to become involved in some way.

### ***Behind the scenes at The Folly***

The Folly desperately needs more volunteers, not only to supplement the sterling work achieved by the front of house volunteers with the increased opening times but also to help with the wide variety of tasks needed behind the scenes. You are probably aware that a lot of work is undertaken outside the museum opening times, to prepare for events and exhibitions and to enable the smooth running of the museum.

The volunteer work is wide ranging, including administration, scanning of photographs, working on the collection, sorting of items, making inventories, carrying out research and cataloguing. We are happy to try to tailor the work done to the interests and skills of volunteers.

### **The North Craven Historical Research Group (NCHRG) Archive.**

The public database for the **North Craven Historical Research Group** is now on-line via their web site and can be searched freely in the comfort of your own home or at the Library. The web site can be reached by typing in NCHRG and clicking on the [www.northcravenhistoricalresearch.com](http://www.northcravenhistoricalresearch.com). When the welcome page appears click on the line **members log in to archive** under the red flashing light. The next page asks you for a

log-in and a password – just type in **public** in both spaces and click on the **log-in button**. On the next page in the right hand side of the red strip click on the **file viewer**, this will bring up a short list of folders. Click on one of the indexed folders to bring up an alphabetical list of subjects which can be searched using normal search protocols. Clicking on the left hand blue circle with white upward arrow named **parent** will take you back to the previous page.

The database contains most of the local parish registers, deeds, wills, tithe awards, maps, photographs, articles, journals etc. If you experience any difficulty in using the database please let us know by E.Mail: [HUDSONHISTORY@TOTALISE.CO.UK](mailto:HUDSONHISTORY@TOTALISE.CO.UK) or telephone 01729 825773.

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Secretary NCHRG

### **Settle Stories; WR Mitchell Archive Pilot Project**

Settle Stories has won an award from the Heritage Lottery Fund to digitise the audio archive of Bill Mitchell. In the autumn of last year NCHRG wrote a letter of support for Settle Stories in support of the project. We were very happy to do this as we felt that Bill's material was an important part of our local heritage.

The resulting archive will be available for the general public. Settle Stories will be working with volunteers and a paid Project Officer to deliver the project. This will involve, research and archiving, choosing the clips to go onto a website that will be promoted nationally, etc. Volunteers will receive training from heritage professionals.

**To find out more and take part please contact Sita Brand, Director of Settle Stories by email [info@settlestories.org.uk](mailto:info@settlestories.org.uk) or phone 07748 960 776**

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