



Welcome!

Welcome to our newest members

We are delighted that the following have recently joined the Trust and we hope to see you at the various events detailed on our 2017 programme: Mr J. Bentley, Dr D. and Mrs C. Colombi, Mrs E. King, Mrs S. Lister, Ms M. McVeigh, Mr J. and Mrs B. Ogden, Mr D. Parry and Mrs E. M. Taylor.

The Chairman's Report

Thanks are due to all the committee for their work over the year. At the AGM I gave special thanks to Mary Slater for the 12 years' service she has given us on the Committee. We presented her with a bouquet on your behalf.

Our events are well-attended. Links with other like-minded organisations have continued: the talk on "European Parks – their splendour, our treasure, our care" was shared with the Yorkshire Dales Society; and our talk "Limestone quarrying in North Craven" and subsequent walk were arranged with the Royal Geographic Society. Our members' research has also featured, with "Giggleswick Parish Inventories: Local Life in the Early 1700s" by Sheila Gordon and, at the time of writing, we are looking forward to "Malham in the eighteenth century: Langs' maps of 1760 and 1785-6" by Professor Richard Hoyle.

We continue our grant-giving work and have been greatly heartened by receiving a second bequest.

North Craven Historical Research Group

Following the death of Philip Hudson, the North Craven Historical Research Group (NCHRG) is being wound up. We agreed at the AGM that the NCHT will create a fund called 'The Historical and

Archaeological Projects Fund, in memory of Philip Hudson'. This fund will receive the proceeds of winding up the NCHRG. The fund will be restricted to grants towards projects of historical and / or archaeological research in North Craven. Grants may be made from both income and capital as determined by the Trustees. Once the initial funding is exhausted the fund will cease to be restricted and may be added to from time to time from the general funds of the NCHT.

Applications for grants from individual researchers (and informal groupings of researchers working collaboratively) will be welcomed and considered by the Committee.

Programme for 2017

Details of the 2017 programme are on your membership card and the NCHT website. We hope the content is varied yet appeals to a wide cross-section of our members. Please look at the timings carefully, as they are set to be as convenient as possible in relation to each event. For example, whilst most of our talks start at 7.30pm, the February and November talks kick off at 2.30pm, whilst the AGM is set for 7.00pm to allow time for socialising afterwards.

We have a particularly varied outing programme in the summer and all these events will require pre-booking. It would help if you could get the dates in your diaries and book as soon as possible, as you can cancel later if you need to. Full details are on an enclosed printed list on which you can make a note of bookings you have made. This is particularly true of David Johnson's Summer Outing, for which places (especially in the minibus) are already being snapped up.

Yorkshire Dales Society

Following your approval of this at the AGM we have transferred the

responsibility for Membership Administration to the Yorkshire Dales Society office at Gargrave. At the moment this is for a trial period of 1 year, but we hope that it will become a permanent arrangement. The handover has gone very well and this mailing has been produced by YDS. In the contract YDS agree to keep the data on the North Craven Heritage Trust membership database secure and use it only for the purposes of NCHT membership administration.

Trustees

It has been great to see members' engagement with our activities, but to continue to provide the programme and represent the interests of North Craven's heritage we do need a strong committee with a wide range of interests and skills. If you value what the Trust does, please consider joining the committee. For an informal, no-obligation chat, please contact me, John Asher, on 01729 825075.

St. Alkela's Church, Giggleswick

The printed word cannot describe the glory of the publication 'The Stained Glass Windows of St. Alkela's Church Giggleswick'. The windows blaze with colour just as does the booklet by Nigel Mussett and Kathleen Kinder. Turning every page, one is greeted with professional-standard photographs of the windows set out as an invitation to go and see the real thing. The accompanying text is comprehensive and rightly veers on the non-dogmatic and ensures you will go back for a further visit. Perhaps we should be grateful that we have waited so long for the first of the two proposed further publications about the church.

The church is open for the majority of the time and the booklet is obtainable at the back of the church for 5 pounds.

Planning Matters

NCHT has objected to the outline application for the development of a leisure centre, hotel and visitor accommodation, including up to 300 lodges, on the land known as the Hellifield Flashes. We have done so on the grounds of the loss of amenity space to the residents of Hellifield, the scale of the proposed complex, the significant adverse impact on wildlife, the loss of remnants of marl pits, and concerns regarding waste water arrangements. The application has generated a high level of response, almost all expressing concern.

We have also objected to an inappropriate development of land at Well House in the Giggleswick conservation area.

Regarding the Local Plans, the approved version of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's 2015-2030 plan is expected to be published before the end of the year. Craven District continues with efforts to finalise their plan on which we have submitted comments as part of the consultation process. Concerns remain regarding their intentions with land in Giggleswick and we will respond once more when they consult again on this.

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