



Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined the Trust since our last Newsletter in January and we hope that you will enjoy our activities:

Mr and Mrs C Caisley, Ms J Graves,
Mr and Mrs A Hardy, Prof R W Hoyle,
Mrs J M W Marley, Mr E McKenzie,
Prof F Rhodes, Miss S Shaw,
Mrs C Taylor, Mrs A Webster.

Planning Applications

Jules Marley and Mark Corner are new committee members who consider planning issues that may adversely impact on our heritage.

All planning applications pertaining to the civil parishes of North Craven submitted to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority are reviewed in the context of the Trust's aim "...to help safeguard the distinctive beauty, history and character of the North Craven area".

Over the past few months eight comments/objections have been submitted. Several submissions related to using materials more in keeping with the character of local buildings, a couple raised concerns regarding noise and/or light pollution and one was to ensure that a comprehensive photographic record be retained of an industrial heritage site before its demolition. A number of applications were for the installation of solar panels where we have taken the position of support provided that black panels, with no white junctions, are installed in a regular pattern and that local people's views are sought and listened to, particularly where traditional village-scapes are impacted.

A Survey of Clapper Bridges

During the last 12 months we had an 'incident' of an ancient clapper bridge being pulled up and replaced with a girder/timber bridge. We approached the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

(YDNPA) to see if there was anything we could do to have it re-instated.

Unfortunately, this proved to be unfruitful because the bridge was not 'registered' and the YDNPA had no authority to take any action under these circumstances.

Having discussed this matter at Committee we decided that it would be a useful exercise to try and identify all of the Clapper Bridges in our area and then to consider 'listing them'.

To do this we need a working party of volunteers to assist in identifying those bridges of interest, in the first instance, and then to consider which merit special protection.

The project, if we can find the help, will be co-ordinated by Mark Corner. If you would like to help with this, could you please contact either the Chairman or the Secretary.

Talks and Events

Our programme for 2014 is being considered and suggestions from members for both talks and events would be very welcome. Finding suitable topics for talks and interesting speakers is a challenge every year, in particular with respect to the programmes of other local organizations. Our options for events such as walks with a theme and house visits are necessarily somewhat limited in the immediate neighbourhood. A pool of ideas from outside the committee will be most helpful.

We hope to set up a small Programme Sub-committee to plan the year's events and talks. There is no reason why anybody from the general membership should not join this sub-committee if they wish. It is useful to have fresh ideas from anybody who is interested and it will not be a very demanding job in terms of time commitment.

If you are interested please contact the Chairman (msouthworth@austwick.org) or the Secretary (john@joesclose.co.uk).

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The Journal

We are adding a section to the website called 'Guidelines to Authors' so that submitted articles require the minimum of editing and formatting by the editors.

We have added a note about the need for authors to check the copyright conditions of any images copied from sources such as books and websites. The copyright conditions appertaining to our website are also to be made clearer.

The NCHT does have a liberal policy towards use of our own material in the Journal and the website which authors should be aware of, but permission to copy such material should be requested by anyone and the NCHT source acknowledged. We are in the business of disseminating information about North Craven. Where copyright subject matter from elsewhere is of interest, a reference to it may be sufficient if permission to use it is difficult to obtain or expensive fees are requested by the copyright owner. In the case of The National Archives and major libraries it is usually the case that permission is readily granted on the grounds that the Journal is not supplied commercially, or in large numbers, and is printed by a charitable organization. But permission to reproduce other people's copyright material in the Journal contents on our website may require a substantial fee which we do not accede to. The website Journal contents are therefore not always exactly the same as in the printed version. We emphasize however that articles submitted in any form can be handled and we seek only to make life as easy as possible for all concerned!

Christmas Party 2013

Our (pre?)-Christmas party will be held on **Friday 29 November** – so please make a note in your diary! This year we are fortunate to have been given the use of a splendid venue which mixes 'heritage' into our usual programme, thanks to Emma Milligan, the owner of Taitlands, the large house in Stainforth which is a very popular wedding venue.

Emma is offering a brief optional tour of the ground floor of the house before our usual Jacob's Join and entertainment in the Coach House Restaurant, which is at our disposal for the evening. There is a large car parking area and Taitlands is easily accessible on the main road between Langcliffe and Stainforth, even if the weather is poor. It may be possible to organise a minibus from Settle at a modest extra cost, if there is sufficient demand – if you feel that this would be a good idea for you, please let the Secretary know.

More details and tickets will be on sale at the AGM in October – but put the date in your diary now!

Historic Churches Fund Grants

Grants from the Historic Churches Fund totalling £9,992 have been made since 2006-07. These comprise the following:

2006-07	St Alkelda, Giggleswick	£1500
	St James', Clapham	£400
2007-08	St Mary and St Michael	£192
2008-09	Friends Meeting House, Settle	£1500
2010-11	St Oswalds, Thornton-in-Lonsdale	£1000
	Burton-in-Lonsdale PCC	£400
	St James', Clapham	£1000
	Langcliffe PCC	£2000
2012-13	Long Preston PCC	£2000

This is a remarkable record for a small charity which derives most of its income from members' subscriptions and demonstrates that careful husbandry can result in help being provided for important heritage assets in our local community. It is a fitting use of our charitable funds given our objectives, which are to:

1. Encourage high standards of planning and architecture, and,
2. Stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the area, and,
3. Encourage the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest.