



## Welcome!

We are very pleased to welcome on board the following new members: Mr. J. and Mrs. C. Beckett, Ms Y. Beech, Mr. P. and Mrs. S. Fisher, Mr. L.A. Hardy, Mr. J. Mason, Dr. P. Metcalfe, Mr. J.M. and Mrs. R.M. Pearson, Mrs. C. Purchas and Mr. R. Mitchell, Mr. H. and Mrs. V. Rogerson, and Mr. T. and Mrs. J. Sharman. Everyone, keep up the good recruitment work!

## Chairman's Report

In March we hit a high note with our celebration of North Craven's Musical Heritage "Making Music in Settle". We heard rousing jazz from Dales Jam and RAMJam and an appealing programme of choral music in The Folly from Octameron. Seated at the organ in the lovely setting of Giggleswick School Chapel, Paul Fisher took us on a journey through our musical heritage from plainsong to the present day. Settle Orchestra provided the finale with a beautiful programme of music by Mendelssohn, Haydn and Mozart.

Whilst all these events were greatly enjoyed by the audiences, I hope that they have also reminded people of the strength, breadth and depth of our music-making talent in North Craven.

At the beginning of June David Johnson treated us to his 14<sup>th</sup> Summer Outing which took us to Lanercost Church and Priory in the morning; and to Naworth Castle in the afternoon. We were shown round Naworth by the owner, Philip Howard, who in addition to telling us about the history and features of the building explained his plans to make the castle pay its way. It was a particularly interesting visit. The committee has started planning the 2017 programme and we are delighted that David has agreed to lead an Outing once again.

A number of our members are active in the "Stories in Stone", the Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership Scheme, which is planned to run for four years. David Johnson is leading a programme of archaeological survey at Thorns, the deserted settlement near Gearstones. It is hoped that targeted excavation will follow and some structures will be consolidated. Interpretive and educational resources will be produced. Other members are actively working on "Capturing the Past", cataloguing and digitising local archives to make them publicly available. Mike Slater is our link with this.

The trustees of The Folly have been busy developing plans to make that wonderful building economically independent whilst retaining as much as possible for public access. Expanding on its present role, it is hoped that the building will become a heritage and arts centre whilst respecting the character of the building. We wish the trustees well and hope to be able to support their work.

## Visit to The Grange Garden Thursday 11 August 2016.

This beautiful garden is open under the National Gardens Scheme which raises money for charity. Our visit has been arranged especially for NCHT members and the garden will not be open to other visitors on that day. We hope that Mrs Wooler, the owner, will be available to show us round, but in any case her gardener will be available to answer questions about the garden.

Some of you may have visited the Garden previously, but don't let that put you off visiting again. Gardens as large and varied as this one have different delights at every time of the year and indeed in different years. If you have not visited before you are in for a real treat!

The cost is £7.00 per head which includes refreshments and is payable on the day.

**Directions:**

The Grange, Carla Beck Lane, Carleton, Skipton. BD23 3BU.

From the A59 (going from the Gargrave roundabout towards Clitheroe) turn left towards Carleton and follow the narrow winding road to the village. Turn left at the Swan Inn and as you leave the village bear right into Carla Beck Lane and The Grange is on your right. Parking is limited so please arrange to share cars where possible. Any queries please call Carole Beattie 01729 823497.

Look forward to seeing you there

## Planning Matters

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Local Plan has now been published and goes before the Planning Inspector in July to determine if it can be "considered sound" before it comes into use as the framework within which planning applications are considered. We had commented on earlier versions of the Plan and were generally supportive of its approach to heritage matters.

We submitted comments in May regarding the Craven Local Plan, in a joint effort with the North Craven Building Preservation Trust. We were supportive in general of the Heritage section of the plan and we agreed with the importance of identifying and conserving Craven's non-designated heritage assets, offering to play a role in helping identify such assets in the North Craven Area. Regarding specific site options for possible development we objected to several of these in the Settle and Rathmell area, as we had in earlier consultations, and added objections to possible development of the Lower Greenfoot car park in Settle and of the land in Giggleswick bordering the A65.

## The Lancaster University / NCHT Bursary project 2016

The Lancaster University History Department works in conjunction with several local organisations such as the North Craven Heritage Trust to provide placement and projects for students. The NCHT offered five different projects for

MA students, either as part of their MA dissertation, or as a placement for the module Outreach, Heritage and Public History Placement. I applied for the project 'Wills and Inventories for Giggleswick, 1700-1750', comparing these with those of earlier centuries already documented in The Giggleswick Wills Project'. All the wills and inventories pertaining to the parish of Giggleswick between 1390 and 1750 had been digitised over the past several years which made the task of analysing these documents a lot easier. It was agreed I would produce an article for the Journal.

Working with a client on a project is not something I had done before and in all it was a valuable educational experience. I met with Professor Winchester to discuss the possibility of researching the 'middling sort' of people in the parish of Giggleswick, in particular looking at patterns of bequest. Work had already been done on the material possessions of the parish inhabitants, so I thought that by looking at which relatives, or other non-kin groups, the testators were making bequests to I could obtain quantitative data to analyse. Initially, the Trust had not wanted to burden me with large amounts of material in view of the short project time, but in light of the line of research I wanted to take, an analysis going back to 1600 was expected to produce more wide-ranging and significant results.

I was invited to Settle to take a look around the town and especially to see the date stones, most of which dated from the period I was looking at and were erected by the people I was researching. We followed the Settle Town trail around points of interest including sites of old wells, unusual windows, the location of old shops, and the Quaker meeting house.

In all, I have thoroughly enjoyed this project and I feel I have learnt a lot from it. I have very much enjoyed working with the North Craven Heritage Trust and hope to take the skills I have learnt whilst working on this project on to future projects.

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