



### **Welcome!**

We are delighted to welcome to the membership of NCHT.

### **Chair's Message**

I'm sorry to have to report that we lost our fight to save the last remaining building of High Mill at Bentham. Although the planning officer agreed with us that the building, although not listed, should be regarded as a heritage asset, the Craven District Council Planning Committee members went against the advice of the officer and voted unanimously for the building to be demolished.

We remain very concerned about Craven District Council's proposed planning application for three retail outlets with flats above to be built on the site of the Ashfield Car Park toilet block in Settle. This building would have a devastating impact on the Friends Meeting House and surroundings. Whilst realising that this is a busy time of year I urge you to send in an objection if you haven't already done so. There is still just time!

These matters highlight the uphill struggle we face to preserve our heritage and the importance of the work of the Trust in North Craven. It is for this reason that it is vital we continue to attract members to support the work we do and I would urge you to persuade friends and neighbours to take out a subscription and join us.

Accompanying this newsletter is our programme of events for 2023 which, following the difficulties we have had in the last couple of years due to Covid, we have at last been able to arrange well in advance. I hope you will agree that we have got a good line up of events with something for everyone and I thank Sue

Cariss for the hard work she has done in pulling it all together.

I am pleased that we have been able to keep the 2023 subscription costs the same as last year, particularly in the present economic climate, and hope that you agree that they continue to give good value for money

I hope to see you all at our Mince Pie Event and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### **Journal Index**

At the last AGM the question was asked about providing an index for the on-line edition of the Journal. At the moment the reader has to search through the contents listed for each edition, so the production of an index would be of great benefit. Do any of our members have any experience of indexing and would be willing to provide advice on the best way of tackling this? Please contact the editor on 015242 5174 or [nchteditor@yahoo.com](mailto:nchteditor@yahoo.com)

### **Free to a good home!**

We have been given copies of the Architectural History Journal (1958 to 2016) and The Antiquaries Journal (1999 to 2018). If you would like single copies or the complete run get in touch with the editor and we can arrange delivery.

### **Internet resources**

In a previous Newsletter we listed a number of interesting websites containing a wealth of material, talks etc. on local history. The following have been recommended also. So if you are tired of endless reality TV, crime dramas and football why not give them a go!

PLACE (People, Landscapes and Cultural Environment of Yorkshire) [www.place.uk.com](http://www.place.uk.com) Details of events and an extensive list of publications.

Yorkshire Philosophical Society [www.ypsyork.org](http://www.ypsyork.org) Biographical details of Yorkshire scientists and innovators & details of lecture series/ talks.

The Linnean Society [www.linnean.org](http://www.linnean.org)  
An amazing collection of videos, podcasts and recorded meeting on all aspects of natural history. Search under 'learning'. Includes material for children of all ages.

Royal Geographical Society [www.rgs.org](http://www.rgs.org) Includes on-line lectures open to all.

### **Legacies**

Bequests are invaluable in supporting our grants for the restoration of historic buildings and providing grants for students and others to research the past. If you believe that it is important to protect the unique heritage of North Craven for the future, please help to keep this place special by leaving a gift in your will for the Trust to use in 'cherishing the past, shaping the future' (North Craven Heritage Trust Registered Charity No. 504029). Depending on your circumstances bequests to UK charities may reduce death duties.

### **Your contact details**

To ensure we can keep in touch with members during this difficult period, if you change, or have changed, your contact details, particularly your email address – or have acquired an email address, please let Anne Webster, NCHT Secretary, know.

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