



### **A warm welcome**

From January this year we are delighted to welcome into membership Ms Pauline Elliott, Mrs Rachel Dunlop, Mr Michael Bramley and Mr Paul Hambley, Mrs Margaret Dickinson, Ms Nancy Steadman, Mr Richard Fattorini, Mr Michael and Mrs Laura Parker, Mrs Sue Arnott, Mr Martin and Mrs Helen Moran, Mr Charlie Yorke and Mrs Katie Yorke, Mr Chris Hirst and Dr Clare Littlejohn, Ms Hannah Rose and Mr J M Pearson.

### **Chair's message**

I am pleased that members have stuck with us during the last year and embraced our successful Zoom talks. The talks have been widely advertised and through them we are fortunate to have been joined by a number of new members, whom I warmly welcome. We will continue with the Zoom talks for the next few months until we are more confident about the releasing of the restrictions. Unfortunately we do not think it is feasible to organise our usual summer outing but we do plan to organise a walk once we believe it is safe to do so.

An organisation always needs new blood from time to time to keep it vibrant and as you will see below we have a number of opportunities for some new faces at our committee meetings. We are a very friendly bunch and I urge you to consider joining us!

### **Treasurer**

I am sorry to report that we are going to be losing our Hon. Treasurer Nigel Hoff at our AGM in October. Nigel joined the committee at the same time as I did and has been an excellent keeper of our finances during the last couple of years. We have all enjoyed working with him and will be very sorry to lose him but understand fully that he would find it difficult to remain as Treasurer now he has moved to Scotland. We are grateful that he

is willing to stay on for the next six months until we find a replacement. I would like to think we could find a new Treasurer from within our own membership, or from a recommendation from a member. If you are interested in joining us, or think you know someone who might be, please could you contact me as soon as possible so that we could discuss what is involved?

### **Sponsorship Co-ordinator**

As a gesture of support for local businesses during these difficult times, the Trustees decided not to charge for the advertisements in this year's Journal. However, next year we will be charging for the advertisements and we need a new Sponsorship Co-ordinator. This is an important role for the Trust as the advertising revenue is vital to set off against the cost of the Journal. If you feel you would like to take on the role could you please get in touch.

### **Trust archivist**

Until he retired as a Trustee at the last AGM, Mike Slater had expertly looked after the Trust's archives for a number of years. We are now looking for someone else to take on his role and again if you are interested, or know of anyone else who may be, please contact me.

### **Planning**

There have been a number of issues about planning over the last few months but we have been most concerned about the application to build a large, inappropriate extension on the back of the former NatWest Bank in Settle, which is a Grade II listed building. We have made representations as a Trust and there are various complicated issues about the failure of the Craven District Council ward councillors to call the applications into the planning committee last year, which resulted in delegated listed building permission being granted.

The applications are due to go before the planning committee again on 15<sup>th</sup> March and we await an outcome. If anyone is interested in planning matters, and feels like getting involved on the committee in that capacity, they would be very welcome to join us.

### **Horner Collection**

As you know we circulated an email to members about The Folly's crowdfunder which had been launched to raise money to help with the purchase of the Horner Collection. I am pleased to be able to report that they raised the original target of £1750 within a couple of days of the launch after which they stretched the target to £4000 so as to raise enough to help with match funding for the cataloguing and preservation of the collection. They have exceeded this target too which is excellent news and means the Horner Collection can remain safely in North Craven.

### **2021 Photographic survey of the area**

Whilst still in its infancy, a small subcommittee of trustees are exploring a way of embarking on a photographic survey of the area, similar to those done in the past in the early years of the Trust. More details will follow in due course.

Finally, can I remind members to take part in the government consultation on local government reorganisation? The proposal and consultation details can be found at:-

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/governance-reform-and-democracy/northyorkshire/>

As we have said before the future of our local democracy depends on us taking part!

*Pam Jordan*

### **Settle Manorial Court rolls**

Last year a project was completed on the Settle Manorial Court rolls for the reign of Edward VI, 1547 to 1553, the translation from Latin being carried out professionally by Simon Neal. This was funded with a grant of £400 made by the NCHT Historical and Archaeological Projects Fund. The work has been continued with a grant of £300 to Simon to translate the rolls for the period of 1553-1558 when Mary Tudor, then Mary and Philip II of Spain, held the crown. For the period 1547 to 1558 we now have lists of tenants of the Manor of Settle and a record of the proceedings of the manorial court held twice yearly. The records are bound in a book held in the Chatsworth House Archives since the current lord of the manor is the Duke of Devonshire.

The records give insight into the population size and the behaviour of inhabitants – their petty misdemeanours and more serious affrays and brawls. An affray was fined 3s 4d and 6s 8d if blood was drawn. Offences such as trespass (damage to property) and detention of goods (such as a saddle, a dish, a candlestick) were common. Most frequently complaints were about unpaid debts – from 10d for a yard of woollen cloth, to 38s 11d claimed by an executrix for certain merchandise. These debts provide information on the values of wheat, oats, meat of an ox, geese, horses, and cost of riding and carriage of letters to York.

The lord of the manor reaped income from fines imposed by the court, amounting to sums ranging from about 14s to 50s per court session, with court costs of 4s to 7s being deducted.

The documents can be read on the NCHT website under the heading 'archives' then 'Archive Index'. Many 16th and 17th century documents of interest to Settle held at Chatsworth remain to be inspected over coming years, but there are cost implications.

*Mike Slater*

### **NCHT website**

Our website is a vital communication channel for members and the public, as well as a growing repository for our archives. Frank Woodhams and David Holdsworth have given the Trust sterling service over the years running it. We are very grateful to them. But there comes a time to move on, and now is that time.

We are looking for a volunteer (webmistress? webmaster?) to take on the updating and development of the NCHT website. If you have relevant experience and would like to talk it through please get in touch, in the first instance, with John Asher ([john@joesclose.co.uk](mailto:john@joesclose.co.uk) 01729 825075).

### **Publications**

For some reading for yourself or to give as a present, take a look at our 'Publications to purchase' page on the website. They include David Johnson's two recent books, *Settle - A Historic Market Town* and *Time Please! 'Lost' Inns, Pubs and Alehouses of the Yorkshire Dales* (reprinted 2021 with minor changes). They, and most other books, can be posted to members for just £1 extra at this time. Doorhead cards, too, can be bought for £8 for 5 post-paid. Email orders to [nchtbooks@gmail.com](mailto:nchtbooks@gmail.com) or phone 01729 825075.