



Mince Pie Event

Eagle-eyed members may have noticed on our printed programme that the Mince Pie event on 8th December is to have speakers from our membership. We are hoping that there might be 3 or 4 members who would each like to make a short presentation (15 to 20 minutes) about a subject that they have been researching or are interested in. The committee felt this would be a good way of involving members and I hope that we have some willing volunteers!

Craven Museum, Skipton

Congratulations for being shortlisted as one of five finalists for the Art Fund Museum of the Year 2024. The winner will be announced on 10th July. Good luck!

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

An exhibition 'Labour of Love. Land, lives and nature in England's Upland Commons' is on until 8th September 2024. There are also demonstrations of drystone walling each month as well as guided walks (the Hawes trail, geology, rural heritage & natural history) as well as numerous 'Hands on History' sessions in the Museum. Other events will be added throughout the year so it is worth keeping a look at their website www.dalescountryside-museum.org.uk

Take a Closer Look at Giggleswick

This booklet was originally written by Rita & Phil Hudson and has now been re-published by the Trust, with extensive revisions by Michael Slater as well as new photographs. The booklet is on sale for £5 at Limestone Books in Settle, the Folly and the Tourist Information Office in Settle.

Admission to talks & events

Over the past months we have been experimenting with charging members, as well as visitors, for attending talks.

As this has risked our falling foul of gift aid regulations we have modelled our policy on the National Trust. This means that, for members, admissions to talks & walks will be free but donations will be very welcome. The cost of a typical talk is around £70, including the speaker's expenses and honorarium & the hire of a hall. If we all give a small donation at each talk we would cover that cost. The admission charge for non-members will be £5 & starts from our first meeting in February 2024.

New Books

David Johnson has had two books published recently: *Millstones of the Pennines & North West England* (Amberley Publishing) and *Drystone Walls in a Westmorland Landscape: Asby walls in detail and in context* (Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society).

Laurel Phillipson's *Roots of Radicalism, a context for early Quakerism in the Yorkshire Dales* has just been republished as an expanded second edition. It can be purchased by sending a cheque for £15.50 (made payable to Airton Friends Meeting) to The Resident Friend, Airton Meeting House, Calton Lane, Airton, BD23 4AE or by BACS (30-91-12, A/c 00259013).

The Folly, Settle

Did you know that there are free tours of the Folly each Thursday at 11.30am until 26th September. The tours last about 45 minutes. As well as the permanent displays there are also exhibitions throughout the year. 'Finding Fault' is devoted to the geology of the Craven Faults and John Phillips (1800-1874) who pioneered early studies into the geology of the Settle area. Not to be missed – it ends 3rd December 2024.

Legacies and Grants

As Pam has mentioned in the Journal, legacies are important in enabling the Trust to make grants to preserve the distinctive character and heritage of North Craven. If you are updating your will, and you have enjoyed living in this beautiful area, please consider a bequest, large or small, to the Trust. Your solicitor will need to refer to us as “North Craven Heritage Trust (RCN: 504029)”. It will be put to good use!

The Trustees have reviewed our grant policies to more accurately reflect our current practice. Grants are now available under four headings:

1. To support historic buildings (including places of worship) in North Craven, that are not in private ownership, to fund essential restoration.
2. To support historical and / or **archaeological research** in North Craven. These grants are intended for individual researchers or informal groups of individual researchers working collaboratively. Grants to established groups or societies may be considered in exceptional circumstances.
3. To support **MA (or PhD) students in a research project** of relevance to the historic heritage of North Craven.
4. To support **cultural or environmental projects** of specific relevance to North Craven. Supported events or developments must be open to the public on a regular basis.

More detailed criteria for each type of grant and how to apply are on the website under “Grants”. Trustees plan to promote grant availability later in the year with a special leaflet. In the meantime, please tell anyone who might be interested about our grant availability.

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Your contact details

To ensure we can keep in touch with members if you change, or have changed, your contact details, particularly your email address – or have acquired an email address, please let John Asher know.

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