



## Welcome!

On a cheerful note ....

We are very pleased to welcome these new (or returning) members to the Trust: Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Ball, Mr. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hine, Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Connell, Mrs. E.M. Pattison, Mrs. C. Taylor, Dr D. Wall, and Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Woolley. We hope to see you at our events. On a less cheerful note, our membership could still do with more of a boost as sadly we have lost a number of our older members. Do encourage your friends, neighbours and newcomers to the area to join.

Membership is very cheap and as well our popular talks and outings there is the annual journal to look forward to, with its wide variety of local articles - and it's all in a good cause!

*Mary Slater*

## Chairman's Report

### Settle Town and Country Walk

NCHT and The Royal Geographical Society join forces on Saturday August 15 to showcase the landscape and history of Settle and its surrounding countryside to their members and the general public. The event will be in two parts – an introductory illustrated talk from 11.00am-12 noon at the Quaker Meeting House in Kirkgate (admission £2.50), followed by a circular six mile guided walk from 1 to 5pm from the Market Place. Both talk and walk will look at unusual features of the town and the formation, history and development of the surrounding landscape and they may be enjoyed together or as individual events.

The context of the walk will be introduced in the morning talk by NCHT member Dr Tony Stephens, who developed the walk for the Royal Geographical Society. The afternoon walk will involve about 400 metres of climb, including some rough paths as well as spectacular scenery. Hill walking footwear and clothing are essential. No dogs please.

If you missed Tony's NCHT talk last February, now is your chance to hear it. But if you were there in February, you can now walk the talk!

### Autumn Programme

After that our first talk of the autumn will be on Weds. 16 Sept. at 7.30 in Clapham Village Hall when Ken Pearce & David Crutchley will be telling us about 'The Farrer Family'.

## Summer Outing

Some 35 of us basked in the inevitable sunshine to enjoy David Johnson's 13th consecutive Summer Outing, a record equalled only by Geoff Naylor who has been on all of them. Slipping across the border we viewed the tombs of the great and the good in Great Mitton Church, the neighbouring Hall, then on to Ribchester for a splendid guided tour of the site, bath house and museum. We finished with the lovely Norman Church and alms houses at Stydd. What a record of inspiring visits over 13 years!

David is planning a particularly grand 2016 summer outing during the second week in June. This would be a visit to the beautiful Lanercost Priory and Naworth Castle near Carlisle. Whilst Lanercost Priory is open to the public, Naworth, the home of Philip Howard, is not. Built around the late 13th century to keep the peace in the wild border lands it is an imposing castle set in a 17th century walled garden, and is only open by arrangement. This would be a very special and privileged visit to a remarkable and historic castle.

Bearing in mind the distance (about 85 miles each way) David would be prepared to hire and drive a minibus for those who would like to come but for whom the drive might be too much. Costs will be around £26 for admissions (including tea/coffee and cake at Naworth – less for Historic England members), and a further £6 plus a contribution to fuel for those requiring minibus transport. Other members will also be going by car and offering seats.

The reason for mentioning all this now is that Naworth does require a minimum of 30 people – and we will need to get our booking in well before the end of this year. So please could you think carefully about this and, if at all possible, commit NOW to coming in the second week of June 2016. Please contact David by email ([d.johnson.50@btinternet.com](mailto:d.johnson.50@btinternet.com)), phone (01729 822915) or post (27 Ingfield Lane, Settle BD24 9BA).

## Bursary

As you may remember from the last newsletter, we awarded a bursary this academic year to a Lancaster University MA student to research and help to curate the Riley Collection in The Folly, working with Anne Read. Good progress was made up to mid-February but since then our student has been unable to continue. As a result the talk about the collection planned for September will not now take place.

## Trustees

Sadly, Mrs Jules Marley has had to resign as a trustee due to increased commitments within the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England. Jules was our primary link with CPRE, and we thank her for her service and wish her well in her new responsibilities.

This brings the number of vacancies on the Trust Committee to three – please consider helping the work of the Trust by joining us on the Committee. Please contact me (01729 825075) to find out more.

*John Asher*

## Update on Archives

In past months we have been extracting pertinent information – names of people and properties mainly – from deeds held at the West Yorkshire Archive Service Registry of Deeds in Wakefield for the townships of Giggleswick, Hellifield, Langeliffe, Long Preston, Rathmell, Settle and Wigglesworth. The spreadsheets containing this information are now on our website where several sets can be viewed. The photographs of deeds (taken by Tony Stephens) can be consulted in our archives but not copied without the permission of WYAS. There are more than 2000 photographs of deeds is sometimes difficult to read but with to look at carefully and catalogue; the handwriting practice this problem dissipates. So far we have done Giggleswick, Langeliffe, Stainforth and Wigglesworth and are now working on Settle and Rathmell. We seek a computer-literate volunteer to undertake (at home) the task for Long Preston (about 400 deeds) to speed up the process. It takes about 5 minutes to deal with each deed. The date range for these deeds is 1704 to 1844. The project solves the problem of travel to Wakefield to carry out research on local matters, for which we are grateful to both Tony Stephens and the West Yorkshire Archive Service.

Also on the website can now be viewed transcriptions of the Clifford Surveys of 1520 and 1579 made by Tony Stephens (copyright owner). The original documents are the property of Mr Sebastian Fattorini of Skipton Castle and they are held by the Yorkshire

Archaeological Society in Leeds. Photographs of the surveys are held in the NCHT archives but cannot be copied without permission of Skipton Castle. Tony has written about these surveys as can be seen on the website introduction to the documents. We are grateful to both parties for making these important papers to be easily accessible for local people.

Photographs have also been made of most of the papers in the archives. Early papers associated with the Settle and District Civic Society and the Museum of North Craven Life have not been fully copied, nor the detailed programmes and tickets for the Simon Lindley concerts. The photographs are not of the highest quality but will be insurance against any loss of original material by being kept in separate locations.

*Mike Slater*

## The projection equipment

Our computer and projector used for talks are not the most recent models and will have to be replaced one day. If the projector lamp fails we have a spare but it could take 20 to 30 minutes to replace because it may have to cool down. It would be helpful for Mike Slater (01729 823205) to know who of our members would be willing to be called upon in an emergency to provide back-up equipment.

Looking to the future, new types of projectors which can take a flash drive (i.e. no computer required) and projectors with low energy LEDs are now available but they are expensive or not powerful enough for our purposes. The sharing of equipment with other groups may have to be considered when we next must buy something. Some venues have their own equipment but not all. Ideas, anyone?

## Stop Press Good News

DigVentures has received £100,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Their 'Under the Uplands' project will include the digitisation of the important Victoria Cave archives in partnership with Tom Lord and the community –led excavation of the unexcavated Haggs Brow Cave, Settle.