



## North Craven Historical Research Group

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### Newsletter January 2015

**The Seasons Greetings to you all, hope you had a good Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year with anticipation!**

#### 1. NCHRG Accounts to December 2014

HSBC Bank	IN	OUT
Balance B/Fwd January	254-00	May S. Gordon travel ex. £ 74-10 R. Hudson travel ex 80-10

Total at bank December 2014 £100-04

Skipton Building Society A/C 2014	IN	OUT
Total B/Fwd	£ 2487-93	to Bank A/C (2013) 500-00
Cash donation	5-00	tax deducted (2013) 5-54
Interest	24-82	“ “ 4-96
	<hr/> £ 2517-75	<hr/> 510-50

Total at Skipton B.S. December 2014 £2,007-25

2. There are a number of changes to our contacts list due to moving, changing e-mails, and, unfortunately, passing away. I will add a list at the bottom of this newsletter so that if you know of any further changes you can let me know and I can keep the list updated. Please remember that such details are personal information and should NEVER be given to third parties without permission from the person concerned.

3. The Projector is back in the office at Procter House now in case anybody needs to borrow it. It continues to be used quite regularly by community groups who do not have their own machine.

4. The Display Boards remain with Geoff Knight for Giggleswick Show, but have been used throughout the year by other community groups for putting on temporary exhibitions.

5. All archive material has been backed up to a hard disc for safety. There is now over one million items in the archive and now needs a 3 terabyte hard drive to accommodate it all. We are currently working on scanning part of the late Stan Lawrence's archive to computer. Transcribing Close Roll items, sets of Eliz I material and mapping - interpreting - collating a vast amount of field work notes and photos, and continuing transcription of our deeds collections.

6. We are working with YD Millenium Group (The Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership) in their bid for Lottery money - for North Craven Heritage Groups. We are still awaiting a reply for an outline bid the NCHR group placed with them some time ago to set up a hub website, and central digital archive, that will be copyright free, also free for community use. This is now being updated and a copy will be sent to you in the near future.

7. Mike Slater has been out speaking at various history groups throughout the year enlightening people of his wall creep dating theory, after extensive measuring fieldwork in Langcliffe assisted by Ken Pearce. The paper can be read on the group web archive.

8. Other work being completed last year included Transcribing some of the Austwick Court Baron Books by Michael Pearson and Sheila Gordon. It is hoped to add these to the Archive shortly. Phil's great tome on the Upper Ribblesdale Water Mills is now on the stocks for printing. His Wenningdale Mills booklet has been updated ready for a re-print next month.

9. Following on from the successful Giggleswick and other parish Wills Project, researcher/member Sheila Gordon started looking for the Inventories that should have been with them. Unfortunately it turned out that the majority of the North Craven Inventories were still in their original rolled up state and not available to look at. However after much discussion with the Borthwick Institute where the Inventories are stored she applied for an award to the Heritage Lottery Fund. She has just received confirmation of a grant for £7,200 to photograph the Inventories of North Craven Wills held at Borthwick Institute. The Inventories will then be transcribed for our archives, giving a good insight into life in North Craven in 18<sup>th</sup> century. Most of the money, some £6000, will go towards having the inventories flattened and cleaned at Borthwick prior to the group photographing them. Training will be given to prospective transcribers, and events held to show the results.

10. Please let us know what research you have been busy doing recently or are thinking of doing later this year so we can keep everyone informed of what is happening in North Craven.

Best wishes,  
Rita & Phil

**NCHRG Committee Members: Chairman Phil Hudson; Treasurer David Johnson; Secretary Rita Hudson; Archivist & Project Coordinator Phil Hudson., Outreach Prof. Kit Dodson, I.T./GPS Mark Simpson.**