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NEWSLETTER MAY 2014

1. Hi everyone – just a few notes to let you know we are still here beavering away putting material into the computer archive so that it can eventually go onto the Public Web Pages. The latest work has consisted of material from the late Stan Lawrence of Austwick collection. Though this is mainly secondary transcription material there are some interesting bits.

2. As far as accounts are concerned there was a Total Carried Forward to HSBC Bank A/C in January 2014 of £ 254. 24.

The Skipton Building Society Account Balance at January 2014 was £ 1,982.39.

3. Sheila Gordon has finished transcribing Giggleswick Wills to 1750 and has now commenced looking for Probate Inventories to go with the Wills. To this end she is working closely with staff at the Borthwick Institute to put forward a proposal as part of NCHRG to the Heritage Lottery Fund for money to provide a Conservation Assistant to flatten the documents prior to photographing them. We wish her well and look forward to the outcome of the proposal.

4. Sheila and Rita have also been visiting Wakefield Archive looking at Quarter Sessions and Deeds.

5. David Johnson and IAG have received funding to undertake a dig at Top Close, Selside over the late May bank holiday, though surveying work will begin sooner. Contact David if you are interested in helping in any way [d.johnson.50@btinternet.com] or attend an open meeting at Horton Village Hall on Thursday May 15th. David will also be working with YDNP and Giggleswick School leading a dig of the zig-zag trenches believed to have been used by the School's Army Cadets for training purposes. He has also been very busy giving 'talks' to various History Groups in the area.

6. The Projector will be available from Judith Allinson at [jallinson@daelnet.co.uk] over the summer months so please contact her if you need to borrow it.

7. Most of the Display Boards are with Geoff Knight for Giggleswick Show, though Malham Church also have one lot for an exhibition they are putting on.

8. All archive material has been backed up to a hard disc for safety.

9. Mike Slater and Tom Lord have been continuing work on dating limestone walls and have written a lengthy article on the subject which will go onto the website shortly with a shorter one in the Drystone Walling Association's newsletter.

10. Hope you all have a good summer.

Rita & Phil