

Moonraking - "the following of crazy fancies." (Chamber's 20th C Dictionary)

This group began in February 2003, so that people with an interest in Cowling's past, could enjoy it together, instead of in isolation.

Aims agreed by the group in 2005 –

To gain enjoyment from recording and sharing as much as possible of Cowling's rich history.

To assist in the revitalising of the village, by raising its profile locally and worldwide, through announcing its place in history, imparted through websites and other forms of communication.

'To tell the story of a community is to give it value.'

Memberships

Mark Barnes, Maurice Benson, Basil Newby, Rob Porteus, Brian Ridehalgh, Joan Tindale, Mark Wilson, Ken Edgar jnr, Kevin Brigg, Margaret Gott, Maureen Cowgill, , Adrian Haupt, Grant Devine, Dennis Harker, Rachel Vincett , Josie Walsh, Norman Binns, Eric Emmett, and David Brooke

Visitors

(Name, contact details and reason for visit)

Items Discussed at July 2009 Meeting

Cowling Hill Mine, + Gill Beck Mill fire, June 1870 – Mark B

Walk - 7.00 pm 27.07.09 Cracoe, Hetton and Boardley Local History group – Mark B

Drystone tribute to David Hoyle – Mark B

Website – Mark B

Roll-a-Penny games – Mark B

Village Hall boiler - Joan

Gala stall – 25.07.09 – Joan

Update – Cowling Hill grave, albums WW1 & 2, Nan Scar amenity site - Joan

Agenda for Meeting August 2009

1. History requests/ artefacts/ documents (visitors)
2. Matters arising from last meeting
3. Gala stall/ games – Mark B
4. Visit from – Hetton, Cracoe, Boardley and Rylestone History Group – Mark B & Joan
5. Time Capsule Tin – Mark B
6. Website – Mark B
7. Projector - Joan
8. David Hoyle prints - Joan
9. 1950's footpath map - Joan
10. Wainman's gun - Joan
11. Newsletter – "Do you know" for August – Mine info I forgot in July - Mark B
12. Other items
History requests/ artefacts/ documents (members)

Next session: September 3rd. Venue: Village Hall, time 7.30 pm