

**Moonraking** - "the following of crazy fancies." (Chamber's 20<sup>th</sup> 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 it's 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, David Hoyle, Kevin Brigg, Margaret Gott, Maureen Cowgill, , Adrian Haupt, Grant Devine, Dennis Harker, Rachel Vincett, Josie Walsh, Norman Binns and Eric Emmett

### **Visitors**

(Name, contact details and reason for visit)

### **Items Discussed at November 2008 Meeting**

1. Cowling's war deaths. - Joan
2. Youth Club Film & Book - Joan
3. Moonrakers' Website, praise, permission sought, hosting fee. –Mark B
4. Storage items – North Yorks CC – Mark B
5. Recreation ground Event – April - Joan
6. Short Local History Items - Joan

### **Agenda for February 2009 Meeting**

1. History requests/ artefacts/ documents (visitors)
2. Emmott Diaries – Mark W
3. Recreation Ground Event – 4<sup>th</sup> April – old games? - Joan
4. Nan Scar Amenity Site – Joan
5. Moonrakers Website – Mark B
6. Mystery murder of 1908 – Craven Herald
7. Parish Council History - Joan
8. Lost Ickornshaw Moor Map - Joan
9. Ideas for future meetings:
  - Street Names – reasons for – Mark W
  - Census Records – What can they tell us about our village? Mark B
10. Newsletter – "Do you know" for March – Mark B
11. Other items
12. History requests/ artefacts/ documents (members)

**Next session:**        **March 5th Venue: Village Hall, time 7.30 pm**