

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.'

Members

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 June 2009 Meeting

Ancient stones
Old farms list
Recreation Ground event
1887 conveyance Old Black Bull, Nan Scar
D Hoyle - John Binns' Mill prints
Cowling Fire hydrants 1938
Jonas Bradley
Snowden memorial Cairn sign
Fossilised trees

Agenda for Meeting July 2009

1. History requests/ artefacts/ documents (visitors)
2. Matters arising from June meeting
3. Cowling Hill Mine, + Gill Beck Mill fire, June 1870 - Mark B
4. Walk - 7.00 pm 27.07.09 Cracoe, Hetton and Boardley Local History group - Mark B
5. Drystone tribute to David Hoyle - Mark B
6. Website - Mark B
7. Roll-a-Penny games - Mark B
8. Village Hall boiler - Joan
9. Gala stall - 25.07.09 - Joan
10. Update - Cowling Hill grave, albums WW1 & 2, Nan Scar amenity site - Joan
11. Newsletter - "Do you know" for August - Mark B
12. Other items
History requests/ artefacts/ documents (members)

Next session: August 6th. Venue: Village Hall, time 7.30 pm