

# Northern Spring Meeting at Gargrave, North Yorkshire

**Saturday 12 April 2025**

Join us on the edge of the scenic Yorkshire Dales for the opportunity to catch up with other members and enjoy an interesting and varied programme of talks.

## AM

- **Guest speaker: Jenny Hill**, Lead Curator, Craven Museum, Skipton; “Behind the Scenes at Craven Museum – how do we look after a collection of 60,000 objects?”
- **Jacqueline Crowther**, M Soc member & community volunteer in SW Scotland; “Milestone restoration around Port William”
- **Rob Westlake**, M Soc Chairman & former OS Surveyor; “Why do milestones have benchmarks?”
- **Dr Paul Hindle**, author & retired University Senior Lecturer in Geography; “Milestones on the Manchester, Bolton & Bury canal”

## PM **Hunting milestones** – a discussion session for everyone to join in

Share your experiences of looking for milestones, boundary markers etc. Discuss what you have found works best. Do you use OS paper maps, Google maps, The Milestone Society database, GPS devices, metal detectors?

A couple of short, illustrated presentations will start us off;

- **Dr Paul Hindle** “Using historic maps for research”
- **Hilary Jones**, M Soc Vice-chair; “The challenges of finding milestones on site”

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Our venue is: **The Annex, Gargrave Village Hall, 20 West Street, Gargrave, BD23 3PT**

Gargrave is on the A65 and also has rail services from West Yorkshire and Cumbria ([NorthernRailway.co.uk](http://NorthernRailway.co.uk)). There is an hourly bus service from Skipton and Lancaster ([Dalesbus.org](http://Dalesbus.org)). Free parking at the village hall (30 spaces) and an adjacent public car park.



Doors open 9:30am for a 10am start. Finish around 3.30pm.

We'll have use of the village hall kitchen if you want to bring a packed lunch. There's also a couple of cafes, a pub and a Co-op store in Gargrave.

The room has a seating capacity for 40 people so if you're planning to attend please contact **Hilary Jones** at [webadmin@milestonesociety.co.uk](mailto:webadmin@milestonesociety.co.uk) by **21 March 2024** so we've got an idea of numbers.