



**QRA / BCRA field meeting**

**Preliminary notice**

***Cave archaeology and karst geomorphology in North West England***

**Thursday evening 21 June to Sunday afternoon 24 June 2012.**

*Organisers:* Hannah O'Regan (Liverpool John Moores University) and Trevor Faulkner (University of Birmingham)

**Background**

This field meeting will be jointly organised by the Quaternary Research Association and the British Cave Research Association, including the newly-formed BCRA Cave Archaeology Special Interest Group. It will consider recent research into cave archaeology and aspects of karst geomorphology in Cumbria and the Yorkshire Dales, where the latest results are informing us about glaciations since MIS15 or earlier, the later stages of the Devensian glaciation, and human influences since the Late Glacial. The QRA Field Guides: *Western Pennines* (Mitchell, 1991), *The Quaternary of the eastern Yorkshire Dales* (Howard and Macklin, 1998) and *Isle of Man and NW England* (Chiverrell *et al.*, 2004) cover adjacent areas with little overlap. Other relevant publications include *Limestones and Caves of NW England* (Waltham, 1974), *The geomorphology of NW England* (Johnson, 1985) and *Karst and Caves of Great Britain* (Chapters 2 & 3) (Waltham *et al.*, 1997: GCR Vol. 12).

**Preliminary programme**

Three field days are planned, preceded by introductory talks on Thursday evening. Additionally, other visits and talks will be arranged each evening.

*Day 0 (Thursday evening):*

Registration and introductory talks

Day 1 (Friday am)

The Quaternary development of Kingsdale. *Leader: Tony Waltham*

Drumlins at Ribblesdale and the Wharfedale glacier. *Leader: Wishart Mitchell*

Day 1 (Friday pm)

Archaeology, sediments and speleogenesis at Jubilee Cave and Victoria Cave. *Leaders: Tom Lord and Phil Murphy*

Day 1 (Friday evening)

Exhibition about Victoria Cave at the Museum of North Craven Life, Settle. *Leader: Tom Lord*

Day 2 (Saturday am)

Archaeology of caves at Grange-over-Sands in Cumbria. *Leaders: Hannah O'Regan and Ian Smith*

Day 2 (Saturday pm)

Lowland limestone pavements and grike erratics in the Arncliffe and Silverdale AONB: Hale pavement and Gait Barrow. *Leaders: Peter Standing and Helen Goldie*

Day 2 (Saturday evening)

Talks and videos

Day 3 (Sunday am)

Cosmogenic dates and pedestal studies from Norber and OSL dates from loess at Winskill. *Leaders: Peter Wilson and Helen Goldie*

Day 3 (Sunday pm)

Recent palaeoecological and archaeological work in the Settle area.

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**Accommodation**

The meeting will be based at the Dalesbridge Centre, Austwick, near Settle, North Yorkshire, which is just south of the A65 at NGR: SD762676. This is an ideal venue that provides accommodation at economic rates, mainly in bunk houses for which personal sleeping bags will be required. (These can also be hired). It can provide all meals (breakfast, packed lunch and dinner), with lecture rooms, display areas and a bar facility in the evening. Attendees may, if they wish, make their own arrangements for other local accommodation, whilst keeping to the detailed programme schedule that will be provided in advance. The cars of all participants may be parked at Dalesbridge at no extra charge.

**Attendance**

Attendance will be restricted to a total maximum of 50, because transport during the meeting will be limited to two 25-seater coaches. Attendees must be members of either QRA or BCRA, to satisfy 3<sup>rd</sup> party public liability insurance requirements, which membership provides. (Any personal accident insurance remains the responsibility of participants). Non-members of QRA or BCRA who wish to attend may consider joining one of these organisations for the year 2012. All participants will be required to register and pay in advance by the end of March 2012 for attendance fees and accommodation.

**Access**

Access to the various sites will involve moderate walking over hilly, rough and possibly muddy ground. Full outdoor clothing should be brought. All visits to caves will be 'easy', with participants needing to wear outdoor clothing and carry torches. Any relevant access or medical conditions should be notified to the organisers, who will advise on the suitability of the various programme events. The use of private vehicles during the field meeting is not appropriate because of limited parking at some sites.

**Meeting Secretaries**

Dr. Hannah O'Regan and Dr. Trevor Faulkner will coordinate all the logistics and attendance planning. HO'R will concentrate on the production of the Field Guide and TF on the booking and registration arrangements. Further details of the field trip as they are being planned can be obtained by contacting them at: [H.J.O'Regan@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:H.J.O'Regan@ljmu.ac.uk) and [trevor@marblecaves.org.uk](mailto:trevor@marblecaves.org.uk).

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### Registration form

#### Personal details

Name: .....

Address: .....

Telephone numbers: .....

Email: .....

QRA Membership No. .... and / or BCRA Membership No. .... (The meeting is only open to QRA or BCRA members).

#### Registration (Payable in advance and not returnable after 31 March 2012)

The registration fee is £90 (£50 for students or unwaged) or £40 (£25) per day. This includes travel during the field meeting, use of conference facilities, and the Field Guide, but not food or accommodation, which must be booked separately below. In the event of cancellation, booking monies will be refunded less irrecoverable costs already incurred. Please name any people below that you would be happy to share with, whilst noting that room allocation will be at the discretion of the organisers. Non-resident participation is also welcome. Please tick the appropriate spaces and fill in amounts. All prices are per person, who must register individually. Registration and payment are required by 31 March 2012.

I wish to register for the meeting:		Amount
£90	.....	.....
£50	..... (Students or unwaged)	.....
£40 per day	..... (Please indicate which days) .....	.....
£25 per day	..... (Students or unwaged. Please indicate which days) .....	.....

#### Accommodation

Thursday 21 June 2012	Bunk room (4 or 6 sharing)	£16.00	.....
Friday 22 June 2012	Bunk room (4 or 6 sharing)	£16.00	.....
Saturday 23 June 2012	Bunk room (4 or 6 sharing)	£16.00	.....
Sunday 24 June 2012	Bunk room (4 or 6 sharing)	£16.00	.....
Sleeping bag hire for the duration, if required		£ 9.00	.....

#### Catering

Buffet dinner on Thursday 21 June 2012	£10.50	.....
Cooked breakfast, lunch pack, buffet dinner on Friday 22 June 2012	£24.00	.....
Cooked breakfast, lunch pack, cooked dinner on Saturday 23 June 2012	£35.00	.....
Cooked breakfast, lunch pack, tea on Sunday 24 June 2012	£15.50	.....

**Special dietary requirements:** Vegetarian.....Vegan.....Other.....  
**Total amount** .....

I would be happy to share accommodation with: .....

Any relevant access problems and / or medical conditions? (Notify separately) No ..... Yes.....

I enclose a cheque payable to "Liverpool John Moores University" for the total amount.

Signature .....

Date .....

#### Please return this form and payment to

Dr. Trevor Faulkner, Four Oaks, Wilmslow Park North, WILMSLOW, Cheshire, SK9 2BD (Telephone 01625 531558)

Alternatively, registration and payment may be made online at:

[https://buyonline.ljmu.ac.uk/browse/extra\\_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&prodid=72&deptid=61&catid=9](https://buyonline.ljmu.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&prodid=72&deptid=61&catid=9)