

June Meeting

We started by showing some new photos which had been sent to us, and then Rev'd Dave told us about the history of the Church on Cockey Moor – how, although there is mention of it in a court case in 1515, it is likely that a church of some sort – possibly a chantry chapel – had been on the moor for at least thirty



years before this. One of the witnesses in the court case mentioned hearing confessions there for that length of time (of course, the church would have been Roman Catholic at that time, as were all the churches in England). He then told us about the changes in the church building – from a wooden structure to its rebuild in 1832 And how the tower had been reduced in height – due to safety concerns – and then rebuilt. We saw photos of the church when it had box pews and two aisles (prior to its refurbishment in 1904), There were also photos of the church when it still had the balconies at each side, and two members remembered sitting up there when they had their confirmation service. There were then more up-to-date photos of the church after its changes.

The talk was followed by a slideshow of the whit walk photos from the last meeting (for those who had missed that talk)