

Update: Autumn 2018

Meetings and conferences attended since the turn of the year:

- Neolithic and Early Bronze Age Research Students Symposium at Preston
- The British Rock Art Group Annual Meeting at Ilkley.
- The Prehistoric Society Europa Conference at York.
- A talk on Yorkshire Henges presented to the Yorkshire Archaeological Society at Leeds.

As a part of our continuing link with Aaron Watson, mainly pursuing the thread of 'ambiguous archaeology', we spent a day at a fascinating excavation around the rock art at Copt Howe in Langdale directed by Aaron and Richard Bradley (Emeritus Professor of Archaeology at Reading and one of the most important prehistorians in Europe).

Those interested might do best to Google any of the above, my summary would be inadequate. Other search engines are available.

Our attention was drawn to a report of a possible orthostatic wall near Norland by Calderdale Council with a view to advice about restoration.

John Billingsley drew our attention to his neighbour's curious balls.

Local fieldwork has been limited by time, weather and illness/injury, but we have high hopes of reservoir water levels falling further...

Fieldwork in Cornwall focused on propped stones on West Penwith and Bodmin moors. They are just like the propped stones found in the South Pennines and the Yorkshire Dales and two papers will appear later in the year. Details of local examples have been uploaded to Megalithic Portal.

Three talks were delivered, to Midgley and Mytholmroyd Historical Societies and to Halifax Antiquarians.

Unfortunately the backlog of images to upload to the HBLHS site has yet to be addressed.

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