

CURIOUS TALES FROM THE ANCIENT GRAVEYARD

Celebrating the lives of Settle's ancestors

Sarah Lister has unearthed the amazing legacy of Settle's ancestors by researching the lives of the people buried in Holy Ascension graveyard.

Who were the people?

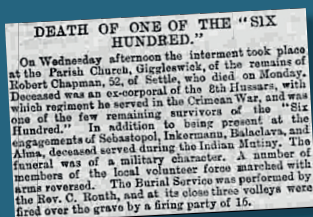
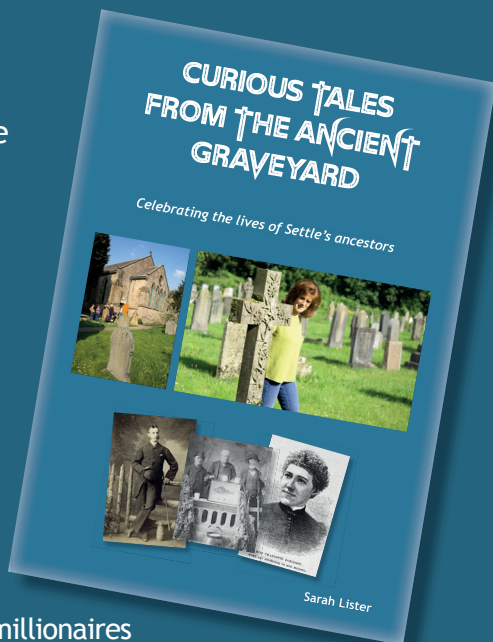
What did they do?

How did they make Settle what it is today?

This book tells these stories.

Of course there has been tragedy and scandal, but there is plenty of success: millionaires and pioneers, navvies and working class heroes.

They include suffragettes, orphans who changed rags for riches, choristers, war heroes, a survivor of the Lusitania disaster and an escapee from Versailles.



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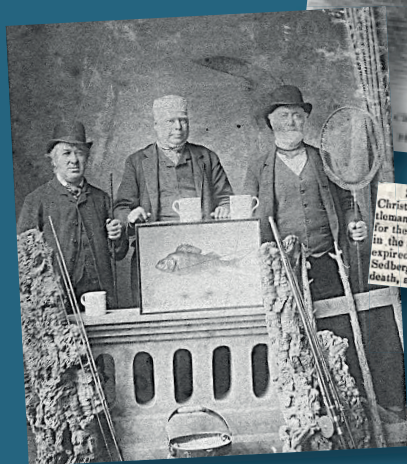
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Castleberg, the rock which overlooks Settle, lost its flagpole in a storm four years ago. A new pole has now been provided by Mr. Geoffrey Dawson, of Langcliffe Hall, the owner of the rock, and it was brought into use on Saturday, when the Union Jack was hoisted in commemoration of Empire Day.

SHOCKING DEATH OF A SETTLE YOUTH. Yesterday the inhabitants of Settle and neighbouring villages were greatly shocked upon rece-



'... the average age of burials without gravestones was just 21, despite William Beecroft, a labourer who came to Settle from Ferrybridge. He died in 1852 when he was 98.'



SUDDEN DEATH—On Monday afternoon last, Mr. Christopher Edmondson, of Settle, solicitor, with another gentleman, was laying out a portion of ground near to his residence, for the purpose of having it converted into a garden, and when in the act of placing a peg in the ground, and when he expired. The deceased, who was clerk to the magistrates at Sedburgh, was in excellent health the moment previous to his death, and was a gentleman of the most temperate habits.



The book can be bought at The Folly in Settle and at events run by Holy Ascension Church, Settle District U3A, and North Craven Heritage Trust. It is available online from www.ydmt.org/shop and www.settledistrictu3a.org.uk

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