

HIGH BATTS DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Member

May we remind you that this Thursday 7th December we have an event at the Golden Lion in Ripon, starting at 7.30 pm when Tom Lawson will be giving a slide show entitled "Travels in Australia; Western Australia and the Northern Territories" The event costs £2.00. We hope you can come along for the talk, a bit of chat and to enjoy a festive mince pie with us.

Our big news is that our project "In at the Start" based on the new quarrying extension at Pennycroft has been selected for inclusion in the Quarry Life Award, a competition run by Heidelberg International, Hanson's parent company. We are one of 6 projects chosen in the UK and we will be working closely with Hanson and the local community to deliver a range of activities, including site photography, species monitoring, activities for school children and for families, and a programme of walks and talks. The project will last until September 2018 when it will be assessed by a team of independent judges.

We are delighted to have been selected, and know that although there is going to be a lot of work involved, the benefits for High Batts, the community and for wildlife will be worth it. Our thanks to those members who have already volunteered to help - we will be getting in touch with you shortly! And I would invite anyone who is thinking about getting involved or would like to know more, to get in touch. We need not just hands-on help but feedback and ideas too so please do not be shy about coming forward.

Finally my thanks to all members for their support during the year, and my best wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year.

Colin Slator

Chair