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EDITORIAL

The first LAN gathering of 2007 at Kirkby Stephen features large in this issue and rightly so! Firstly, it was a great success on many levels and, secondly, it spawned various pieces of writing including Stephen Walker's piece about the Nine Standards - an enigmatic landmark in the area. The visit also facilitated the obtaining of a long-awaited and fascinating article from Sally Prothero reporting on her Churchill Fellowship funded trip to observe landscape regeneration in the United States.

The gatherings are so important to the life of the Network and are one of the most attractive and dynamic benefits of LAN membership. Meeting in a smallish group, twenty is probably the maximum, allows for informal discussion, nourished by the sharing of ideas and food in interesting surroundings. We plan to make the Kirkby Stephen trip again next year with a theme of stone and felt, planning a mixture of local and Network speakers. It is important to emphasise that any member can suggest and organize their own event. In fact, it is the whole basis of these events that different people in different areas forge links - contact me if you are unsure how the planning and funding should be organized. If anyone attended the recent stone carving at Portland please send me an article, particularly if it was your first time.

I'm pleased that we can follow the Andrea Olsen dance piece (Journal 40) with another from new member Julie Weltzien this time using dance as a part of the training for landscape architects - *Landscape Design Education and Kinesthetic Awareness*. I'm also delighted to report on the David Nash exhibition *With the Grain* at Lewes having interviewed both the artist and the curators. Sculpture Exhibitions work at Lewes is turning into a remarkable story of a small town mounting exhibitions of national importance. Finally don't forget the forthcoming Yorkshire Sculpture Park event in August. You can download the programme and booking form from the website.

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