

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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YVBSG events

Annual Conference – Recording Buildings in Haworth

Friday 19 to Sunday 21 May 2000

Details previously circulated. Please contact Malcolm Birdsall (tel 01943 830460) if you have any last-minute queries.



Committee Meeting

Saturday 20 May 2000

Meeting in Haworth at 5.45 pm to discuss future programme and set dates.

Burton in Lonsdale Walkabout

Saturday 15 July 2000

Meet at the school in Burton in Lonsdale at 10.30 am for a tour of The Cross, an interesting 17th/18th century house (featuring in an article in the forthcoming issue of *Yorkshire Buildings*). Lunch – own arrangements or local pub. In the afternoon, a guided walk around the village. Numbers are limited – please contact Liz Reynolds (tel 01524 221536) if you intend to come. Finish about 4pm.

Farnley Hall

Saturday 9 September 2000

Visit to Farnley Hall near Otley (Elizabethan house with 18th century addition by John Carr and good vernacular outbuildings) – to be confirmed. Please contact David Crook if you are interested. Numbers limited, so please book early.

Conference Follow-up Day in Haworth

Sunday 24 September 2000

Details to follow.

South Yorkshire Recording Day

Sunday 15 October 2000

Provisional date – details to follow.

Traditional Buildings of Yorkshire – postponed

The University of Bradford day school planned for 1 July 2000 (a repeat of the YVBSG day school held in York in March 1999) has been postponed by the University. It may still be repeated later this year or in 2001.

Yorkshire Buildings

Yorkshire Buildings 2000 will be sent to you shortly, together with an updated version of the Group's membership/publicity leaflet.

It's official!

After carrying out the roles in an 'acting' capacity for the past few months, David Cook was elected as Chair and David Crook as Secretary at the AGM in March. We wish them well in their roles. All other committee members were elected for another year.

Dovecote notes

Copies of the notes from Alan Whitworth's talk on Yorkshire Dovecotes at the March 2000 day school are available from the Yorkshire Dovecote Society, Linden, 10 The Carrs, Sleights, Whitby YO21 1RR. Total cost £1 (incl postage), cheques payable to A Whitworth.

Researching Ripon

A new Local Studies Research Centre opened in Ripon in December 1999 under the directorship of Mike Younge, former lecturer in History at the College of Ripon and York St John. The centre provides a base for voluntary researchers to investigate and record the history of Ripon and the surrounding villages, and the research results will be kept in a computer database. One current project is to study the historic buildings of the city in terms of both their structural development and their past owners, occupants and uses; a YVBSG team is currently recording one of the timber-framed buildings in the city. The centre is at 42 Market Place and is open Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm (tel 01765 692200, email riponsrc@supanet.com).

Other events of possible interest

The Historic Farmyard 1300-1700

Saturday 20 May 2000

Day school at Cressing Temple, organised by the Essex Historic Buildings Group. Details from Chris Sage (tel 01376 321435).

Historic Building Materials Conference

Saturday 20 May 2000

One-day conference at University of Reading examining new approaches to the evidence for the production and supply of historic building materials. Organised by Institute of Field Archaeologists Buildings Special Interest Group. Cost £25 (IFA members), £27.50 (IFA non-members). For further details tel 0118 931 6446 or email admin.ifa@virgin.net.

Issues in Building Conservation: Balancing History and Community Need

Wednesday 24 May 2000

CPRE illustrated talk by Mr Chris Hall of Scarborough Archaeological & Historical Society at 7:30pm. Venue: Friends Meeting House, Quaker Close, off Scalby Road, Scarborough. Further details: Kerry Pulleyn, tel 01347 878102.

Living on the Edge

Sunday 18 June 2000

A two-mile walk led by landscape archaeologist Stephen Harrison to explore the history of Flamborough Head. Meet at Flamborough Lighthouse at 2pm. To book, contact Richard Baines, Countryside Ranger, tel 01377 272232.



North Yorkshire Millennium History Festival, Northallerton

8-16 July 2000

Exhibitions on a variety of themes exploring the history of the area. Stage productions, street entertainment, battle enactment, etc. Contact John Sheehan (tel 01609 771878) or visit web site www.northyorkshistory.freesevers.com. As part of the activities, the YVBSG is participating in the **Northallerton Local History Day** on 16 July: please contact David Cook if you can help with local material for the exhibit.

Medieval Buildings of Surrey, West Sussex and the Lower Thames Valley

22-29 July 2000

University of Leeds School of Continuing Education summer school. Tutors: Barry Harrison and David Carder. Fee £545. Tel 0113 233 3222 for details.

National Heritage Days

16 and 17 September 2000

The Civic Trust is looking for more buildings to take part in the National Heritage days. For a free information pack or to register, write to the Co-ordinator, The Civic Trust, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AW.

Historic Farm Buildings Group Conference

21-24 September 2000

The annual conference of the HFBG, who have chosen to celebrate the millennium by going a little further afield, to the Netherlands. Cost approx £225 (not including travel to and from Amsterdam). Details from the Secretary, HFBG, Museum of English Rural Life, Rural History Centre, University of Reading, Whiteknights, PO Box 229, Reading, Berks R6 2AG, Tel 01734 318663.

PLACE Conference: Wetlands 2000

Saturday 11 November 2000

A conference on the theme of wetlands - their archaeology, management and conservation - to be held at the College of Ripon & York St John in York. Cost £20 (lunch £5.50 extra). Optional evening reception and tour of York Archaeological Wood Centre. For further details, please contact PLACE (Tel 01904 716753).

IFA Group

The Institute of Field Archaeologists Buildings Special Interest Group is concerned with the study of built structures of all periods and types. It exists to promote the knowledge and use of archaeological techniques for the recording, study and curatorial management of all buildings, irrespective of their date, function, material or state of preservation. Individual membership is available at £5 from Janet Miller, W S Atkins Heritage, Woodcote Grove, Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5BW.

Local Heritage Initiative

This initiative, devised by the Countryside Agency, is a national scheme offering grants of £3,000 to £15,000 to help local groups to investigate, explain and care for their local landscape, landmarks, tradition and culture (including archaeological, natural, industrial, and built heritage, and customs and traditions. 'Built heritage' includes locally distinctive elements like field barns, pumps, gates and walls, architectural details, cobbles, etc.). The scheme was launched in February 2000 and is planned to run for ten years. For details phone the LHI Information Line on 01226 719019, or see web site <http://www.lhi.org.uk/>, or write to LHI Information, The Acorn Centre, 51 High Street, Grimethorpe, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S72 7BB.

Publications

Vernacular Architecture by RW Brunskill

This is the 4th edition of the illustrated handbook first published in 1970. £20.00, paperback, 280 pages, published March 2000. Faber and Faber, ISBN: 0571195032.

Archaeology of Buildings by Richard K Morriss

176pp, £18.99, Tempus Publishing, ISBN 0 7524 1429 1. Not yet available but due out soon.

Landscapes

A new journal examining landscape history and archaeology, aimed especially at the field worker. It will be published initially twice a year and is edited by Dr Richard Muir. Articles in the first two issues include 'Understanding Enclosure' by Tom Williamson, 'Dividing Lines in a Moorland Landscape: Territorial Boundaries in Upland England' by Angus Winchester, and 'Medieval Parks' by Steve Moorhouse. Volume 1 (2 issues) is available for £25 (including postage) from Windgather Press, 31 Shrigley Road, Bollington, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 5RD (tel 01625 574684, email Windgather@cwcom.net).



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