

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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Forthcoming YVBSG Events

Annual Conference 1996: Vernacular Buildings of the South Pennines

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May

To be held at Meltham, near Huddersfield. If you haven't yet booked and would like to attend, please contact David Cant (01422 883846) as soon as possible, as the last date for bookings has now been reached.

Houses and Barns in Dentdale, by Arnold Pacey

Saturday 1 June

A choice of 2 walks in Dentdale (where the NYCVBBSG did fieldwork in the 1970s when Dent was still in Yorkshire!). Some quite unusual, though modest, buildings will be seen.

Short walk (2 miles): Dent Village and its South Eastern Margin

Meet at village car park (map ref SD 704871) at 12.30pm for pub lunch and tour. The walk will cross fields so bring suitable footwear.

Long walk (9 miles): Dent Village and the Middle Dale

Meet at Lea Yeat (map ref SD 761869) at 10.45am. Lea Yeat is at the foot of a very steep road leading to Dent station, and the walk is planned so that members may use the train from Leeds which is due at Dent at 10.11am. You can catch the train at the following stations:

Leeds	08.47	Settle	09.45
ShIPLEY	09.02	Horton-in-Ribblesdale	09.54
Keighley	09.10	Ribblehead	10.02
Skipton	09.26		

At the end of the walk, there will be a lift up the steep hill from Lea Yeat for those who need it, in time to catch the 17.39 train from Dent station which reaches Leeds at 19.04. There will be a lunch stop in Dent village, but you should carry some drink and perhaps sandwiches with you. Hiking boots and rainwear are advised.

Please note that the Dent walks are being organised by the YVBSG and not as stated in YVBSG Newsheet No 10. Members should disregard the details given in Newsheet No 10 as slight changes have since been made.

An Exploration of Holderness

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 June

A weekend investigation of Holderness, a part of Yorkshire into which this group has hardly ventured as yet, has been arranged. Come for both days or just one – the meeting place each day will be St Patrick's Church, Patrington (grid ref TA 316226) at 11am. We hope to carry out an extensive survey of some Holderness villages. Members should arrange their own accommodation if needed – Hull Tourist Information Centre (tel 01482 223344 or 223559) should be able to help.



Conference Follow Up Day

Sunday 22 September at Meltham.

A Walkabout in Guisborough

Provisionally planned for Sunday 6 October. Details to follow.

Proposed visit to Avoncroft

The committee would still like to gauge the level of interest in a possible outing by minibus to the Avoncroft Museum of Buildings at Bromsgrove. This would take place during 1997. If you are interested, please let the Chairman or Secretary know.

Next Committee Meeting

It is planned to hold the next committee meeting (details later) on Saturday 29 June during the Holderness weekend. If you have any items to bring to the attention of the committee, please let the Secretary know.

The Swaledale Book

Those of you who have been involved in the Swaledale project during the last few years will be pleased to hear your hard work has not been in vain! It is felt that enough information on the vernacular buildings of Swaledale has now been gathered, and a subcommittee is about to start work on organising the data for publication, under the general editorship of Tony Tolhurst.

Subscriptions

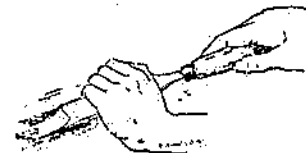
As always, the Treasurer would be happy to receive any outstanding subscriptions ... please send to 11 Hall Park, Heslington, York YO1 5DT.

New Publications

Mediaeval London Houses, by John Schofield, published by Yale University Press at £40.00, is based on the author's research for his PhD. A glowing review in *Construction History 1995* comments that the book covers a wider field than suggested by the title. In particular there are references to building materials and techniques, and their spread to other areas.

Timber Marks

An article in the recent IFA Buildings Interest Group Newsletter requests information on unusual markings on pine. If you see long sets of numbers, letters and symbols, they are probably quality marks made in the Baltic ports before the timber was shipped. Sometimes they are only partially visible, as the timber has been sawn after marking. If you have recorded or know of the whereabouts of such markings, please send details to J. Patrick Greene, Museum of Science and Industry, Liverpool Road, Manchester, M3 4FP.



Other Events of Interest

SPAB National Mills Day

On Sunday 12 May, over 300 windmills and watermills throughout Britain will open to the public, some opening for just that day. 45 mills are in working order and will be in action on the day, wind permitting.



The turn of the century saw the abandonment of many mills. The few survivors are still being lost at an alarming rate, despite being a vital part of our industrial past. The Wind and Watermill Section of the Society of the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) is the only national body solely concerned

with traditional mills and works hard to protect both the buildings and their machinery. Ring the Wind and Watermill Section for opening times of your local windmill or watermill on 12 May, or information about membership and programme of events. SPAB, 37 Spital Square, London E1 6DY, tel 0171 377 1644.

Philip Webb and the Significance of the Arts & Crafts Movement Today

A conference on the work of Philip Webb, a great 19th century champion of vernacular building materials. Tuesday 14 to Friday 17 May (attendance on single days possible). Organised by the Centre for Conservation Studies, University of York, tel 01904 433963.

Recording, Inspection and Surveying of Historic Buildings

York, 30 September – 4 October. An intensive update in latest technology available. Attendance on a day-by-day basis or for full week. Full course costs £350, or £100 per day. Details from English Heritage Masterclass, tel 01705 580068 or fax 01705 584244.



I hope you enjoy reading the 1996 Annual Report which is enclosed with this Newsheet. We have a few spare copies for sale if you know anybody who would like one.

It might sound a little early but all the same, in the hope that you may feel inspired over the summer months, perhaps I could encourage you to start thinking about articles for next year's Report! The deadline is the end of this year and all contributions will be very welcome – as also are contributions to the Newsheets.

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