



YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP

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YVBSG Events For Your Diary

YVBSG 40th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 1 September 2012

A celebration of 40 years of the YVBSG! Further details and booking form already circulated and available on the website.

Conference Review Day

Sunday 30 September 2012

An opportunity to hear about the buildings recorded during the Great Broughton conference held in May, followed by a walk around the attractive town of Stokesley. All welcome, whether or not you came to the conference. The outline of the day is as follows:

- 10.00 Arrival and coffee at Great Broughton Village Hall (by the crossroads in the centre of the village).
- 10.30 Presentation on buildings recorded.
- 12.30 Lunch. Lunches will be booked at a local pub for those requiring them (please indicate when you book). Alternatively bring your own or explore the pubs and cafes of Broughton and Stokesley.
- 14.00 Assemble at College Green in Stokesley (free parking) at the east end of the town for a perambulation of the town led by Barry Harrison. Stokesley is arguably the best preserved market town in north-east Yorkshire, with a wide range of brick buildings (and some stone) of the early seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. It was the 'capital' of the North Riding flax-linen industry between c.1660 and 1840, remnants of which still survive.

There will be a charge of £5 payable on the day. If you'd like to come, please contact Jacky Quarmby by Friday 14 September 2012 by email or telephone (contact details on the back page) stating whether you'd like to book for the organised lunch (payable on the day, price as yet unknown but perhaps in the region of £10-£12).

Workshop on Drawing Techniques

Saturday 24 November 2012

Does the thought of producing a drawing fill you with terror? Worry no more – after the day on photographing historic buildings held earlier in the year, here's a further chance to build your confidence and improve your recording skills! Allan Adams (Technical Survey and Graphics Officer at English Heritage), will lead a workshop on drawing techniques with the assistance of Tony Berry (formerly of English Heritage). The event will be held in York and recorders of all abilities should benefit from some useful hints and tips. So that Allan can tailor the workshop according to needs, those wishing to attend are invited to indicate their preference for topics to be covered, which might include the following:

- practical tips on sketching in the field (possibly outdoors, weather permitting)
- triangulation and setting datums
- drawing mouldings and other details
- tips on how to improve a final drawing eg use of different line thicknesses, shading, scales, drawing tricky bits like bow windows
- scanning and finishing, adding captions and labels
- bring a drawing to identify how it could be improved
- any other topics?



Numbers will be limited so if you'd like to come, please contact Lorraine Moor (lorraine.moor@york.ac.uk, 01904 632124) by 31 October 2012, stating your preferences as above. We'll meet at 10am outside the Priory Street Centre, Priory Street (off Micklegate), York, and will finish by 4.30pm. Confirmation will be provided to those who book. Fee £10, payable on the day. Own arrangements for lunch.

Understanding Local Buildings AD1000-1700

The YVBSG is running this ten-week course starting on Thursday 27 September 2012, 2pm to 4pm, at The Red House, Gomersal. Tutors: David Cant and Alan Petford.

Come and join us to investigate the rich legacy of historic buildings in the area. We will be looking at houses great and small, churches, chapels, farm buildings and institutional structures. Using a range of illustrations the course will examine changes in architectural fashion in both high status and humble buildings. A variety of documentary sources will be used to shed light on building methods, structural techniques, the organisation of the building trades and the people involved. Fee: £60 (or £55 for YVBSG members). Booking form enclosed with this Newsheet and also available on the website.

Annual Day School & AGM

Saturday 16 March 2013

The theme will be 'Owt Fresh?' *The last 40 years – advances in our understanding of Yorkshire's vernacular buildings.*

Annual Recording Conference

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May 2013

To be held in the Gomersal and Birstall area of the Spen Valley.

Recent YVBSG events

The Group would like to thank Alun Bull for leading the workshop on photographing historic buildings in June, Stuart Crowther for leading a walk looking at buildings south of Halifax in June, and Kevin Illingworth for organising two trips, one to Winewall and Worsthorne in July, the other to Clapham and Lawkland Hall in August. We very much appreciate the efforts that go into preparing these visits and would welcome offers from other members as well. Some photographs of recent YVBSG events are available on the Group's Facebook page (just follow the Facebook link from the main website at www.yvbsg.org.uk) and some notes from the photography day can be found on the Members' Area of the website.

Visit to the villages of Winewall, near Colne, and Worsthorne, near Burnley



The back elevation of Hurstwood Hall (this elevation is visible from the road)

On a warm sunny morning on Saturday 21 July twenty-eight members and guests from as far away as York, Guisborough, and Staffordshire met in the car park at Cotton Tree, Winewall. Lancashire was represented by four members from Chorley Historical Society, including chairman Joan Dickinson. Various members of this society have been regulars on YVBSG visits since Slaidburn in 2006. Members of local farming families who helped with local knowledge were Alice Whitwell, chairman of Chipping History Society, and Gillian 'Gatecrasher' Greenwood of Trawden.

In Worsthorne, farmers Jean and Arthur Witt, of Jackson's Farm, both joined us for the walkabout, so that we were not just a 'visiting group' to the village. Here we visited the unlisted barn at Butcher's Farm, which is dated to c.1830 in Pastscape (www.pastscape.org.uk), but has aisle posts which look much older than the stone fabric.

Seven of us then departed for Hurstwood, a hamlet of six farmhouses and four barns, mostly dating from c.1600 and late sixteenth century. We were able to view the rarely-seen front of Hurstwood Hall (1579 and later) with its jettied porch and dovecote, this having, unusually, arched pigeon holes on three sides of the porch, including the triangular display of holes in the gable, all thanks to Mrs Manning. We finished the day at 7.10pm after visiting Tattershall's Farm and barn (perhaps formerly aisled), both of c.1600, courtesy of Shirley Worswick.

YVBSG members who were unable to visit Jackson's Farm can share a visit with a Calder Valley group in 2013.

Kevin Illingworth

Visit to Lawkland Hall and the village of Clapham in north Craven

Twenty-five members and guests from as far away as York, Bamsley, Chorley, and Staffordshire met outside The Old Manor House in Clapham on Sunday 5 August.

The Ingleborough Estate (Farrer family) owns much of the village and surrounding area, once extending to some 35,000 acres. Apart from The Old Manor House and Bull and Cave Farmhouse, all other seventeenth and early eighteenth century houses were much altered, especially in the nineteenth century.

A cottage in Gildersbank, early nineteenth century in appearance, had a seventeenth century semi-circular stair turret at the rear, not seen from the road. In Riverside, an unlisted farmhouse, part of the Ivy Cottages group, had a round chimney cap, one of several in north Craven. Higher up, Fall View was an attractive mid-eighteenth century house, and here we were invited to see the rear, via the back garden.

Clapdale Farmhouse was visited earlier by the leader but considered to be too far away for the group to visit, but the house has walls 4' 6" thick, a rear spiral

staircase projection, a rear projection possibly formerly a garderobe, a late medieval two-centred pointed arch doorway, and an arched fireplace with joggled voussoirs, as at The Old Manor House. A rectangular stable block at the front has dozens of pigeon holes on three elevations.

Nos 1-4 Yew Tree Cottages were originally one late seventeenth or early eighteenth century house. No 1 has an arched fireplace and a floor-to-ceiling slate partition wall as seen in some Austwick houses. Rose Cottage, mid-eighteenth century, had a doorway with a pulvinated rusticated surround with similar voussoirs to the doorhead, but also a continuous hoodmould.

After the guided tour of Lawkland Hall, we visited Bank Barn, by the roadside, and then, with eight members remaining, passed the site of the very similar Bark Barn, demolished in 1988.

Buzzards were soaring overhead as we continued to the little-used bank barn, which is kept in good condition. The shippon, originally for nineteen cattle, had slate boskins and a 'ceiling' of large slates, one measuring 44" x 105". These formed the floor of the hayloft.

We left Lawkland Hall at 5pm and by 8pm that evening £75 of our combined fee had been donated to the Jane Tomlinson Appeal.

Kevin Illingworth

Lawkland Hall – a brief history by Emmeline Garnett is available online at <http://ingilbyhistory.ripleycastle.co.uk/archives.html>.



The Old Manor House, Clapham

Other events of possible interest ...

Some of these events are publicised a long time in advance, so it's worth checking that they are still running before you go!

Wharram Percy and its Neighbours: New Ideas about Medieval Settlement in the Yorkshire Wolds

Thursday 20 September 2012

Talk by Stuart Wrathmell to Olicana Society at All Saints Church House, Ilkley, at 7.30pm. Visitors £2. Enquiries: John Cruse, telephone 01943 870952 or email john.cruse1@btinternet.com.

Making the Houses Talk – the Business of Investigating Timber- Framed Buildings

Monday 24 September 2012

A lecture by Duncan James for Chester Society for Landscape History, 7.30pm at the Lecture Theatre, Grosvenor Museum, Chester. Visitors £4. www.chesterlandscapehistory.org.uk.

A Dales Farm Walk

Thursday 27 September 2012

Part of Pateley Bridge Walking Festival. An easy 3-mile walk around Gouthwaite Farm, including history and archaeology. £3. To book, call 01423 712088 or visit www.pbwf.co.uk.

William Fowler of Winterton: A Georgian Architect, Builder and Engraver

Tuesday 9 October 2012

Talk by Rose Nicholson, North Lincolnshire Museums Service, at the Treasure House, Beverley, 6.30pm, £5. To book please contact 01482 392790 or 01482 392699/392706, or book online at www.eastriding.gov.uk/events.

Vernacular Buildings in and around Lancashire

Wednesday 10 October 2012

Talk by Kevin Illingworth to Middleton Civic Association, 7.45pm at the timber-framed Old Boar's Head, Long Street, Middleton, near Rochdale. Enquiries: Morris Garratt, telephone 0161 439 7202, email morrisgarratt@sky.com.

Architectural Detail and the Dating of Historic Buildings

Wednesday 10 October 2012

North of England Civic Trust lecture by James Innerdale, conservation architect, at Heron Corn Mill, Beetham, south of Kendal. 10am to 2pm. Free. To book, contact skills@nect.org.uk, telephone 0191 232 9279, www.nect.org.uk.

Membership

Current members will find the List of Members 2012 enclosed with this Newsheet. If you haven't yet renewed your membership for this year, instead you'll find enclosed a renewal slip!

Caring for your Historic Building

Saturday 13 October 2012

Event in Dent, mentioned in the May Newsheet but still accepting bookings. Enquiries: Building Conservation Officer, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, telephone 01969 652354, email herinfo@yorkshiredales.org.uk, www.yorkshiredales.org.uk.

The Traditional Farm Buildings Survey

Monday 15 October 2012

Talk by Dr David Johnson to Ingleborough Archaeology Group, at the Community Centre, Ingleton, 7.30pm (after AGM at 7pm). www.ingleborougharchaeologygroup.org.uk.

Visit to Baildon Hall

Saturday 20 October 2012

A Calder Valley Historic Buildings Group event led by Jane Haydock and Kevin Illingworth. Visit includes a buffet and a Baildon walkabout. There may be places for guests, and if there is enough interest a YVBSG visit could be organised in 2013. Phone Kevin Illingworth on 01422 844941 in October for further details.

Local and Family History Book Fair

Saturday 20 October 2012

Annual event at the Treasure House, Beverley, 10am to 4pm. An opportunity to buy local and family history books, pamphlets and maps, and meet members of local history organisations. Free. Enquiries: 01482 392790.

Open to the Public Lesser-Known Vernacular Buildings in and around Lancashire

Wednesday 24 October 2012

Talk by Kevin Illingworth for Mourholme Local History Society, 7.30pm at Yealand Village Hall (9 miles north of Lancaster). Enquiries: Sheila Jones, telephone 01524 732305.

Farrago, the Tiled House in Hornsea

Tuesday 30 October 2012

Illustrated lecture on this unusually-decorated 1908 house in Hornsea presented by Josie Adams at the Treasure House, Beverley, 6.30pm, £5. To book please telephone 01482 392790 or 01482 392699/392706, or book online at www.eastriding.gov.uk/events.

The History of Austwick Hall

Thursday 1 November 2012

Talk by Michael Pearson, owner of the hall, to North Craven Heritage Trust. 7.30pm at Austwick Village Hall, £2. www.northcravenheritage.org.uk.

Cropton – the Hill-Top Settlement

Sunday 4 November 2012

North York Moors National Park Authority event. A 1½ mile walk looking at the site of a medieval castle and some of the interesting buildings in the village. 11am to 12 noon. Free but donations welcome. Booking essential on 01439 772738. www.northyorkmoors.org.uk.

Earth Building Traditions in North Yorkshire and Beyond

Tuesday 13 November, 2012

A talk by Nigel Copley to Scarborough and District Civic Society at 2.30pm in the Library, Vernon Road, Scarborough. Admission £2. Enquiries: 01723 379912, www.scarboroughcivicsociety.org.uk.

West Yorkshire Archaeology Day School

Saturday 24 November 2012

Annual day school at the Royal Armouries, Leeds, summarising the results of recent archaeological work in West Yorkshire including historic buildings, industrial archaeology and other excavations and fieldwork. Fee £15. Details from Marianne James, email wyher@wyjs.org.uk, telephone 0113 393 9824, www.archaeology.wyjs.org.uk/wyjs-archaeology-dayschool-12.asp.

Heritage Open Days 2012

Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 September 2012. Some Yorkshire highlights include: a guided walk of Hunmanby looking at older chalk and brick buildings with Dr George Sheeran; a tour of the Knights Templar Hall at Foulbridge Farm near Snainton; the fifteenth century timber-framed Bolton Percy Gatehouse with its intricate carvings; the manorial barn at Whiston near Rotherham; as well as numerous churches, chapels, industrial and other buildings. Watch out for local publicity or see the national online list of events at www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

Hull Civic Society is offering an impressive programme for the weekend which has its own website at www.hodshull.co.uk. Of particular interest might be Victoria Cottage, Lowgate, Sutton, Hull – a late seventeenth century single-storey former farmhouse currently undergoing restoration. For the first time in several years, the inside of the building will be open for viewing, with expert restorers on hand to answer questions. Open Friday and Saturday, 10am to 3pm.

Special offers on books

Eight Centuries of Milling in North East Yorkshire by John Harrison. This highly-recommended book is published by the North York Moors National Park Authority (2001). It includes very detailed and accurate drawings of the mill machinery within the mills of the Park, but the scope of the book is broader and includes more general chapters on water and wind mills, monastic mills, and development of machinery types from the medieval to the nineteenth century. The National Park Authority are very kindly offering copies to members of the YVBSG in exchange for a small donation of your choice. If you are interested in obtaining a copy (usual price £20), please contact Jill Renney, North York Moors National Park Authority, The Old Vicarage, Bondgate, Helmsley YO62 5BP, telephone 01439 770657, email j.renney@northyorkmoors.org.uk. Please note that due to the high cost of postage, members would normally be expected to collect a copy from the National Park Authority office in Helmsley.

House Histories For Beginners by Colin Style. The National Archives are offering this 2006 publication for £6.99 rather than the normal price of £15.99. For details telephone 020 8876 3444 or see www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/bookshop.

A History of the County of York: East Riding: Volume IX: Harthill Wapentake, Bainton Beacon Division. Great Driffield and its Townships, edited by Graham Kent with David and Susan Neave. Published by the Victoria County History in April 2012, this is an authoritative and comprehensive account of an important area centred upon Great Driffield. Boydell and Brewer are offering YVBSG members a 25% discount off the full price of this book which makes it £71.25 rather than £95. Orders can be placed by phone on 01394 610600, by fax on 01394 610316, by email at trading@boydell.co.uk or online at www.boydellandbrewer.com. Postage rates are £3 in the UK, with free postage if orders are placed online. However an order is placed, please quote the offer code 12218 to ensure that the discount is given. The offer ends 30 November 2012. Further details available at www.boydellandbrewer.com/store/viewItem.asp?idProduct=13745.

East Yorkshire Local History Society Publications. Out-of-print EYLHS publications are now available online, including *East Riding Water Mills* by KJ Allison (1970) and *Masons Marks* by F W Brooks (1961). Go to website www.eylhs.org.uk and follow 'EYLHS Publications' then 'Out of print'.

Auction of book collection – bids invited

Richard Clegg Watson of Nateby and Pilling in North Lancashire died in October 2010, aged 84, after a long period of illness. Richard spent almost his whole life in and around the Fylde of Lancashire and was a co-author of *Traditional Houses of the Fylde*. He was a very early member of the Vernacular Architecture Group and was enthusiastic about contributing to a national archive of traditional architecture.

Richard always wished that his collection of books could be passed on to those who were learning about historic architecture, and his son, Nick, has now offered it to the YVBSG in return for a donation to the air ambulance service. We are therefore holding an auction for the books and invite members to place their bids. The full list of books is available on the Members' Area of the website (email webmaster@yvbsg.org.uk if you need a reminder of the password), or if you do not have internet access you can request a printed list by sending an SAE to David Cant. The books are currently being stored by Tony Robinson – if you'd like to view a book before bidding please contact Tony (68 Thirsk Road, Northallerton DL61PL, telephone 01609 771673) to agree a date and time.

Please send your bids by email or post by 1 October 2012 to David Cant (details below). Successful bidders will be notified after 12 October 2012. Please note that your bid will need to be of a sufficient amount to include postage of £2.50-£3.

Any books not sold will be donated to the Yorkshire Archaeological Society.

Websites worth watching

Restoration of Scout Hall

<http://scouthallshibden.blogspot.co.uk/>

If you heard David Cant's presentation on Scout Hall at the day school in March you might be interested in this blog about the restoration of the building.

Yorkshire Conservation and Farming

www.ycandf.org.uk

A group for all those interested in the countryside, wildlife and conservation. Interesting farm buildings (usually not yet recorded) are often visited!

Volunteers wanted by National Park

The North York Moors National Park Authority is expanding the range of volunteering opportunities it offers. One task for which help is needed is provision of an information service at Spout House, a sixteenth century thatched cruck-framed house in Bilsdale which is managed by the Authority. Details from Graham Stubbs on 01439 770657, email g.stubbs@northyorkmoors-npa.gov.uk.

Next Newsheet

Many thanks to all who contributed to this newsheet. The next edition will be in November 2012 – please send any items of interest to members to the editor by 31 October 2012.

Congratulations!

Warmest congratulations to our past chairman, David Cook, and his bride Mary Rothwell on their wedding on 28 July 2012. The Group bought them a garden bench as a wedding present – we wish them a happy future together and hope they enjoy many relaxing moments in their new garden (between recording buildings, of course!).



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