

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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Up-and-Coming YVBSG Events

Conference Follow-up and Recording Weekend

20-21 September 1997 in Holderness

Please send completed reports to Don McLellan in good time to allow for copying and distribution by this date.

Saturday 20 September

11.00 Meet at St Augustine's Church, Hedon (grid ref TA 188287), for a walkabout in the town.

12.30 Make arrangements for afternoon, followed by lunch (own arrangements).

Afternoon Choice of:

- detailed recording at Keyingham, or
- extensive survey of areas

Sunday 21 September

11.00 Reporting back from the May conference, at Holmpton Village Hall (occupiers and conference speakers invited)

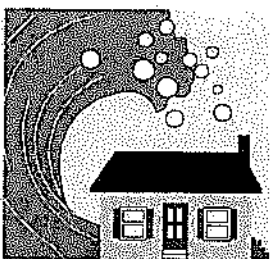
12.30 Lunch (own arrangements - tea/coffee at village hall)

13.30 Reporting back

15.00 Visit buildings in area

Cost: £1 approx for room hire.

Please let David Cant (tel 01422 883846) know if you intend to come on one or both days.



PostScript

The East Riding Council's recent decision not to fund sea defences for parts of the coast exposes 10 villages, including Easington, Kilnsea, and Holmpton, to the danger of further erosion. More reason to revisit Holderness, perhaps?

25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 27 September 1997 in York

Although support for this event was very disappointing by the closing date (28 June), the day will go ahead more or less as planned. The tour of York Minster has had to be cancelled due to a mix-up by the Minster authorities - there is a big service on the afternoon of our proposed visit.

If there are any members who have a last minute change of heart and would like to come to the celebration, would they please let me have their booking form and the *full* cost *as soon as possible*. Members who have already booked are reminded that the balance is due by *27 August*.

Tony Tolhurst

Upper Wharfedale Review Day

Saturday 15 November 1997 at Bolton Abbey

Following the successful field meeting in June when we visited the hamlet of Drebley in the morning, and surveyed buildings at Barden Scale in the afternoon, a day has been arranged to review the work so far. Again, please send completed reports to Don McLellan in good time to allow for copying and distribution before this date.

Meet at 11.00 at the Boyle Room, Bolton Abbey

- Report back on buildings surveyed at Barden Scale
- Look at documents held by the Estate
- Discuss further work

Please make your own arrangements for lunch.

Cost: £1 approx for room hire.

Please let David Cant (tel 01422 883846) know if you intend to come.

Back to School

A number of 1997-8 adult education prospectuses have popped through the letterbox recently, offering several courses which might be of interest to members.

The University of Leeds (tel 0113 233 3222, or 01642 814987 for Middlesbrough or Easingwold courses) is running:

- English Vernacular Architecture. Tutor: Barry Harrison (at Middlesbrough).
- Houses in the Landscape – Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings. Tutor: Sue Degnan (at Leeds or Easingwold).
- Conservation of the Built Landscape. Tutor: Sue Degnan (at Leeds or Easingwold).
- Vernacular Houses of Upper Calderdale 1650-c1750: from Clothier to Merchant. Tutor: Peter Thornborrow (at Hebden Bridge).
- Vernacular Architecture of Calderdale: Late Middle Ages to 17th Century. Tutor: Peter Thornborrow (at Halifax).

York WEA (tel 01904 707862) offers:

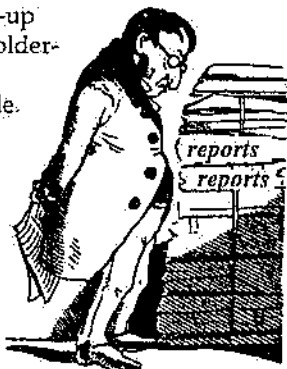
- English Domestic Architecture. Tutor: Warwick Burton.
- The Medieval Buildings of York. Tutor: Alison Sinclair.

The University of York (tel 01904 434620) offers:

- Buildings in the North Yorkshire Moors

Punctuality Please!

One last reminder – please send completed reports to the Group Archivist, Don McLellan, as soon as possible. It is particularly important to allow enough time for copying and distribution before the follow-up days in Holderness and Wharfedale. Your co-operation is politely requested!



A New Book

Scarborough, York and Leeds – The Town Plans of John Cossins 1697-1743 by Hugh Murray, 1997

In addition to the plans, also included are sketches of some of the grander town houses of the period. Available from the Yorkshire Architectural and York Archaeological Society, Glebe Cottage, Main Street, Stillington, York YO6 1JU for £9.95 (plus £1.05 p&p). ISBN 0 9519981 3 7.

If, by any chance, you've finished all your outstanding reports and drawings, why not write an article for our annual journal, *Yorkshire Buildings*? If you've recorded an interesting house, or if there's a particular feature that interests you, let us know about it – all jottings welcome until the end of the year. And don't forget – you can always broadcast your views via a Letter to the Editor!

Lorraine Moor

Other Events of Local Interest?

Tiles and Bricks Skills Day

Saturday 30 August

Organised by Ryedale Folk Museum, at Hutton-le-Hole (tel 01751 417367).

Heritage Open Days

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September

A chance to visit properties not usually open to the public. Local Tourist Information Centres and main libraries are being sent details in the middle of August. A complete list is available on receipt of 6 second class stamps from: The Co-ordinator, Heritage Open Days, The Civic Trust, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AW.

Understanding Old Houses

Saturday 27 September*

A day school at Oakwell Hall, Birstall. Organised by West Yorkshire Archives and Archaeology Service. Contact S Hancock (tel 0113 289 8248) for details. Speakers include Sylvia Thomas, Stuart Wrathmell, Peter Thornborrow. Cost £7.

* Note that this clashes with the YVBSG 25th Anniversary in York!

A New Secretary!

At the AGM in May, David Cook was unanimously elected as Secretary following the retirement of Tony Tollhurst from this post. David can be contacted at 23 North End, Sedgfield, County Durham TS21 2AZ (tel 01740 620098). We wish him well in his new role!

Freda Tollhurst agreed to continue as Treasurer until the end of the year, when she will also retire from office.



David Cook

The Committee

It is planned to hold the next Committee Meeting one Sunday in October. If you have any comments, or matters you wish to raise, please contact David Cook.

Coming up in 1998...

YVBSG events planned for next year include:

Day school in Middlesbrough

– 14 March 1998

Walkabout in Earby, Craven

– Spring 1998

Annual Conference, Holderness

– 15-17 May 1998

Walkabout in Snape, near Bedale

– June 1998

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