

# YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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## YVBSG events for your diary

### Vernacular Houses and Buildings in Towns (and AGM)

Saturday 17 March 2001

The annual day school, to be held at St William's College, York, at 10.00am, followed by the AGM at 4.30pm. As our previous day schools have been oversubscribed, we have chosen a larger venue for this year's event – we hope you will support it! Booking form enclosed; further copies available from David Cook. Please book early.



### Annual Recording Conference

Friday 18 to Sunday 20 May 2001

To be held in the Bridlington/Flamborough/Bempton area of East Yorkshire. Details and booking form to follow in the new year.

### Study Day at Lower Winskill Farm, Langcliffe

Sunday 24 June 2001.

A day looking at the farm, together with its walls and fields, and perhaps also the village of Langcliffe, near Settle, if time permits. Details to follow.

### Conference Review Day

Sunday 30 September 2001

To be held in the Flamborough area. It is also hoped to organise an event in East Yorkshire on the previous day, Saturday 29 September.

### In the pipeline ...

Other possibilities for 2001 include a visit to South Yorkshire and a walk around Baildon in West Yorkshire.

## Notice of AGM

The AGM will be held on Saturday 17 March at 4.30pm in the Maclagan Hall, St William's College, York. All members of the group are formally invited to attend. If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to raise any matter, you may do so in writing to the Secretary, David Crook. Please send any nominations for officers and members of the committee to David Crook by Saturday 11 March.

## Membership

Subscriptions for 2001 become due on 1 January – don't forget to return the enclosed slip if you want to remain on the mailing list. Very best wishes (and happy recording!) for the new year to all members.

## Thank you!

Our thanks go to Arnold Pacey for leading a most enjoyable walk in Bishopdale in October, and for producing another of his excellent handouts. An account of the walk will be published in *Yorkshire Buildings* 2001.

## Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 11 February 2001. If you'd like to bring any matter to the attention of the Committee, please contact the Secretary, David Crook.

## Next Newsheet

Please send any items for the April newsheet to the editor by the end of March 2001.

There is still just enough time to submit items for *Yorkshire Buildings* 2001. As always, all offerings welcome, including letters, cartoons, requests for information, as well as major articles. Please contact the editor as soon as possible if you would like to contribute.

## Looking at Roofs

J T Smith asks for information from YVBSG members in connection with a project on which he has begun work, dealing with roof types in Britain and Europe. He would like to hear about the following:

- King-post roofs, ie those supporting a heavy ridge-piece. Details required:

Grid reference;

Parish;

House etc name;

Church/house/barn etc;

Date (assigned/dendro/inscribed);

Ridge-piece (set square or turned).

- Roofs in which the common rafters are not jointed at the apex but fastened individually to the roof ridge. Details required:

As above, plus the roof type:

– cruck, with apex type;

– principal rafter (or blade); or

– king-post roof,

together with a drawing or photograph if either is available.

If the details are hazy and there is only a recollection of a king-post or of rafters fastened in this way, he would still like to hear about them. Should any individual items of such material be used in an eventual publication, due acknowledgment would of course be made. If you are able to help, please send details as above to J T Smith, 6 The Limes, St Albans AL1 4AT.



## Publicity matters

### Web site under construction

The group is in the process of setting up a web site to provide information about our activities and publicise our events. Watch this space for news of progress! In the meantime, if you know of any material that might be useful (eg links to other interesting web sites, or publications that you have found invaluable and ought to be included in a list of suggested books and articles), please contact Lorraine Moor.

### Making a stand!

During the year, we have attended several local history bookfairs and similar events to run a YVBSG stand, telling people who we are and what we do, and selling our publications. The group is purchasing a small desktop display board to use at such events – if you know of any forthcoming events that we might attend, please contact David Cook.

## Courses

### History of Yorkshire Buildings

Tutor: Sam Wood

Ten Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm from 16 January 2001, to be held at Thirsk Youth Centre. Organised by WEA Thirsk Branch (tel 01845 522762). An outline history of Yorkshire buildings from early times to the present day, relating the county's achievement to the national context, but paying special attention to local buildings.

### Historic Yorkshire Towns

Tutor: Sam Wood

Ten Thursdays from 18 January 2001, to be held at Town Meeting Room, Pocklington. A WEA course (tel Nicole Headley, 01482 627544). A brief history/description of several Yorkshire towns, in building, planning and social terms.

### The Architecture of the English Country House

Tutor: Jane Hatcher

Twelve fortnightly sessions, Fridays 1.45 to 4.30pm, from 9 February 2001. Contact University of Leeds School of Continuing Education (tel 0113 233 3222, <http://www.leeds.ac.uk/sce>). An introduction to the study of mainly northern English country houses from Tudor to Edwardian times which concentrates on architectural development but within a social history context.

### Talks and Walks in Bradford

The University of Bradford organises a series of Friday morning lectures which are open to the public at £3 per session, payable on the door. Lectures for the spring term include 'Recording England's Past: the work of English Heritage' by Colum Giles on 9 March 2001, and 'The Work of the Council for British Archaeology' by Lynne Walker

(Historic Buildings Officer) on 20 April 2001. From 10.30 to 12.00 in Room C7, Richmond Building, on the main campus.

Also on offer are Friday afternoon walks, including 'Civic Pride: the buildings of central Bradford' by George Sheeran on 25 May 2001, and 'Little Germany' by Stanley Varo on 8 June 2001. £3 per walk – booking essential.

For further details contact the Short Course Unit, tel 01274 233216 or 233213, email [scu@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:scu@bradford.ac.uk), or see website <http://www.brad.ac.uk/admin/conted/cfa/dayschools.html>.

### An Introduction to Archaeology: three field trips

Three Saturdays: 28 April, 12 May, 19 May 2001

Organised by the University of York Centre for Continuing Education (tel 01904 434620). Course tutor: Dave Weldrake. Course fee: please enquire Feb/March.

- **Ilkley, Moorland and Town: Early Pennine Settlement** Examines some of the surviving archaeological evidence for the development of Ilkley in prehistoric, Roman and medieval times. Involves some strenuous walking.
- **Temple Newsam: from Medieval Estate to Public Park** Looks at historical and archaeological features of the park and places the house in its proper historical setting.
- **Pontefract: the Development of a Medieval Town** Focuses on the development of the town and provides an opportunity to visit the Castle magazine and the medieval hermitage under Pontefract Hospital.

### Architectural Draughtsmanship

11–13 May 2001

Course to be held at the University of Oxford. Details from the Admin Assistant, Day and Weekend Schools, Oxford University Department of Continuing Education, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA (tel 01865 270368).

## Publications

*100 Period Details – Doors and Windows* by Mary Miers. List price £14.99. Paperback, 108 pages, June 2000. Aurum Press, ISBN 1854106864. Part of a new series celebrating the architectural heritage of the British Isles. Based on the *CountryLife* archive of photographs, this book concentrates on the design and decoration of doors and windows through the ages, with a range of examples from medieval to Art Deco. The illustrations display door and window details from English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish houses, both grand and modest, and a mixture of exteriors and interiors.

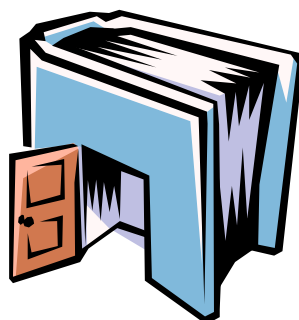
*100 Period Details - Plasterwork* by Jeremy Musson. List price £14.99. Paperback, 108 pages, June 2000. Aurum Press, ISBN 1854106856. Charts the use of plasterwork in British decoration, from the Elizabethan and Jacobean eras to its peak in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

“Potteries of Burton-in-Lonsdale” by Henry Bateson in *Industrial Heritage*, October 2000, £2.90, published quarterly by Hudson History, Procter House, Kirkgate, Settle BD24 9DZ (who also publish *Yorkshire History Quarterly*, which often has items relevant to vernacular buildings).

*Recording Small Buildings in a Changing World* by Sarah Pearson and Bob Meeson. Forthcoming (early 2001).

*A Dictionary of Architecture* by James Stevens Curl. List price £8.99. Paperback, 848 pages, new edition, February 2000. Oxford Paperbacks, ISBN 0192800175. Offers a complete guide to the history of the art of architecture. There are entries and biographies on historical as well as contemporary architects, designers and craftsmen with useful and relevant cross-references that together tell a complete story about a particular subject, style or theory.

*Houses & Cottages of Britain* by R W Brunskill. List price £16.99. Paperback, 256 pages, new edition, August 2000. Victor Gollancz, ISBN 0575071222. This work shows how and why houses and cottages were originally planned and how they have evolved, often from very simple structures. In doing so, it provides information about the lifestyles of the people who lived in them, both in terms of their work and social lives.



*The Making of the South Yorkshire Landscape* by Mel Jones and Bob Warburton. £9.95. Paperback, 192 pages, August 2000. Wharnccliffe Books, ISBN 1871647754. Subjects covered include prehistoric landscapes, place names, hamlets, villages and towns, the farmed countryside, woodlands, forts and castles, ecclesiastical buildings, parks, gardens and industrial landscapes.

*Locks and Lavatories: the Architecture of Privacy* by Philippe Paniel. £8.95. Paperback. Forthcoming – due out soon. English Heritage Gatekeeper Series, ISBN 1850747245. A look at how the rooms of houses have developed and changed from prehistoric times until the present day, and how developments in items such as heating, cooking, drainage and labour-saving devices have stimulated change.

*Wood and Wood Joints: Building Traditions of Europe and Japan* by Klaus Zwerger. £32. Paperback, 274 pages, 2000. A study of Japanese timber building methods sheds new light on the construction of surviving European buildings.

*The Dovecotes of Suffolk* by John McCann, Suffolk Institute of Archaeology 1998. Not a new publication, but instead a highly recommended addition to the ‘Further Reading’ section of Tony Robinson’s article on dovecotes in *Yorkshire Buildings* 2000.

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## Other events of possible interest

Some of these events are publicised a long time in advance, so it’s worth checking before you go!

### Cooking and Dining in Yorkshire Houses

Saturday 10 February 2001

Talk by Peter Brears to York Georgian Society. 2.30pm in Tempest Anderson Hall, Museum Gardens, York. Guests £1. Contact: the Secretary, York Georgian Society, c/o The King’s Manor, York YO1 7EW.

### Lost Houses of North Yorkshire

Saturday 17 February 2001

Talk by Edward Waterson to Forest of Galtres Society in the Parish Church Room, Easingwold. No time given. Guests £1. Contact: Mrs H Kirk, Crawford House, Long Street, Easingwold YO61 3HY (tel 01347 821685).

### Perceptions of function, construction and aestheticism in the repair and restoration of Scottish houses

Saturday 7 April 2001

Talk by James Simpson to York Georgian Society. 2.30pm in Tempest Anderson Hall, Museum Gardens, York. Guests £1.

### VAG Spring Conference

17-21 April 2001

To be held in Suffolk.

### Ritual protection of buildings in the post-medieval period

Wednesday 12 September 2001

Talk by Virginia Lloyd of English Heritage at the Yorkshire Archaeological Society, Clarendon, 23 Clarendon Road, Leeds. 7.30pm.

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