# YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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## Forthcoming YVBSG Events

# Features, Fixtures and Fittings of Vernacular Buildings – Identification and Interpretation

Saturday 15 March 1997, 10.30am to 4pm, at King's Manor, York

Day School with speakers Jane Grenville (University of York Department of Archaeology), Susan Denyer (National Trust) and Malcolm Birdsall (YVBSG). Includes a short tour of King's Manor and an open discussion on the dating of features — slides or pictures welcome. Booking form with this newsheet or from David Cant (01422 883846).



#### A Day at the Seaside

Sunday 27 April 1997

A walk around Scarborough with Barry Harrison. Meet at 11.30am at Quay Street car park (behind the Richard III restaurant which can be seen on the south foreshore). Buckets and spades optional!

#### **Annual Recording Conference and AGM**

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 May 1997

Based at Rectory Farm, Easington, East Riding. Almost as far east as you can go in Yorkshire! Details in the New Year.

#### YVBSG 25th Anniversary

Saturday 27 September 1997



The Group's 25th Anniversary Celebration in York. Plans are still being finalised, but it is hoped to arrange some afternoon visits followed by a dinner at St William's College. Details to follow in due course.

### **Primary Aims**

In the last Newsheet Sue Degnan raised some fundamental points about the Group and its activities, based on five principles set out at the Institute of Field Archaeologists meeting. My own reaction is that I agree with the aims, and I think the Group tries to meet them. I'd be interested in the views of others—something for the Annual Report perhaps?

David Cant

### **Subscriptions**

May we remind you that subscriptions for 1997 are now due? Please send your £5 to the Treasurer, Freda Tolhurst, 11 Hall Park, Heslington, YORK YO1 5DT.

### Next Committee Meeting

Saturday 1 March 1997 at 10.30am at Don McLellan's, Croft Mount, Silsden Road, Bradley, near Skipton.

#### Other Events of Interest

#### Looking at Bradford Buildings

Saturday 22 February 1997, 11am

Speaker: David Moorhouse (Meeting of the Local History and Industrial History Sections of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society at Claremont, Clarendon Road, Leeds)

#### The Early Tudor House

Friday 21 March 1997, 7.15pm

Speaker: Diana Priestley (Meeting of Pontefract and District Archaeological Society at The Museum, 5 Salter Row, Pontefract. Guests £1)

#### Vernacular Architecture Group Spring Conference

8-12 April 1997

Based at University of East Anglia, Norwich, Norfolk.

The VAG offers two bursaries of £150 each to assist younger members or non-members to attend the spring conference. Applications should be by letter to the secretary, Bob Meeson, 16 Falna Crescent, Coton Green, Tamworth, Staffs B79 8JS (tel 01827 69434), to reach him by 5 January 1997. Applicants must normally be under 36 on 31 December 1996. The letter should include one paragraph of brief personal details including age, and a resume of any academic training and positions held. A further paragraph should set out current and past work in vernacular architecture, and any special reasons for attending the conference in Norfolk. Any other financial support available to the applicant for attending the conference must be declared. The applicant should arrange for a letter of support to be sent directly to the secretary, from someone familiar with the applicant's work in vernacular architecture. Recipients of bursaries will each be invited to contribute a short article upon the conference to the VAG newsletter.

### **Publications**

Yorkshire History Quarterly (Editor Phil Hudson)

A quarterly journal for everyone interested in exploring the heritage and history of the county of Yorkshire. Each issue comprises around 50 pages covering the local, family, landscape, industrial, social, vernacular history and archaeology of the area. Annual subscription is £12.50 (including p&p) made payable to Yorkshire History – send to 4 Cork Road, Lancaster, Lancs LA1 4AJ, tel 01524 33649.

Addingham: From Brigantes to Bypass by Kate Mason

A comprehensive history of Addingham from Kate, who, as well as being a YVBSG member, is president of Addingham Civic Society. It is hoped to publish a review of the book in the next YVBSG Annual Report. Price £8.50, available from local shops and booksellers.

Recording timber-framed buildings: an illustrated glossary (CBA Practical Handbook in Archaeology No 5, 2nd edition)

First published in 1988 and now reissued with additional text and drawings. Illustrates and explains the meaning and context of the most commonly used words in describing timber-framed buildings. Available from Council for British Archaeology, Bowes Morrell House, 111 Walmgate, YORK YO1 2UA (£6.50 inc p&p).

### The John Goodchild Collection

An independent local history study centre for the central West Riding—the material covers the area from Leeds to Elsecar and Brighouse to Goole. Collection built up by John Goodchild and available for research by appointment only. Located below the Central Library, Drury Lane, Wakefield—Phone 01924 298929. If members are interested we could organise a guided visit. Contact David Cant (01422 883846).

### The Way We Were – 25 Years Ago

Do you have fond memories of what it was like to record buildings 25 years ago? What went on in the early days of the Group? Have things changed much? We would like to publish some reminiscences in the Annual Report to mark the 25th Anniversary!

Please send any contributions on this topic (or indeed any other!) to Lorraine Moor by the end of this year, or thereabouts.

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