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How Yorkshire Became Polite

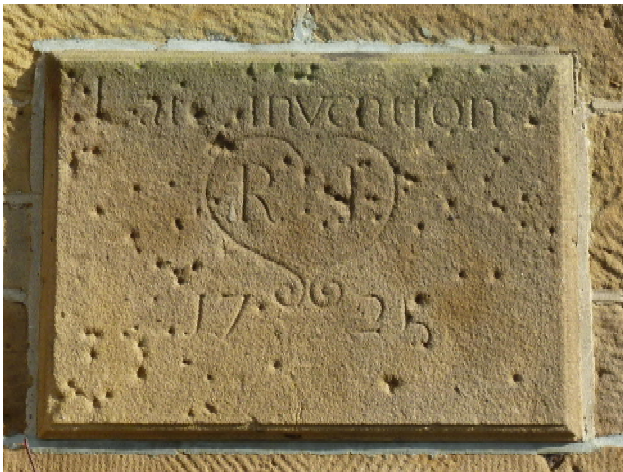
Saturday 24 March 2012

Places are still available at the annual day school, to be held again at Leeds Metropolitan University's Headingley Campus and which will explore 'How Yorkshire became polite'. The day will examine the changes that took place as classical features and different styles were adopted by those building in Yorkshire from the end of the sixteenth century, and the factors that influenced them. As usual, the day school will be followed by the Group's AGM. Booking form circulated with the last Newsheet and also available on the YVBSG website – if you're interested, please book as soon as possible.

Vernacular Buildings of Great Broughton and District

Friday 18 to Sunday 20 May 2012

The annual recording conference will be held this year in collaboration with Great Broughton and Kirkby-in-Cleveland Local History Group. Great Broughton is a large and attractive village two miles south of Stokesley, immediately below the dramatic escarpment of the Cleveland Hills, and a number of interesting buildings in the locality have been lined up for us to record. Full details enclosed with this Newsheet and also available on the YVBSG website.



Unusual datestone at the Wainstones Hotel, Great Broughton, with the text 'Late invention' followed by two initials within a heart and the date 1725. The nature of the 'late invention' is as yet a mystery – perhaps we'll find out more during the conference!

Conference Review Day

Sunday 30 September 2012

An opportunity to discuss the buildings recorded during the Great Broughton conference and to review the findings.

Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 24 March 2012 at 5pm in the James Graham Building, Headingley Campus, Leeds Metropolitan University, Leeds. 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 or members of the committee to David Crook by Saturday 16 March 2012.

The minutes of the 2011 AGM are available on the Members' Area of the YVBSG website.

Walk around South Halifax

Saturday 9 June 2012

Meet at Shears Inn car park, Paris Gates, Halifax at 2pm for a three-hour walk with Stuart Crowther looking at the development of south Halifax including vernacular buildings and industrial sites. The pub does good food and it is probably worth booking if you want lunch beforehand – see www.shearsinnparisgates.co.uk or telephone 01422 362936.

Visit to Lawkland Hall

Sunday 5 August 2012

A visit to Lawkland Hall, north of Settle, organised by Kevin Illingworth. To include a large barn with mullioned windows in a gable end (listed grade 2) and a bank barn on the Lawkland Hall Estate (a pleasant walk). Details in the next Newsheet, including other buildings to be visited in that area.

YVBSG Fortieth Anniversary

Saturday 1 September 2012

Come and celebrate the YVBSG's 40th Birthday! We plan to hold an afternoon event at Bedern Hall, York, with optional evening dinner. Full details to follow. It is hoped that team leaders will meet during the morning to discuss the draft reports from the May conference in preparation for the review day.

New YVBSG Archivist

As reported in the last Newsheet, David Cant has now taken over from Malcolm Birdsall as Archivist. We thank Malcolm for all his hard work over the last five years.

All completed reports should in future be sent to David (contact details on back page); there may be a slight delay in distributing reports during the handover. As the archive continues to grow in size, rather than trying to squeeze more than 1800 reports into his spare bedroom David has arranged for the archive to be stored at the Birchcliffe Centre in Hebden Bridge, which is also home to the Hebden Bridge Local History Society Library and the Pennine Horizons Digital Archive.

We're pleased to report that Susie Peace has stepped forward to join the *Yorkshire Buildings* editorial group when David stands down after the 2011 edition is produced in the summer.

Recent YVBSG Events

A merry band of eight volunteers armed with laptops met at the Yorkshire Archaeological Society at Claremont in Leeds on the morning of Saturday 28 January to check that the copy of our archive held there was up-to-date and accorded with our own. After some minor amendments the YAS will hold a complete set of our reports; if anyone is unable to find any copies there in future, please let David Cant know.

During the afternoon several more members joined us for a talk on the history of the house and the families who lived there, a tour of the building, and a look at some of the fascinating maps and other documents held in the archives.

We are grateful to Robert Frost, Jo Heron, Sylvia Thomas and Janet Senior of the YAS for planning and hosting an enjoyable day and for sharing their extensive knowledge with us.

Membership renewal

Membership fees for the calendar year 2012 became due on 1 January; the price remains at £10. If you find a renewal slip enclosed with this Newsheet, it means that you haven't yet renewed – please do so if you wish to continue to receive copies of the Newsheet and *Yorkshire Buildings*!

Committee meeting

The committee meeting scheduled for Sunday 5 February 2012 was postponed due to snow and will instead take place on Sunday 11 March 2012. If you'd like to raise any matters or suggest any future events please contact the Secretary, David Crook.

Next Newsheet

Many thanks to everybody who contributed to this newsheet. The next edition will be in May 2012 – please send any items that might interest other members (such as events, new publications, news on buildings, requests for information) to the editor by 30 April 2012.

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!

Houses in Northwram

Friday 2 March 2012

Talk by David Cant to Low Moor Local History Group at Aldersgate Methodist Church, Common Road, Low Moor, Bradford BD12 OTW, 2.30pm to 4pm, £2. www.sblha.com/lmlhg.html.

Local Heritage Fair

Saturday 3 March 2012

11am to 3pm at Bishops' House, Norton Lees Lane, Sheffield. Free admission. Telephone 0114 255 7701, web www.bishopshouse.org.uk.

Lost Houses of Baildon and Bingley

Thursday 8 March 2012

A talk by Tish Lawson to Bingley and District Local History Society at Church House, Old Main Street, Bingley, 7.30pm, £1.50. www.bingleyhistory.co.uk.

Tour of Grindleton

Thursday 8 March 2012

Tour by Marion Hutchinson for Upper Wharfedale Field Society (Vernacular Buildings Group). Enquiries: Secretary Hanneke Dye, 01756 752012, www.kilnseyandconistone.co.uk.

Local and Family History Day 2012

Saturday 10 March 2012

North Yorkshire County Record Office event at The Pavilions of Harrogate, 10am-4pm. www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=6269.

Restoration of Cowside, Langstrothdale

Monday 12 March 2012

Talk by Linda Lockett to Upper Wharfedale Field Society at the Octagon Theatre, Grassington at 7.30pm. Enquiries: Secretary Hanneke Dye, telephone 01756 752012, web www.kilnseyandconistone.co.uk.



Ripon Georgian Courthouse

Monday 12 March 2012

Talk and tour of Ripon's Courthouse Museum with new displays telling the story of the building. Cost £5, 2pm. To book, contact Harrogate Museums and Arts on 01423 556188.

The Geology Behind York's Buildings

Wednesday 14 March 2012

Join Yorkshire Museum's geology curator for a different and surprising look at what the buildings of York are built from! 10.30am-12.30pm or 2pm-3pm. £5. To book a place, telephone York Museums Trust on 01904 650333.

Medieval Architecture of Lower Fishergate, Doncaster

Thursday 15 March 2012

A talk by Jane McComish to Tickhill and District Local History Society at Methodist School Room, Northgate, Tickhill, at 7.30pm. Enquiries: Dorothy Bradley on 01302 752429, www.tickhillhistorysociety.org.uk.

In the pipeline ...

Kevin Illingworth will be arranging a full-day visit to the Hoghton and Brindle areas east of Chorley, Lancashire. To include a late fifteenth or early sixteenth century barn at Causeway Farm, which has four cruck trusses with heavy scantling. Causeway Farmhouse is early seventeenth century of brick and stone. Very interesting externally with two full-height porches and a porch-like stair turret. At least one interesting room can be viewed internally. Lunch at the Lord Nelson Inn (1688). More details in the next Newsheet.

Tour of Conyngtham Hall

Wednesday 15 March 2012

Tour of this grade II* listed 18th century building with four ionic column portico. The building was designed by architect John Carr. 1pm or 3pm, cost £4 including tea and cake. To book, please contact Harrogate Museums and Arts, telephone 01423 556188.

Local Heritage for Local People: when is a building worthy of protection?

Wednesday 21 March 2012

Public lecture by Chris O'Flaherty in Darwin Lecture Theatre, University of Central Lancashire, Preston. Free but book for tickets on 01772 892344. www.uclan.ac.uk/information/alumni/public_lecture_series.php

The Story of Gayle Mill

Wednesday 21 March 2012

Talk by Tony Routh, Director of Gayle Mill Trust, for Austwick Field and Local History Society at 7.30pm. For details of venue contact Gordon James on 015242 51668, www.austwick.org.

Georgian Halifax

Sunday 25 March 2012

Some buildings in Halifax of the 1700s or early 1800s are well known, but many others are far less familiar. Meet Anne Kirker by the West Gate (ie top gate) of Halifax Piece Hall at 2pm. A Calderdale Heritage Walk, £3, no need to book. Summer programme available soon at www.calderdaleheritagewalks.org.uk.

Cruck Building in the Greater Manchester Area

Thursday 29 March 2012

A talk by Michael Nevell to Middleton Archaeological Society at the timber-framed Olde Boar's Head, Long Street, Middleton, Manchester at 7.30pm. Visitors £3. www.middletonas.org.

Surprises at the Swan and Royal

Monday 2 April 2012

A talk by John Trippier to Clitheroe Civic Society at Ribble Valley Council Chambers, Church Street, Clitheroe, at 7.30pm. Visitors £3. Enquiries: Pauline Wood, telephone 01200 429187. John was archivist and archaeologist during the recent rebuilding of this Clitheroe public house after a serious fire.

The Continuing Story of Vernacular Architecture in the Upper Calder Valley

Tuesday 3 April 2012

A talk by Peter Thornborrow to Halifax Antiquarian Society at Halifax Central Library, Northgate, 7.30-9.30pm. Enquiries: telephone 01422 348863. www.halifaxhistory.org.uk.

Dales Field Barns in Context

Thursday 5 April 2012

A talk by Arnold Pacey to Upper Wharfedale Heritage Group at Soroptomists Rooms, 28 Otley Street, Skipton at 7.30pm, visitors £3. www.uwhg.org.uk.



Trouser Town

Monday 9 April 2012

A gentle walk round Hebden Bridge learning more about 150 years of the textile and clothing industries here. Meet Justine Wyatt outside Hebden Bridge Visitor Centre alongside A646 at 2pm. A Calderdale Heritage Walk, charge £3, no need to book. www.calderdaleheritagewalks.org.uk.

The Technology of the Country House

Monday 16 April 2012

Talk by Marilyn Palmer to South Yorkshire Industrial History Society, 7.30pm at Kelham Island Museum, Sheffield. Non-members £2. Web www.topforge.co.uk/Contents.htm.

Medieval Houses in the North of England

Tuesday 17 April 2012

Talk by Dr Jane Grenville of the University of York to Middleham and Dales Local History Group (fourth John Rettie Memorial Lecture), at Middleham Key Centre from 2pm to 4pm. Visitors £3. Enquiries: Tony Keates, telephone 01969 640436 or email dotandtonyk@btinternet.com.

Some courses on offer

Find the History of Your House

Tutor: Katy Iliffe, Archivist, Sedbergh School. This course will cover how to research your house history using the local authority record office and online resources. You will learn which documents you need and where to find them. Saturday 17 March 2012, 10am-4pm at Sedbergh Community Development Centre. Fee £28. Enquiries: 015396 21031, www.sedberghcdc.org.uk.

Lincolnshire Farm Buildings

Tutor: Shirley Brook. Looking at a wide selection of images we shall find out what is special about Lincolnshire farm buildings, learn what they can tell us about past farming and consider their place in the modern countryside. WEA course, 21 April 2012, 2.30pm to 5.30pm at Grimsby Central Hall & Arts Community Centre, Duncombe Street, Grimsby DN32 7EG. Fee £7.50. For further information, please contact Linda Salkeld on 01472 200329.

Architecture and Landscape Watercolour course

Course on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May 2012 by Tim Rose, Architectural Artist, at Pear Tree Farm, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire. Cost £65. Telephone 0114 255 2171, website www.timrose.co.uk.

Archaeology and the Historic Environment in the Yorkshire Dales

Saturday 21 April 2012

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority day school. £15/12.50. Details from YDNPA at Yoredale, Bainbridge, telephone 01969 652353, email herinfo@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Fold Farm, Kettlewell, and Kettlewell

Wednesday 25 April 2012

A walk by Alison Armstrong for North Craven Heritage Trust. 1.45pm, visitors £2. Meet at YDNPA car park by river bridge, Kettlewell. Enquiries: Alison Armstrong, telephone 01535 633592. www.northcravenheritage.org.uk.

Tour of Appletreewick

Thursday 26 April 2012

Upper Wharfedale Field Society (Vernacular Buildings Group) visit. Enquiries: Secretary Hanneke Dye, telephone 01756 752012, web www.kilnseyandconistone.co.uk.

Traditional Farmhouses in and around the Forest of Bowland

Tuesday 8 May 2012

A talk on architectural features of houses and other buildings by Kevin Illingworth to the Ribble Valley branch of the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society. At Clitheroe Cricket Club, Chatburn Road, Clitheroe at 7.30pm. Enquiries: Anne Weare on 01200 445369.

From Sharp to Blunt: The Story of Horton Hall

Tuesday 8 May 2012

A talk by Astrid Hanson to Clayton History Group at Clayton Library, Clayton Lane, Bradford at 10.30am. Enquiries: Margaret Dalgety on 01274 880522 or 01274 880475.

The largest flagstone in Yorkshire?

According to a Mr Roger Davis, the largest flagstone in Yorkshire (surface area) is at the top of the entrance steps to St Chad's Church at Far Headingley, Leeds. The slender spire and red-tiled roof can easily be seen looking east from Headingley Campus, the venue for the YVBSG day school on 24 March 2012. It takes just five minutes to walk there to see the 10' 2" x 9' 9" flagstone. See *Dalesman* magazine website at www.dalesman.co.uk and follow the Letters link (January 2010 then September 2010) for more details.

After the day school in 2011, I saw this flagstone and it is indeed a large one, but there are much bigger flagstones west of the Pennines. All will be revealed in a future edition of *Dalesman* magazine and a YVBSG Newsheet later in 2012. The largest flagstone(s) in northern England are found somewhere in the verse on the back page of Newsheet 56, May 2009 (top left)!

Kevin Illingworth

Websites worth watching

Exhibition at The Folly, Settle

www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly/exhibitions/exhibitions_2011

If you missed the exhibition 'Challenge and Change: 350 years in the life of a house and its region' at The Folly, you can now see it online via the above website.

Lakes Guides Topics: Datestones, dated doorheads and barns

www.geog.port.ac.uk/webmap/thelakes/html/topics/miscfram.htm

A very interesting website showing colour photographs of more than 330 datestones and dated doorheads. There are also hundreds of photographs of barns, bee-boles, chimneys, inns, privies and dry stone walls, to name just a few of the 160 topics. Covers Lancashire-north-of-the-Sands, Cumberland and Westmorland.

Talks on the History of Buildings

www.open-lectures.co.uk/History-of-Buildings

Another way of finding out about interesting talks.

SPAB Yorkshire

The SPAB Yorkshire Regional Group programme of visits for spring 2012 will include the following:

- Saturday 31 March – Kirklees Park Farm Buildings and Mock Hall. The visit will take in the Grade I and Grade II* listed buildings; including the Kirklees Priory Gatehouse, the double aisled barn, the L-shaped barn and the Malthouse. Also Mock Hall, an important 17th century Grade II former farmhouse.
- Saturday 28 April – Lawkland Hall. Lawkland Hall is a rare example of a house that in spite of later additions has retained at its core its 16th century origins.
- Date to be confirmed – The Weavers Triangle, Burnley.
- Date to be confirmed – Hopwood Hall, Rochdale.

Further details will be published on the Yorkshire Regional Group page of the SPAB website at www.spab.org.uk/spab-membership/regional-events, or contact Ray Wilson, telephone 01423 781467.

Historic Houses Association Yorkshire

An annual subscription of £41.40 (single) or £67 (double) allows you to become a Friend of the HHA. You can then visit nearly 300 houses free of charge and be on the mailing list for tours as below. Alternatively, if you know a 'Friend', you can join a tour as a guest. Details from Friends Membership Department, Heritage House, PO Box 21, Baldock, Hertfordshire SG7 5SH, 01462 896688, www.hha.org.uk.

- Sunday 25 March 2012 (also on Sunday 16 September 2012) – Broughton Hall and Hellfield Peel. Cost £59 including lunch.
- Sunday 20 May 2012 – Austwick Hall and Gledstone Hall. Cost £55 including lunch and afternoon tea.

A few new books

Traditional Farmsteads and their Buildings in Nidderdale AONB. This guidance booklet, compiled by English Heritage, Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Jen Deadman and others, provides an initial assessment of the historic farmsteads that form an important part of the landscape of Nidderdale AONB. The booklet includes many colour photographs and will be of interest to anyone with an interest in local history and landscapes, including those taking part in volunteering projects. One of these is a survey of the traditional farm buildings in the Nidderdale AONB in the next two years. This document also aims to help in the preparation of planning applications and listed building consent. The booklet is downloadable from www.nidderdaleaonb.org.uk.

Cobbled Together by Susan Brookes. A personal view of cobbles and setts in Long Preston. 24 pages, A4 size, 50 colour photographs. £4.50 + £1 p&p. Available for order via www.longpreston.info or telephone 01729 840729.

National Gardens Scheme – The Yellow Book. Published annually in February. £9.99. See www.ngs.org.uk for details of over 3700 gardens open for charity (a good way of seeing buildings!).

Country Houses of Lancashire and their Builders by John Champness. A comprehensive introduction to Lancashire's country houses, from the twelfth to the twentieth centuries. John Champness provides an account of how and why the layout and decorative details of these houses evolved, how they reflected the attitudes and ambitions of their owners, and how they were built and financed. This book is the product of thirty years' research; it was completed shortly before the author's untimely death. Softback, ISBN 978-1-86220-292-4, 200 pages, price £15.95 (plus £1 p+p). Published by Centre for North-West Regional Studies, Lancaster University, telephone 01524 593770, <http://www.lancs.ac.uk/users/cnwrs>.



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