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YVBSG Events For Your Diary

Owt Fresh? Annual Day School & AGM

Saturday 16 March 2013

Places are still available for the annual day school at the Headingley Campus of Leeds Metropolitan University. The theme this year is 'Owt Fresh?' *Advances in our understanding of Yorkshire's vernacular buildings.* The talks will focus on the changes in our knowledge and understanding of Yorkshire's vernacular buildings that have taken place since the YVBSG was founded forty years ago. Booking form enclosed with the previous Newsheet and also available on the YVBSG website.

Further Drawing Techniques – A Workshop

Saturday 4 May 2013

A practical workshop led by Allan Adams (Technical Survey and Graphics Officer at English Heritage) with the assistance of Tony Berry (formerly of English Heritage), focusing on the process of getting from a field sketch to a final drawing, looking at things like getting to grips with details, using diagonals, equipment, drawing conventions, scanning, scales, and adding captions and headings. The event will be based at the Priory Street Centre in York and follows on from the workshop held in November 2012, but you don't need to have attended the first one to come along. If you'd like to come, please contact Lorraine Moor (lorraine.moor@york.ac.uk, 01904 632124) before 1 April 2013. It would be very helpful if you could state whether there are any particular topics you would like to cover. Full day, own arrangements for lunch. Confirmation of times will be sent to those who have booked a place. Fee: £10 per person, payable on the day.

Annual Recording Conference in the Spenn Valley

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May 2013

Annual recording weekend, to be held this year in the Gomersal and Birstall area. Full details and booking form enclosed with this Newsheet and also available on the website. All welcome, whether beginners or experienced members! Please note that additional useful information on prices of hotels in the area can be found on the Members' Area of the website.



Battle Hill Farmhouse, Austwick, dated 1673 on battlemented lintel, with curved staircase turret in an unusual position at the front!

Visit to Austwick Hall and village

Sunday 23 June 2013

Full day visit to Austwick, five miles north-west of Settle, located just east or north-east of the A65 in north Craven. A village walkabout will be mainly in the morning, when we will see features such as decorated and dated lintels, including one with 'Cheese-room' painted on it. Also noticeable are chimney stacks on corbels, or extruded, topped with round or diagonally-set caps. Other features include a semi-circular (or curved) stair turret, unusually placed at the front (see photo below)! Some whitewash survives, and there are several houses with internal floor-to-ceiling flagstone partition walls.

Lunch will be at the seventeenth century Game Cock Inn, which has many early photographs of the village.

In the afternoon we have a guided tour of Austwick Hall, a house of several periods, including the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The tour costs £5 a head, a reduced fee especially for the YVBSG, and includes tea/coffee (maximum of 25). If time permits, we could visit Wharfe, a hamlet of Austwick, just over a mile away.

Meet at 10.30am outside the Game Cock, park anywhere sensible and legal, especially beyond (east of) this inn. The village shop is open 9am to 12 noon.

If you want to come, please telephone Kevin Illingworth on 01422 844941, stating whether you want lunch and leaving your telephone number clearly. If I am away from home, all messages will be answered upon my return. YVBSG members and guests only.

Conference Review Day

Sunday 22 September 2013

An opportunity to hear about the buildings recorded during the Spenn Valley conference to be held in May.

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!

Saving a Century

19 February to 30 March 2013

An exhibition of photos from around the country, curated by architectural historian Gavin Stamp, showing examples of the best Victorian and Edwardian buildings and structures that the Victorian Society has campaigned to save, and some that have been lost. Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5.30pm, at Queensgate Market, Princess Alexandra Walk, Huddersfield. Free admission. The exhibition will also be on show from 2-30 August 2013 in Halifax Town Hall.

'A Noble Scene of Industry' – Cultural Landscapes of Yorkshire – Textile Manufacture

Saturday 9 March 2013

PLACE Spring Conference at Queens Hall, Burley-in-Wharfedale. Talks include: *Yorkshire textiles – types, processes and locations* (George Sheeran); *Halifax and its area: a textiles landscape 1500 – 1900?* (Colum Giles); *Settlement, society and textiles: Saddleworth 1750-1900* (Alan Petford); *'From Loom to Bedroom': changing the use of Yorkshire's mills* (Nigel Grizzard). Afternoon walk around Burley-in-Wharfedale, led by Terry O'Connor. Cost: £20 (£15 for retired/unwaged). Booking form available on PLACE website at <http://place.uk.com/2012/12/winter-newsletter-and-news-of-2013-events/>.

Medieval Dronfield

Tuesday 12 March 2013

A talk by Professor David Hey, 7.30pm at Dronfield Civic Hall (about six miles south of Sheffield). Nottinghamshire Archives hold a rare document, a rental of the Gild of St Mary and St John the Baptist, dated 1561. This gives details of the houses and cottages in Dronfield and beyond, including their roofing materials – stone slated, straw thatched, broom thatched and one covered with turf! Admission £6. Tickets available from the Dronfield Heritage Project Office, Thursdays 11am to 1pm. Alternatively, please contact Margaret Phipps on 01246 410253, Joyce Emmens on 01246 410253 or Pat Hey on 01246 417370. Or purchase tickets online at medievaldronfield.eventbrite.co.uk.

Tour of Allerton Castle

Wednesday 20 March 2013

Guided tour of this gothic revival (non-vernacular!) stately home. There has been a grand building on the site for over 900 years, with the current house dating from the mid-nineteenth

century. Discover the main rooms used when this was a classic English country house. 2pm, £10 including refreshments. Book in person at the Mercer Art Gallery, Harrogate, by phone on 01423 556188, or email museums@harrogate.gov.uk.

Northowram

Sunday 24 March 2013

A Calderdale Heritage Walk around this old township near Halifax going back to Domesday. It has many aspects to its story, many interesting buildings, and is important in non-conformist history too. Meet David Nortcliffe at 2pm by Northowram Parish Church alongside the A6036. £3. www.calderdaleheritagewalks.org.uk.

York House, Yorkersgate and Malton through time

Monday 25 March 2013

Talk by Nigel Copsey to Scarborough Archaeological and Historical Society, 7.30pm in the Concert Room, Central Library, Vernon Road, Scarborough, £2. www.scarborough-heritage.org.

Local Buildings in the Spen Valley Area

Tuesday 26 March and 2 April 2013

A talk on local buildings in the Spen valley area by David Cant, in preparation for the YVBSG recording conference. 10.30am at Birstall Library, Market Street on Tuesday 26 March and 10.00am at Cleckheaton Library, Whitcliffe Road on Tuesday 2 April. Enquiries: David Cant (contact details on back page).

Bridge Mill – History on our Doorstep

Wednesday 27 March 2013

Talk by Justine Wyatt to Hebden Bridge Local History Society, 7.30pm at Methodist Hall, Market Street. What is the story behind the present mill building? Why did medieval millers have such a bad name? A mill has stood here for 700 years so what can the manor court rolls and other records tell us? This talk will look at the history of the mill and ways in which it has been used. www.hebdenbridgehistory.org.uk.



The History of Manor Lodge

Monday 8 April 2013

Talk by David Templeman to Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society. Transformation from one of the finest early Tudor manor houses to a palace fit for a queen, up to the progress made at the site in the last few years. Talk follows AGM at 7.15pm in Quaker Meeting House, 10 St James Street, Sheffield (near the Anglican Cathedral). Visitors £2. Website www.hhbs.org.uk.

Archaeology and the Historic Environment in the Yorkshire Dales National Park

Saturday 13 April 2013

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority annual day school at Grassington Town Hall. Talks include *Building Stones of the Yorkshire Dales* (Shirley Everitt). Fee £15 (£12.50 for full-time students or YAS members). Includes refreshments but not lunch. For details telephone 01969 652338, email herinfo@yorkshiredales.org.uk, or see www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/livinghere/whatwecandotohelpyou/archaeologyadvice/archaeologydayschool.

Tour of Markenfield Hall

Thursday 18 April 2013

Guided tour looking at the landscape and taking in the gatehouse and courtyard, three principal rooms and the four-poster bedroom. Afterwards visit the chapel, great hall, undercroft, orchard and moat. 2pm, £7. Please book in advance by phone on 01423 556188, email at museums@harrogate.gov.uk or in person at the Mercer Art Gallery, Harrogate.

Traditional Houses in Context, 1550-1850

Saturday 20 April 2013

Bradford University Day School with tutor George Sheeran, exploring the different kinds of traditional buildings found in the west of the county and contrasting them with those in the east. Concentrating mostly on houses, we will discover how different ways of life produced different types of buildings and how local building materials gave them distinctive appearances. Programme includes: *What is traditional architecture?*; *West Yorkshire in the 17th century: merchants, weavers and cloth*; *East Yorkshire: follow the plough*; *Changes in Tradition*; and *Smallholders, cottages and the poor*. Fee £21, £16 concessions. See www.brad.ac.uk/study/public-programmes, telephone 01274 233547.

History on the Ground

Late April to early June

An outdoor course of five or six walks in north Lancashire. Runs every year, usually on Tuesday afternoons for 2 hours (but sometimes 4 hours) in the wider Lancaster area, as far as the old West Riding boundary. Most walks include vernacular architecture. Details usually available by mid-April from tutor James Houghton on 01253 790334.

Whelprigg House, Kirkby Lonsdale

Wednesday 1 May 2013

North Craven Heritage Trust visit to a house of 1834, but with a reset datestone of 1700. Meet at the house at 1pm, £10. Enquiries: 015242 76222 or see www.northcravenheritage.org.uk.

Vernacular Buildings

Wednesday 1 May 2013

Talk by James Innerdale to North Craven Heritage Trust, 7.30pm at Clapham Village Hall, £2. www.northcravenheritage.org.uk.

Museums at Night

Friday 17 May 2013

A behind-the-scenes guided tour of the Ryedale Folk Museum, Hutton-le-Hole, 7pm to 8.30pm, £10. Pre-booking required by telephoning 01751 417367, www.ryedalefolkmuseum.co.uk.

Markenfield Hall

4 to 19 May and 15 to 30 June 2013

Markenfield Hall near Ripon will be open on the above dates this year, from 2pm to 5pm each day. Full details at www.markenfield.com.

Burton Agnes Hall: Behind the Scenes Tours

9 May to 10 October 2013

A tour with head guide Pauline Waslin to view parts of the hall that have never before been open to the public, including the room where the resident ghost's skull is believed to be hidden! Tour dates: 9 May, 29 August and 10 October 2013 at 11am or 2pm. £15, must be booked in advance by calling the Estate Office on 01262 490324, www.burtonagnes.com.

Castle to Cottage: House and Home in East Yorkshire

Tuesday 14 May 2013

Talk by Dr David Neave at the Treasure House in Beverley, 6.30pm, £5. Illustrated lecture exploring the history of housing in the region from fortified manor houses and handsome Georgian townhouses to picturesque estate village housing and humble labourers' cottages. Telephone 01482 392699/392706 or book online at www.eastriding.gov.uk/events.

Burton Agnes Hall: History Talks

16 May to 22 August 2013

Head guide Pauline Waslin will give an insightful talk about the life and times of an Elizabethan home. Dates: 16 May, 27 June, 18 July, 22 August 2013 at 2pm. No booking necessary, normal Hall admission applies.

Old Middle House, Malham Tarn

Monday 20 May 2013

A walk led by Dr David Johnson for Ingleborough Archaeology Group. Meet 6.30pm at Street Gate, Malham Moor

(SD 905 656) or Ingleton Community Centre at 5.45pm or Settle Market Place at 6pm. Approximately 3 miles on paths and tracks. Bring a torch! www.ingleborougharchaeologygroup.org.uk.

From Medieval Farm to Industrial Village: 500 Years of Denshaw History

Wednesday 22 May 2013

Talk by Mike Buckley to Saddleworth Historical Society, 7.30pm at Saddleworth Museum, Upper Mill. www.saddleworth-historical-society.org.uk.

Discovering the History, Character and Vernacular Architecture of Troutbeck Village

Monday 17 June 2013

A walk with Andrew Lowe for Ingleborough Archaeology Group. Meet 7pm in lay-by near Church Bridge just off A592 Windermere to Ullswater road (NY 412 026) or Ingleton Community Centre at 5.45pm or Settle Market Place at 5.30pm. About 2 miles mainly on paths or pavements. Enquiries: 015242 41931, www.ingleborougharchaeologygroup.org.uk.

Jacksons Farm, Worsthorpe

Saturday 20 July 2013

Advance notice for YVBSG members who were unable to be on the visit to Jacksons Farm, Worsthorpe, near Burnley in 2012. Those members can now join the Calder Valley Historic Buildings Group on a further visit in July with Kevin Illingworth. Details to follow in the May Newsheet.

Hetty Wainthropp Investigates!

Those members who joined the Slaidburn events in 2006, 2007, and 2008 may be interested to know that one episode of *Hetty Wainthropp Investigates* was filmed in and around Slaidburn c.1996. The episode was 'Poison Pen', shown on BBC1 in 1996. The Hark to Bounty Inn was renamed The Farriers Arms. 'Poison Pen' can be watched on YouTube. Another episode 'The Lost Chords' (49 minutes) was filmed at Browsholme Hall, and in 'A Rose by any Other Name' (49 minutes), Little Mitton Hall can be seen from 45 minutes onwards (and renamed The Bellamy Hotel). All three episodes can be seen on YouTube.

Kevin Illingworth



Websites Worth Watching

West Yorkshire Heritage Forum

<http://wyhf.wordpress.com/>

A blog of what's going on heritage-wise in West Yorkshire.

Council for British Archaeology Events Page

<http://www.cba-yorkshire.org.uk/home/events>

A useful list of interesting events throughout Yorkshire.

Archaeological Journal online

The first 120 volumes (1844 to 1963) of the *Archaeological Journal* are now available to view online at the Archaeology Data Service. The journal presents the results of archaeological and architectural survey and fieldwork on sites and monuments of all periods as well as syntheses and overviews of such work in the British Isles.

To take a look see <http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/archjournal/>.

ADS Grey Literature

The Archaeology Data Service now holds over 18,000 reports in their Grey Literature Library and this number is increasing steadily. These reports, unpublished elsewhere, include building surveys as well as excavation reports and can be found at <http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/greylit/>.

It's possible to search for reports by contractor, period, monument type or location. For reports on standing buildings in Yorkshire and nearby counties, try browsing through those produced by Ed Dennison Archaeological Services Ltd or Stephen Haigh (Buildings Archaeologist).

New publications

The Building of a Port City – A history and celebration of Hull by David and Susan Neave. A booklet produced by Hull City Council and English Heritage to celebrate this important city. Each key phase of its history is explained through surviving buildings and places. £3 from Hull Tourist Information Centre, telephone 01482 223559, or from philip.hampel@hullcc.gov.uk.

History Revealed – The Faversham Society Houses by Sarah Pearson and Allan Adams (ISBN 1900214717). 24-page booklet from the Faversham Society at Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre, Preston Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8NS, telephone 01795 534542 or www.faversham.org.uk/community/faversham_society/publications. £5.50 including P&P. A study of 10-13 Preston Street dating from c1400 onwards, which could form a model for small-scale local studies anywhere. Drawings by Allan (who will lead the YVBSG drawing workshop in May) – mostly cutaway drawings in pen and ink and watercolour.

The Yellow Book (National Gardens Scheme) is now available at £9.99. Several gardens (and historic houses) in this book have been, and will be, visited by the YVBSG this year and in recent years. At least one is owned by a YVBSG member! Details also online at www.ngs.org.uk.

Industrial Archaeology: A Handbook by Marilyn Palmer, Michael Nevell and Mark Sissons. CBA Practical Handbook series, 2012, ISBN 978-1902771922, £20. An informative and accessible guide to the industrial remains of the UK, giving concise summaries of the history of different industries, together with descriptions of the structures and below-ground remains.

Historic Houses in Lancashire – The Douglas Valley, 1300-1770 by Garry Miller (2002). 212 pages, 170 photos and plans, covering central and south-west Lancashire, now only £12.50 (was £25) at Pendle Heritage Centre. If anyone wants a copy, Kevin Illingworth can arrange for it to be brought to the day school to save on postage – please phone Kevin on 01422 844941.

Some forthcoming courses

Beyond the Attic Door – Further History of My House and the Sources Used

Spring course organised by Middleham and Dales Local History Group with tutor Tony Nicholson on Tuesdays 5, 19 and 26 March 2013 at Middleham Key Centre, 2pm to 4pm. Enquiries: Tony Keates, email dotandtonyk@btinternet.com, telephone 01969 640436, www.middlehamonline.com/MDLH%20Group.htm.

Recording Vernacular Buildings in Cumbria

A series of short courses led by YVBSG member June Hall, who hopes to set up a recording group for Cumbria. All sessions 2pm to 4pm; choose from the following locations:

- Swarthmoor Hall. Tuesdays – 12, 19 and 26 March and 2 April 2013.
- Hesket Newmarket, Free Church room. Wednesdays – 13 and 20 March and 3 and 10 April 2013.
- Newbiggin (Stainton) Village Hall. Thursdays – 14 and 21 March and 4 and 11 April 2013.

Week 1: What is Vernacular Architecture? Why record examples? What to record?

Week 2: How to record a building. Elevations, plans, descriptions.

Week 3: Interpreting the evidence. Documentary sources.

Week 4: Practical session, recording a building.

Fees: £5 per session, or £18 for all four. Please book before 21 February 2013. All welcome, no experience needed.

Enquiries: telephone June on 01768 480286 or email junelennahall@hotmail.com. A copy of the booking form is available via the YVBSG website at www.yvbsg.org.uk/cumbria-courses2013.pdf.

Auction of book collection

We were pleased to send a donation of £50 to the Air Ambulance Service from the proceeds of the auction of Richard Clegg Watson's collection of books, as advertised in previous Newsheets. The unsold publications will be available for purchase at the YVBSG day school in March, and any still left after this date will be donated to the YAS.



Next Newsheet

Many thanks to all who contributed to this newsheet. The next edition will be in May 2013 – please send any items of interest to members (events, new books, queries, comments, observations) to the editor by 30 April 2013.

Members' Area

Do keep an eye on the Members' Area of the YVBSG website as we continue to add new items to it. The slides and accompanying documents from last November's workshop on drawing techniques are now available online here.

The password changes every January and those of you who have renewed your membership will find a slip enclosed with this Newsheet giving the login details (or send an email to webmaster@yvbsg.org.uk at any time for a reminder).

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Saturday 16 March 2013 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 9 March 2013.

The minutes of the 2012 AGM are available on the Members' Area of the website.

Next committee meeting

The next full meeting of the committee will be held on Sunday 13 October 2013 although a 'virtual' meeting to consider future events will be held by email during the spring. If you'd like to raise any matters or suggest any events please contact David Crook.

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