



# YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP

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## YVBSG Events For Your Diary

### Beyond the Building – annual day school and AGM

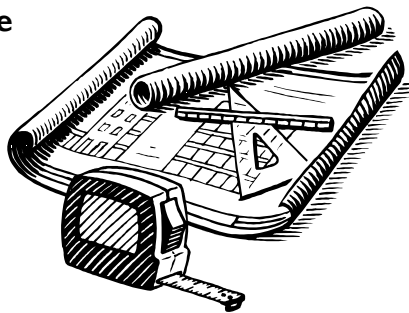
Saturday 15 March 2014

The annual day school will be held again at Leeds Metropolitan University, on the theme of 'Beyond the Building'. Speakers will illustrate how further work beyond a survey can add to the understanding and interest of a building, for example by using documents, maps, works of art or comparative studies. Price for members £26 with lunch or £17 without; non-members £30 with lunch or £20 without. Booking form enclosed with last Newsheet and also available on the YVBSG website. The day school will be followed by the group's Annual General Meeting.

### Annual Recording Conference

Friday 9 to Sunday 11 May 2014

To be held in Sedbergh, jointly with the newly-formed Cumbria Vernacular Buildings Group. Booking form and further details enclosed with this Newsheet and also available on the website.



### Visit to Barningham

June 2014 – exact date to be confirmed

In the 1980s and early 1990s the Tees and Greta Section of the former North Yorkshire and Cleveland Vernacular Buildings Study Group surveyed fourteen buildings in this small northern dales village, six miles SE of Barnard Castle. We plan to organise a walkabout in the village and perhaps view a cruck (a northwesterly outlier in the geographical distribution) in-situ in one of the houses. Please register your interest by contacting David Cook, [dcook0@talk21.com](mailto:dcook0@talk21.com) or 01325 310114.

### Discussion Day for Conference Team Leaders

Saturday 26 July 2014

We're trying something new this year by introducing this additional meeting intended for survey team leaders from the recording conference, to help them prepare and complete their reports. This day will provide a chance for them to share information with other team leaders and discuss the buildings recorded.

### Osmotherley and Mount Grace Priory

Sunday 7 September 2014

A visit to Mount Grace Priory and Osmotherley led by Barry Harrison. Details to follow.

### Conference Review Day

Sunday 28 September 2014

An opportunity for all to hear about the buildings recorded during the Sedbergh conference to be held in May.

### Interested in joining the committee?

If you're interested in playing a more active role in the Group, we have a vacancy on the committee. We meet twice a year mainly to arrange events and plan ways of spreading the word about the significance and importance of the buildings we've recorded. We would like someone to field enquiries and particularly to co-ordinate requests to look at buildings. We usually meet in an interesting building and combine committee meetings with a visit or walkabout. Please contact me if you're interested.

For the forthcoming recording conference we'd also like to encourage others to lead a recording group and take responsibility for producing the final report – these needn't be the same person (but quite often are). We'd like to provide some training beforehand and would urge anyone interested to contact me to discuss.

*David Cant*

### Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 15 March 2014 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 8 March 2014.

The minutes of last year's AGM are available on the Members' Area of the website.

### Committee meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Saturday 11 October 2014, 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 the Secretary, David Crook.

### Next Newsheet

Many thanks to all who contributed to this newsheet. The next edition will be in May 2014 – please send any items of interest to members to the editor by 30 April 2014.

## 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!

### Weavers Cottages of North East Lancashire

Thursday 6 March 2014

Talk by Kathy Fishwick to Hyndburn Local History Society, in the Lecture Room of Accrington Library, St James Street at 7.30pm. Admission £3. Enquiries: 01254 237229 or 01254 235880, [www.hyndburnlhs.org.uk](http://www.hyndburnlhs.org.uk).

### Out of the Ground: materials used in Cumbrian Vernacular Buildings

Saturday 8 March 2014

Study day at Burgh by Sands village hall organised by Cumbria Vernacular Buildings Group, 10am to 4pm. Sessions on Cumbrian Stone (speaker to be confirmed); Parging, Pointing and Plastering (Dr Helen Evans and Dave Tyler); Clay Dabbins of the Solway Plain (Peter Messenger); Timber: use and re-use in Cumbrian Vernacular (Dan Elsworth); and a visit to two buildings. Cost £20 for non-members, includes pub lunch. For bookings and enquiries please contact June Hall at [infocvbg@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:infocvbg@mypostoffice.co.uk), web [www.cvbg.co.uk](http://www.cvbg.co.uk).

### The History of High Bank House, Barbon

Monday 10 March 2014

Talk by Mike Kingsbury to Kirkby Lonsdale Civic Society, describing how he set about discovering an amazing amount of data about his own home. 7.30pm at The Institute, New Street, Kirkby Lonsdale (preceded by AGM). [www.communigate.co.uk/lakes/kirkbylonsdaledistrictcivicsociety/](http://www.communigate.co.uk/lakes/kirkbylonsdaledistrictcivicsociety/).

### Swaledale Big Dig Open Day

Saturday 15 March 2014

Launch of a new archaeology project to investigate the history of Reeth, Fremington and Grinton. Full details at [www.swaag.org](http://www.swaag.org).

### North Yorkshire Local and Family History Fair

Saturday 15 March 2014

To be held at The Pavilions of Harrogate, 10am to 4pm. Admission £2. A programme of talks (£3 each) includes *The Secrets behind your Front Door: Discovering the History of your Home* by Emma Wells. Also Peter Higginbotham on workhouses and George Redmonds on surname studies. Enquiries: County Record Office on 01609 777585 or [archives@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:archives@northyorks.gov.uk), website [www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/26333/Record-office---events](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/26333/Record-office---events).

### The History of High Bank House

Wednesday 19 March 2014

Talk by Mike Kingsbury to Sedbergh Local History Society. Illustrated talk on the history of a yeoman farmer's house site and occupants from the sixteenth century to the present day. 7.30pm at Settlebeck High School, Sedbergh, £2. Enquiries: Dilys Evans, telephone 015396 22505. Website [www.sedberghhistory.org](http://www.sedberghhistory.org).

### Farmhouses and Cottages of South Derbyshire

Friday 21 March 2014

Talk by Philip Heath to Derbyshire Archaeological Society. This talk examines the constructional details, room uses and distinguishing features of South Derbyshire farmhouses and cottages, particularly those of the mid seventeenth to mid nineteenth centuries. 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Darley Lane, Derby. Website [www.derbyshireas.org.uk](http://www.derbyshireas.org.uk).

### Guided walk featuring historic buildings of Malhamdale

Monday 24 March 2014

A three mile walk along the River Aire around Malham, including short talks about historic buildings of worship en-route. In association with Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust. For more details and to book, telephone 015242 51002, [media@ydmtd.org](mailto:media@ydmtd.org), website [www.ydmtd.org/get-involved-details-ydmtd-spring-supporter-walk-14400](http://www.ydmtd.org/get-involved-details-ydmtd-spring-supporter-walk-14400).



### Traditional Barns of the Yorkshire Dales

Thursday 27 March 2014

Talk by David Johnson to Barnoldswick History Society in Public Library, Femeal Avenue, Barnoldswick, 7.30pm, £3. [www.barnoldswickhistorysociety.co.uk](http://www.barnoldswickhistorysociety.co.uk).

### Cornelius Ashworth – handloom weaver, farmer & diarist, 1750-1821

Monday 31 March 2014

Talk by Alan Petford to Huddersfield Local History Society in the Reception Room, Huddersfield Town Hall, 7.30pm, £2. [www.huddersfieldhistory.org.uk](http://www.huddersfieldhistory.org.uk).

### Carleton – the outer limits

Thursday 3 April 2014

Talk by Sue Wrathmell to Upper Wharfedale Heritage Group. A presentation which traces the historical growth of a complex section of the Carleton landscape situated on the edge of the village open fields. 7.30pm at the Soroptimist Rooms, 28 Otley Street, Skipton, £3. [www.uwhg.org.uk](http://www.uwhg.org.uk).

### Wressle Castle

Saturday 5 April 2014

An afternoon visit to this privately-owned East Riding castle with the SPAB Yorkshire Regional Group. £8. Details from Ray Wilson, Padside Hall, Thornthwaite-with-Padside, Harrogate HG3 4AN, telephone 01423 781467, email [rwilson@padside-hall.co.uk](mailto:rwilson@padside-hall.co.uk). [www.spab.org.uk](http://www.spab.org.uk).

### Pox, Pus and Sanitation

Monday 7 April 2014

Talk on the sanitary conditions of Victorian Sheffield by Suzanne Bingham to Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society at the Quaker Meeting House, 10 St James Street, Sheffield. Follows an AGM which starts at 7.15pm. Website [www.hhbs.org.uk](http://www.hhbs.org.uk).

### Nether Hall: A History of the House and its Owners

Tuesday 8 April 2014

Talk about Nether Hall, formerly Sutton Hall, by Mike Rymer. Part of Hull History Centre's Lunchtime Club 2014 programme. 12.30-1.30pm at the Hull History Centre, Worship Street, Hull, telephone 01482 317500, website [www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk](http://www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk).

### Work, Rest and Play – the post-medieval architecture of the working classes in West Yorkshire

Wednesday 9 April 2014

Talk by Elizabeth Chamberlin to Wakefield Historical Society, 7.30pm in the Chantry Chapel, Wakefield Bridge, £2. Enquiries: Lesley Taylor, 01924 373658, or see website [www.wakefieldhistoricalsoc.org.uk](http://www.wakefieldhistoricalsoc.org.uk).

### 51 Fleetgate Open Days

From 20 April 2014

This fascinating little building in Barton-on-Humber, North Lincolnshire, with its crown post roof is open to the public on the above open day and several other dates throughout the year. Further details available at website [www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk](http://www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk).

### Study Day at Lancaster Castle

Saturday 26 April 2014

With the recent closure of HM Prison, Lancaster Castle has recently become fully publicly accessible for the first time in its 900-year old history. A tour will include the Norman Great Tower, the thirteenth-century gatehouse and other medieval fortifications. Starts 10.30am. Tickets £40 including lunch, available from Andrew Martindale, Flat 4, 23 London Street, Edinburgh EH3 6LY. Please make cheques payable to SAHGB and enclose an SAE or an email address. Organised by the Society of Architectural Historians of Great Britain – see [www.sahgb.org.uk](http://www.sahgb.org.uk).

### Archaeology and the Historic Environment

Saturday 26 April 2014

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority annual day school at Grassington Town Hall. Talks include: Quality of life at Marrick Priory (Ashley Tallyn); Barden Tower: in the eye of the beholder (Andrew Frame); New light on Anglo-Saxon settlement in North Craven (David Johnson); Discoveries in Craven: 40 years of vernacular buildings studies (Alison Armstrong); and others. Fee £15 (£12.50 students or YAS members). Includes refreshments but not lunch. For details and booking form see [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/archaeologydayschool](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/archaeologydayschool), or telephone 01969 652353.

### Ledston Hall and Ledsham

Saturday 26 April 2014

Afternoon visit to the mainly seventeenth century Hall and Ledsham Church, near Leeds, with the SPAB Yorkshire Regional Group. £8. Details from Ray Wilson, Padside Hall, Thornthwaite-with-Padside, Harrogate HG3 4AN, telephone 01423 781467, email [rwilson@padside-hall.co.uk](mailto:rwilson@padside-hall.co.uk), [www.spab.org.uk](http://www.spab.org.uk).

### Walk around Alston

Monday 28 April 2014

A walk around this Pennine market town with the Cumbria Vernacular Buildings Group. Free, starts 2pm. Booking essential – for details please see [www.cvbg.co.uk](http://www.cvbg.co.uk) or contact June Hall at [infocvbg@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:infocvbg@mypostoffice.co.uk).

### History on the Ground

Late April to early June 2014

A course of Tuesday afternoon walks in North Lancashire, looking at local history and vernacular buildings. Usually five or six walks from 2-4pm or sometimes 12-4pm. Some visits are to areas in the former West Riding or Westmorland. Contact James Houghton (Pilling) on 01253 790334 or 07913 820893 in early April.

### Markenfield Hall Behind the Scenes

Wednesday 7 May 2014

A tour of the Hall followed by drinks with Lady Deirdre and Ian Curteis by the moat. Tour includes areas not normally seen by the public. 6pm to 8pm. Also available on other dates in summer. See [www.markenfield.com](http://www.markenfield.com), telephone 01765 692303 or 01765 603411.

### Who Lived in a House Like Mine? Uncovering the History of Your Home

Thursday 8 May 2014

This half-day workshop with Dr Emma Wells will look at archival research, use of online resources, how to read historical documents, and the evolution of the Yorkshire home. 1pm to 4pm. Cost £9 including refreshments. Venue: Mercer Art Gallery, Harrogate. To book, telephone 01423 556188 or see web [www.harrogate.gov.uk/musm/Pages/primetime.aspx](http://www.harrogate.gov.uk/musm/Pages/primetime.aspx).



### Burton Agnes Hall: Behind the Scenes Tours

From Thursday 8 May 2014

Head Guide Pauline Waslin will take you on a journey to discover how the Elizabethan hall has evolved, with a chance to see parts of the building not normally open to the public. These include the room where the resident ghost's skull is believed to be hidden! Tour dates: 8 May, 28 August and 9 October 2014, 11am or 2pm. Tickets £15, must be booked in advance by calling 01262 490324, [www.burtonagnes.com](http://www.burtonagnes.com).

### Burton Agnes Hall: History Talks

From Thursday 15 May 2014

Held in the Dining Room at Burton Agnes Hall. Head Guide Pauline Waslin will talk about the life and times of an Elizabethan home. Talk dates: 15 May, 26 June, 17 July, 21 August, at 2pm. No booking necessary, normal Hall admission applies. Enquiries as above.

### Jacks and Jagers: Kitchen Technology in England from 1600 to the Second World War

Saturday 17 May 2014

Annual Leeds Symposium on Food History and Traditions at the Friends' Meeting House, Friargate, York. Talks will include: Cooking with Charcoal and Steam in the English Kitchen (Peter Brears); The Blacksmith's Tale – Wrought Iron and Steel in the Kitchen (Giles Cowley); The Evolution of the English Weight-driven Spitjack (Tony Weston); Cooking by Gas in the English Kitchen (David J Eveleigh); Pastry Jagers – their development from the late sixteenth to the late nineteenth century (Michael Finlay). Cost £20. Full details at [www.leedsfoodsymposium.org.uk](http://www.leedsfoodsymposium.org.uk).

### Beverley Minster: sculptures, screens and masons

Saturday 17 September 2014

Study day organised by East Yorkshire Local History Society. The speaker and guide is John Phillips, and the event will include two talks in the morning, and a guided tour in the afternoon. The cost is £21, including lunch, tea and coffee. [www.eylhs.org.uk](http://www.eylhs.org.uk).

## Medieval Congress

The YVBSG has been invited to attend the International Medieval Congress in Leeds from 7 to 10 July 2014, and in particular the Historical and Archaeological Societies Fair which will take place as part of 'Making Leeds Medieval' in University Square on Thursday 10 July from noon to 6pm. More information at [www.leeds.ac.uk/ims/imc/imc2014.html](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/ims/imc/imc2014.html). If anyone is interested in attending the fair and looking after a YVBSG stand please contact David Cant.

## Websites worth watching

### North Craven Heritage Trust: datestones

[www.NorthCravenHeritage.org.uk](http://www.NorthCravenHeritage.org.uk)

Nearly 500 photographs of datestones and doorheads within fifteen miles of Settle have been published on this website – under 'Publications' follow the link for 'Datestones'.

## Drama at Oakwell Hall

Filming is currently underway at Oakwell Hall, Birstall, for the BBC production of *Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell*, the bestselling novel by Susanna Clarke, which will feature on TV at Christmas 2014. Filming is taking place in the great hall, the great parlour, on the staircases and outside the Hall, as well as in other locations around Yorkshire.

## Some new (and not-so-new) publications

*A History of Abbey House, Kirkstall* by Alastair Laurence, 2013. Written by a YVBSG member, this is a history of a fascinating and complex building which since 1927 has housed the Abbey House Museum in Leeds ([www.leeds.gov.uk/abbeyhouse](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/abbeyhouse)). The stone-vaulted core of the house is the former inner gatehouse to Kirkstall Abbey, built for the Cistercian monks as long ago as the second half of the twelfth century. Following the Dissolution of the Abbey in 1539, the gatehouse was at some point converted into a dwelling house. The book outlines the development of the building and offers a picture of its occupants, ranging from the Lords Savile during the seventeenth century, to the Ellis family who were tenants when Abbey House became more of a rustic farmhouse during the eighteenth century, through to the wealthy industrialist tenants of the nineteenth century. Around £10.

*The Yellow Book* for 2014 published by the National Gardens Scheme (NGS) is now available at £9.99. Alternatively, details of gardens open to the public can be found at [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk), including gardens surrounding seventeenth century houses that the YVBSG has visited, and at least one garden owned by a YVBSG member! Searching will find over 2,500 results.

*Recording Standing Buildings* by Barbara Hutton. A guide to the technique used by the author and other YVBSG members to record vernacular buildings. First published in 1986, new edition available 2013. £6 + £1.50 p&p. <http://rescue-archaeology.org.uk>, telephone 01992 553377.

*Medieval Studies in the Yorkshire Dales: aspects of history, archaeology and landscape*, edited by RDMartlew. Proceedings of a conference held in Grassington, October 2012. Contents include: Interpretations of Fourteenth-Century Malham from Documentary Sources by Mike Spence; A field survey in the Manors of Ingleton and Twisleton-and-Elberbeck: piecing together the evidence by Dr David Johnson; Legacy of Medieval Building in the Craven Dales by Susan Wrathmell; and others. £10 + £1.50 p&p from YDLRT, Chapel Beck, Kettlewell, Skipton BD23 5RL, making cheques payable to Yorkshire Dales Landscape Research Trust. Order form available at [http://ydlrt.co.uk/two\\_book\\_order\\_form.pdf](http://ydlrt.co.uk/two_book_order_form.pdf).

*Historical Landscapes of Yorkshire Textile Manufacture*. The proceedings of the PLACE 2013 spring conference held in Burley-in-Wharfedale are now available. Price £2.50 + £2 p&p from PLACE, [www.place.uk.com](http://www.place.uk.com).

## Courses

### Digital Survey and Recording for Historic Buildings

Digital photography is often seen as the most efficient way to record a historic building, but inputting and handling the images can be complex and take time. This masterclass will introduce participants to new software that makes processing digital images into 3D models much easier. Armed with their own digital camera, participants will record a simple structure before modelling a 3D version during the day. Although this method of rectified photography produces a less detailed visual record than either laser scanning or photogrammetry, the ease with which it can be used means it is ideal for recording small vernacular sites. Friday 11 April 2014. Fee £95 (£85 concessions). See University of York website [www.york.ac.uk/archaeology/short-courses/](http://www.york.ac.uk/archaeology/short-courses/) or telephone 01904 435213.

## Early Fabric of Beverley

As reported in the last Newsheet, the YVBSG will shortly commence a project in Beverley funded by English Heritage's 'Early Fabric in Historic Towns' programme. It is hoped that this project will enable us to secure dendrochronological surveys on selected buildings and extend the number of YVBSG surveys of buildings in the town. We will publish the findings and present them at various events in Beverley. We expect that work will start in summer 2014 and finish by the end of 2016.

The YVBSG committee has set up a project group comprising David Cook (Project Manager), David Cant, Barry Harrison, Lorraine Moor and Jacky Quarmby to oversee the work. Recording and other events will be open to all and details will be advertised in due course, but we would welcome members who are particularly interested in getting involved in this exciting project, for example by attending training, taking part in a buildings survey, or helping with the administration and organisation. Please contact David Cook 01325 310114 or [dcook0@talk21.com](mailto:dcook0@talk21.com) if you are interested.

## Members' Area and membership renewal

Do keep an eye on the Members' Area of the YVBSG website as we continue to add new items to it. The password to this area changes every January and those of you who have renewed your membership for 2014 will find the new details in your membership letter (or send an email at any time to [webmaster@yvbsg.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@yvbsg.org.uk) for a reminder). If you haven't yet renewed your membership, you'll find a renewal slip enclosed with this Newsheet!

## Tony Tolhurst Bursary

In memory of Tony Tolhurst, who died in November 2013, the Group is pleased to offer two bursaries of £150 each to help pay for attendance at the annual recording conference. Application form enclosed with this Newsheet and also available on the website. Any enquiries may be directed to David Cant.

## Editorial team vacancy

There is a vacancy on the *Yorkshire Buildings* editorial team for anyone interested in writing or editing articles for publication, proof reading or preparing drawings for publication. The team meets every month in York, usually on a Wednesday afternoon. If you are interested, please contact either Beth Shurter ([york.beth2@hotmail.com](mailto:york.beth2@hotmail.com)), Tony Berry ([tony\\_berry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tony_berry@hotmail.co.uk)) or Tony Robinson ([bridgetandtony@hotmail.com](mailto:bridgetandtony@hotmail.com)).

## Poles apart!

If you have in your possession one of the vertical measuring poles belonging to the Group, could you let Jacky Quarmby know, please? We'd like to ascertain their current locations before the recording conference.

