

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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Vernacular Architecture in Upper Ribblesdale

An eleven-mile guided walk on Saturday 29 April 1995, starting at 9.55am from Horton-in-Ribblesdale station.

This walk has been organised in conjunction with a group which uses the Settle-Carlisle railway for access to the countryside. It will therefore start from Horton station after the arrival of the train from Leeds due at 0954. Parking at the station is difficult (it involves crossing private land). The easiest way of joining the walk will be to catch the train at one of the following stations:

Leeds, depart	0845
ShIPLEY	0900
Keighley	0908
Skipton	0927
Settle	0945



The walk will finish in time to catch the 1758 train back to Leeds. Bring hiking boots, rainwear, sandwiches and a flask — we will not pass a pub or cafe until near the end of the walk.

A very wide selection of vernacular buildings will be seen in their landscape setting. Those who do not wish to walk eleven miles can obtain a list of the buildings with instructions on access to some of them by car, by sending an SAE to Arnold Pacey, 8 North Street, Addingham, Ilkley LS29 0QY. An illustrated booklet is also available for £1.50 including postage, from the same address.

The Final Swaledale Field Day!

This recording day, the last in the Swaledale survey, is planned for Sunday 16 July — meet at Reeth Green at 10.30am. If you intend to come please contact Tony Tolhurst (01904 410091) by the end of June so that an appropriate number of buildings can be arranged.

Training Day at Hutton-le-Hole

Some places are still available on the training day at the Ryedale Folk Museum on Saturday 1 April. Details from Tony Tolhurst (01904 410091).

Those attending should bring a packed lunch.

Walkabout in Honley

David Cant will lead a guided tour of the buildings of this Pennine village on Sunday 21 May. Meet at St Mary's Church, Honley, Huddersfield (SE 136 117) at 2pm. There is a regular bus service from Huddersfield, and a car park at Market Square. Contact David Cant if you need further information (01422 883846).



Annual Conference 1995

As published in the last Newsheet, the Conference and AGM will be held between Friday 30 June and Sunday 2 July at Horton-in-Ribblesdale. Booking forms will be circulated by Leeds University Adult Education Centre, Middlesbrough (01642 814987).

It is hoped to hold a 'follow-up' day on Sunday 24 September, also in Horton-in-Ribblesdale. Details at the Conference.

A Day at the Archives

Looking ahead to 1996, a visit to the Yorkshire Archaeological Society headquarters in Leeds has been arranged for Saturday 3 February. The day will focus on the topic 'Archive Material for Research on Buildings' and will include a talk on the archives and the library, an examination of archive material, and a guided tour of the house.

New Publications

The House Within: Interpreting Medieval Houses in Kent (HMSO £12.95) is one of three books resulting from survey work by the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments between 1986 and 1992. Through drawings and photos it illustrates how to recognise older elements, which may be disguised by later features.

Historic Buildings at Pontefract: 7-9 Cornmarket and Swales Yard (Pontefract & District Archaeological Society, £6 + £1.50 p&p from Pontefract Museum, Salter Row, Pontefract WF8 1BA). Detailed restoration after a long period of alternate uses and neglect.

The Cobble Stones of Holderness by Arthur Lazenby. The origins and uses of cobble stones, with photos. Available from the author at 25 Packman Lane, Kirk Ella, Hull HU10 7TH (£10 + £1 p&p).

Yorkshire History. This is a new magazine promised for early 1995. It will be available by subscription only from Stephen Welsh, 11 Littlewood, Cragg Vale, Mytholmroyd, West Yorks HX7 5TL, Tel 01422 884157. Articles for the magazine are invited from the 'historically minded layperson' — details from Stephen Welsh.

Other events

A Quest for Stone: Stone Working in Yorkshire

Weekend course on 8 and 9 April, with visits to quarries at Castle Bolton and Addingham Moorside. Speakers include one of our members, Alison Armstrong, who will talk about tooling and stone on vernacular buildings. Further details from the University of Leeds Department of Adult Continuing Education (Tel: 0113 233 3220).

The Wainhouse Trail

Monday 17 April. Wainhouse Tower, King Cross, Halifax. Learn the true story behind the building of one of Britain's most famous follies. Meet at the foot of the tower at 2pm.

Subscriptions

Members are reminded that subscriptions (£5) were due on 1 January. The Treasurer would be happy to receive any outstanding subscriptions at your earliest convenience!

Documentary Research

On 16 February some enthusiasts assembled at Sheepscar Archives in Leeds to unearth more jigsaw pieces of seventeenth century life in Swaledale. The atmosphere was that of friendly competition. Barry found a house with a record number of rooms, but others found such exotic items as a distillery. A record number of wills and inventories were transcribed, and everybody's knowledge was vastly enriched. If you weren't there, test your vernacular vocabulary now :

A Columbarium is:

- a building with niches for urns?
- a vertical division in printing?
- a dovecote?

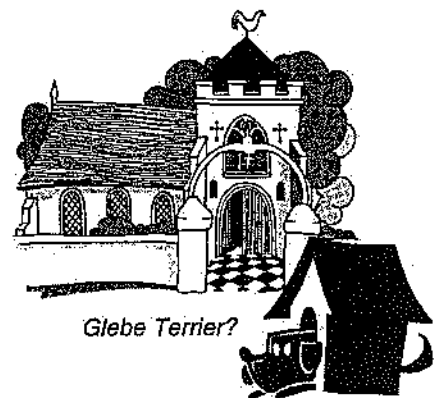
A Lovebone is:

- an extra day's work without pay?
- a part of your anatomy?
- a love token carved from a chicken bone?

A Glebe Terrier is:

- a list of property belonging to the church?
- a hunting dog supplied by the parish to the clergy?
- a leadminer's pet?

Answers immediately after the AGM from Gunhild Wilcock.



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