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YVBSG Events For Your Diary

Brompton and Romanby walkabout

Sunday 26 June 2016

Barry Harrison will introduce us to the history of Brompton near Northallerton, once an important linen weaving village. He will then lead a walk around the village looking at some of the buildings, assisted by Tony Robinson and Sue Southwell.

For those who wish to partake of lunch, the Village Inn in Brompton offers excellent food at very reasonable prices.

In the afternoon we will move on to Romanby, on the other side of Northallerton, to look at the history and buildings of another village.

- Please assemble near Brompton church at 10am.
- Lunch break at 12.30pm.
- Re-convene at 2pm in Romanby – 2 miles away. Meet at the Post Office at the east end of the village green.
- Estimated finish time 4pm.

There is on-street parking in Brompton or alternatively there is a car park next to the football field. This is about 150 metres along the road to Darlington north-west from the crossroads in the village. It is on the right just past the school (not as far as the level crossing!).



If you would like to join the walkabout please contact Sue Southwell before 12 June (or as soon as possible after that date) so that we know numbers. Please also let Sue know if you'd like to book lunch at the Village Inn – telephone 01609 776863 or email suesouth9@aol.com.

Team Leaders Day

Saturday 9 July 2016

Annual Recording Conference team leaders and their 'shadows' are invited to attend this meeting at the York Quakers Friargate Centre starting at 1pm. The purpose is to share findings and help each other complete reports. Please let David Cook know that you can attend: email dcook0@talk21.com or call 07810 668975.

Visit to Stephen Park Farmhouse and barns, Forest of Bowland

Saturday 16 July 2016

A return visit to this most interesting farmhouse which lies to the east side of Stocks Reservoir in the historic West Riding of Yorkshire. Owned by the Forestry Commission, there are six decorated doorheads, of which three have dates of 1662, 1672, and 1700; two of them have long inscriptions. The upper storey of the one-and-a-half storey porch oversails slightly.



Doorhead of 1700

The detached barn dated 1736 has 'king block trusses', also found in the wider Settle area. A cafe in this barn will have new tenants in late June, so we can have lunch here. Other buildings will be visited including the late seventeenth century Crow Trees Inn near Tosside, for late afternoon drinks.

Cost – £3 for farmhouse and barns. Car park charges – £1 for 1 hour, £3 all day. Directions: From Clitheroe take the B6478 road to Slaidburn, continuing along this road for about 3 miles to a crossroads where a signpost directs you to turn left (and north) to Stephen Park. After 1 mile turn right when you see a sign saying 'Gisburn Forest Hub' (Stephen Park). If travelling from Long Preston take the same B6478 westerly towards Tosside, then after 1½ miles turn right at those crossroads for 'Gisburn Forest Hub' (Stephen Park).

Meet at the main car park at 10.30am. If you want to come please telephone Kevin Illingworth on 01422 844941, leaving your name and telephone number. Most members prefer to have lunch – please say if you don't. Guests welcome but priority will be given to YVBSG members.

Conference Review Day

Sunday 25 September 2016

An opportunity for all to hear about the buildings recorded during the annual conference held in Beverley in May. Details in the next Newsheet.

Next Newsheet

The next edition will be in August 2016 – please send any items to the editor by 31 July 2016.

Early Fabric of Beverley – project update

Five buildings were recorded during the annual conference: these were 2-4 Lairgate, The Guildhall, 22 North Bar Within, a warehouse in Cross Keys Yard and 18-22 Hengate. This will bring the number of surveys done under the project to fifteen, and the total for Beverley by the Group up to twenty-one. There is one more building with pre-1700 fabric which we hope to record during the summer. Findings on the buildings recorded at the conference will be presented at the Conference Review Day in September.

An assessment was done of selected areas of the Beverley Minster roof that are most likely to have the potential to provide data that may complement that obtained from the buildings in Beverley which have so far undergone dendrochronological analysis as part of the project.

The training session in York on 16 April 2016 was attended by ten people. Thanks to Rebecca Lane and Allan Adams of Historic England for their presentations. We got a very positive tweet from one of the attendees.

In addition to completing the buildings recording, the project team will be considering the structure and content for the end of project report/publication.

For further details or questions, please contact me.

David Cook, beverleyproject@yvbsg.org.uk



Timber-framed gable at 9 North Bar Within

Committee news

In the last Newsheet we reported that David Cant had stepped down from the three posts he had held: Chair, Archivist and Enquiries Secretary. No nominations for these posts were received at the AGM held on 12 March 2016 and Barry Harrison therefore agreed to continue acting as Chair and Enquiries Secretary on an interim basis.

The committee will hold a special meeting on Sunday 12 June 2016 to consider arrangements for the future running of the group and the organisation of events. We warmly encourage members to become more involved in both of these activities. If you think you might be interested in helping with particular roles or tasks, or would like to find out more, or would like to suggest any future events, please contact the Secretary, Mary Cook.

The next ordinary meeting of the committee will be held on Sunday 16 October 2016.

YAHS updates

For the latest news from the Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society (formerly the Yorkshire Archaeological Society), including progress with the transfer of archive collections to the University of Leeds, see the President's Blog at www.yas.org.uk/content/yasblog or look for the Society on Facebook. The public archive of YVBSG reports is one of the collections currently being transferred.

The Barbara Hutton collection

Members may be aware that the late Barbara Hutton, our former President and one of our most distinguished architectural historians, co-author of *Vernacular Houses in North Yorkshire and Cleveland* and author of the classic text *Recording Standing Buildings*, generously left her personal collection of vernacular architecture books to the University of York's library. The University has excellent collections of archaeological, architectural, vernacular and local history which are open to use by the public, including YVBSG members.

The collection is still being catalogued but once it has been integrated into the collection, Kate Giles, Director of the MA in Archaeology of Buildings, has offered to facilitate a tour of the collections for YVBSG members, at the University's main JB Morrell Library (which is now also home to the Borthwick Institute for Archives), and the King's Manor Library at the King's Manor, home to the collections of the former Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies. Further details to follow in due course.

Membership renewal

Membership fees for the calendar year 2016 became due on 1 January; the price remains at £10. Renewal slips are enclosed for those who have not yet renewed! The password to the Members' Area of the YVBSG website changes every January and you will find the new details in your membership letter when you renew (or you can send an email at any time to webmaster@yvbsg.org.uk if you need a reminder).

What's going on?

Don't forget to check out the YVBSG Facebook and Twitter pages if you want to find out what's going on between Newsheets! Links to these can be found on the YVBSG website.

Yorkshire Buildings

Members will find the latest edition of our annual journal, *Yorkshire Buildings*, enclosed with this Newsheet. We hope you enjoy it! Details of how to obtain additional copies are available on the website.

W John Smith

Mr W John Smith, an architectural historian from Middleton, near Rochdale, Lancashire, died on Saturday 26 March 2016, aged 87. He was a YVBSG member from 1989 until 2008, and a member of the national Vernacular Architecture Group. His area of study was mainly the Lancashire and Yorkshire Pennines but this also extended to the rest of Britain.

Kevin Illingworth

Other events of possible interest ...

Some of these events are publicised a long time in advance, so you may wish to check details before you go!

Heritage Walks in Calderdale

Various dates

Interesting programme of walks, mostly £3 with no need to book. Includes *Outlaws and Nuns* (25 and 26 June, booking essential), *A Delve into the Past* (14 August), *Lumbutts and Mankinholes* (21 August), and *A Round Triangle* (4 September). Full details available at www.calderdaleheritagewalks.org.uk.

The Birth of Council Housing in Hull

Tuesday 14 June 2016

Talk by Carol Kerry-Green at Hull History Centre Lunchtime Club, Worship Street, Hull, 12.30-1.30pm. Free. Enquiries: 01482 317500, www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk.

Swaledale Hill Farms 1700 to the Present

Wednesday 15 June 2016

Talk by Will Swales on the hill farmers of Harkerside and the radical changes in farm life. 7.30pm at Swaledale Museum in Reeth, £4. Booking recommended: museum.swaledale@btinternet.com or call 01748 884118 or 07969 823232.

Newby Hall, Cumbria

Wednesday 15 June 2016

A visit to Newby Hall in Cumbria, dated 1685, with the Cumbria Vernacular Buildings Group. 7pm to 9pm, £3. See www.cvbgb.co.uk.

Researching Urban History

Saturday 18 June 2016

A practical introduction to researching urban history led by Dr Shane Ewen of Leeds Beckett University. 9.15am to 4pm at Leeds Library, Commercial Street, cost £5. In the afternoon there will be a walking tour of central Leeds. Full details at www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/events/faculty-events/urban-history/.

Visit to Robert Hall

Saturday 2 July 2016

A visit organised by Tatham History Society to this large 16th/17th century house of great interest in Tatham, Lancashire (near Bentham). Details to follow at www.tathamhistory.org.uk.

Duddon Valley Longhouses

Thursday 7 July 2016

Rough walking to visit archaeological sites on upland fellsides with the Cumbria Vernacular Buildings Group. 10.30am to 3.30pm, £5. For details see www.cvbgb.co.uk.

Tour of Buildings at Risk

Friday 8 July 2016

All-day coach tour looking at 'Churches/Chapels, Mills and Housing along the upper reaches of the Irwell River'. Enquiries: Heritage Trust for the North West, telephone 01282 877686, £25.

Big Dig: The Lost Village of Lodge

Tuesday 12 to Saturday 23 July 2016

Help unravel the story of the abandoned village of Lodge as part of a community archaeology excavation led by archaeologists from Solstice Heritage. Onsite training will be provided. Details at uppernidderdale.org.uk, or contact Louise Brown, Historic Nidderdale Project Officer, 01423 712950, louise.brown@harrogate.gov.uk.

Vernacular Buildings of Slaidburn

Wednesday 13 July 2016

A North Craven Heritage Trust walk led by Kevin Illingworth. Meet at Slaidburn Car Park at 1pm. If you'd like to come please telephone Kevin on 01422 844941 leaving your phone number. www.northcravenheritage.org.uk.

Community Archaeology

Saturday 16 July 2016

Conference at Oakwell Hall aiming to bring together community archaeology and history groups alongside professional archaeologists to discuss the role of community volunteers in archaeology. Fee £12. For details contact Mike Turpin on 0113 264 3045 or see <https://southleedsarchaeology.wordpress.com>.

Gouthwaite Farm Heritage Walk

Wednesday 20 July 2016

A Nidderdale AONB event, 5.30pm to 8.30pm. This 4½ mile walk usually visits an eighteenth century barn, and

the farmhouse is a rebuild of 1900 in seventeenth century style. £7.50 including supper. Booking essential on 01423 712950, further details at www.nidderdaleaonb.org.uk.

Explore a Twelfth Century Village

Sunday 7 August 2016

One-mile walk around the village of Appleton le Moors looking at its development from the twelfth century to Victorian times. Free, reservations essential – call the North York Moors National Park Centre, Danby, on 01439 772738. www.northyorkmoors.org.uk.

A visit to Manor Farm at Cray

Thursday 1 September 2016

An Upper Wharfedale Heritage Group visit to a traditional Yorkshire farm near Buckden. Meet a farming family and hear about the realities of their hill farming life. See www.uwhg.org.uk.

Demolition and Restoration

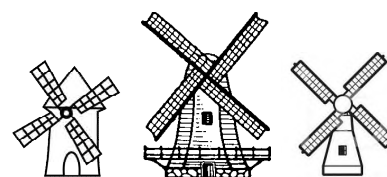
Until 31 October 2016

Exhibition at Treasurer's House, York, looking at the history behind this and other historic properties in the area. Open daily 11am to 4.30pm. Website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/treasurers-house-york.

Seeing the Wood and the Trees

Various dates

Exhibition at Holgate Windmill in York which explores the many different timbers that are used in a windmill, why they are used and the trees they come from. For details of open days, see www.holgatewindmill.org.



Festival of Archaeology 2016

Saturday 16 to Sunday 31 July 2016

Annual event showcasing the best of archaeology, with special events across the UK organised by museums, heritage organisations, national and countryside parks, universities, societies, and community archaeologists. Events in Yorkshire include:

- Octon Medieval Fayre – see the cruck building on the Wolds recorded by the YVBSG and find out about its recent restoration (24 July)
- Dreaming about the Chalk Tower – visit the old seventeenth century lighthouse at Flamborough (16 July)
- Open Day at Stank Hall Barn, a fifteenth century timber-framed barn in Leeds (23 July).

Full details and programme of events available on the Festival website at www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk, telephone 01904 671417.

North West Traditional Buildings Trust acquisitions

More than 2,200 black and white prints of vernacular buildings have been donated to the North West Traditional Buildings Trust at the Pendle Heritage Centre, Barrowford, Nelson, Lancashire. They were collected after Easter by John Miller, the energetic Chief Executive of Heritage Trust for the North West, who will care for this archive. The photographs were taken between 1940 and 1976 by the late Ralph Cross (1893–1978) of Burnley, who spent fifty years travelling by bus and on foot, photographing historic buildings in Lancashire and Yorkshire. Most of the buildings in this recent Ralph Cross Collection are in Calderdale, with just a few in Lancashire. They were printed by the late John Chadwick of Todmorden and Whalley, who stored them for thirty years. I have made a list of the names of these buildings.

The North West Traditional Buildings Trust was launched by Dr R W Brunskill on 30 August 2006, receiving the W John Smith Collection of 70,000 slides, measured drawings, and records; and also receiving another Ralph Cross archive of 1,307 folders of Lancashire and Yorkshire buildings. Soon afterwards the archive of the late Nigel Morgan, of Preston, arrived at Barrowford. He had 'listed' much of Lancashire, Leeds, Sedbergh and Dent areas, Surrey and Cornwall. Other contributors to the Trust include former YVBSG member Jonathan Ratter, now of Morecambe.

Eventually these collections will be available to the public via the internet.

Kevin Illingworth

Historic England: Enriching the List

The history of our land and its people is marked in the fabric of England's buildings and places. The most significant of these are listed, so they can be understood and protected for the future. The List has almost 400,000 entries: barrows and bunkers, palaces and pigsties, plague crosses and piers, tower blocks and tombstones, cathedrals, windmills and roller-coasters. It is a unique record of the country's evolving history and character. You can search every entry for free online.

From 7 June 2016, for the first time in history, we are inviting the public to join us in keeping The List rich, relevant and up-to-date. We are opening it up and asking people and community groups across England to share their knowledge and pictures, so we can record important facts about places, and even unlock the secrets of some. Many places and buildings on the list



are well-known and even world-famous. But in some cases there is much that remains unknown. That's why we need your help – so we can share images, insights and secrets of England's special places, and capture them for future generations.

To find out more about *Enriching the List* see <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/enrich-the-list/> or contact Historic England at EnrichingTheList@HistoricEngland.org.uk.

Historic England

Publications

The Real Wuthering Heights: the story of the Withins Farms by Steven Wood and Peter Brears. Top Withins farm on Stanbury Moor, West Yorkshire, is internationally famous as the inspiration for Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*. As well as tracing the history of the Withins farms and their inhabitants from 1567 to the present day, this excellent book looks at the everyday life of the farmers who lived there. It gives a full account of the building history, farming practices, textile production and domestic life over the years, illustrated by Peter Brears' splendid reconstructions of the buildings and their interiors and of the tools and utensils used in farming, weaving and cooking. A walk from Stanbury to Top Withins and back to Haworth is described in detail, including the history of all the farms that are passed on the way. The final chapter gives a full account of the life and work of Timmy Feather, the last of the handloom weavers on these moors. Around £14.

Yorkshire East Riding Hearth Tax 1672-3 edited by David Neave, Susan Neave, Catherine Ferguson and Elizabeth Parkinson, assisted by John Price and Cliff Webb, British Record Society Hearth Tax Series Volume X, £30. Each volume of this series publishes the full text of the selected hearth tax document together with a scholarly introduction complete with maps and tables. They also discuss the light that the document throws on the vernacular architecture of the county.

Northallerton Wills and Inventories 1666-1719 edited by Dorothy Edwards and Christine M Newman. Surtees Society, February 2016, £50. This collection of 153 wills and inventories provides an insight into the socio-economic life of the market town of Northallerton during a time of growing prosperity, when its position on the main road to the north also enabled it to prosper from wider trading links. The volume also contains an extensive glossary of obsolete and dialect terms.

Solway farm buildings

The Heritage Lottery Funded Solway Wetlands Landscape Partnership is starting a new project looking at the area's traditional farm buildings and needs help with the survey work. No experience necessary. Most surveying will take place between June and October 2016. Training sessions: Wednesday 8 June 2016 at 6.30pm and Friday 10 June 2016 at 2.30pm at Wigton Market Hall. For details contact Rose Lord or Joan Robson at North of England Civic Trust, telephone 0191 232 9279, email admin@nect.org.uk.

Archives move

The West Yorkshire Archive Service building in Wakefield closed to the public on 13 May 2016 in preparation for moving the archival collections to the new West Yorkshire History Centre in early 2017. Enquiries can be directed to 01924 305980 or via email on wakefield@wyjs.org.uk.

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