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YVBSG Events For Your Diary

Another Bowland walkabout

Saturday 16 June 2018

An almost full-day visit led by Kevin Illingworth to six listed seventeenth century farmhouses in the extreme west of the former West Riding, which is only twelve miles from the Lancashire coast. An outline of the day is as follows:

- 10.30am (approximately). Car-sharing to three United Utilities working farms in this beautiful area north-west of Dunsop Bridge. Near Sykes Farm, a mobile van sells hot sandwiches, drinks, ice cream.
- Sykes Farm. Unlisted, whitewashed. Our short visit is to the farm buildings which have reset decorative dated doorheads/datestones.
- Hareden Farmhouse. Dated 1690. Battlemented doorhead has three ogee arches.
- Hareden Cottage, or Keeper's Cottage. A three-unit late seventeenth century farmhouse. No public right-of-way, but we have access.
- After lunch, we travel south to three seventeenth century farmhouses on the Duchy of Lancaster's Whitewell Estate (the Queen).
- The whitewashed seventeenth century Burholme Farmhouse was partly re-fenestrated in the late eighteenth century.
- Stakes, early seventeenth century and Listed Grade 2*, is reached by stepping stones (for those who wish to take this route) across the River Hodder. Bring a walking stick if you have one! Four doorheads are similar to that at Hareden.
- Lower Lees Farmhouse, 1678 on decorative doorhead, not on the public footpath, but we have access.
- Lees House Farmhouse. Doorhead of 1678, with three arches, as seen in the March Newsheet.

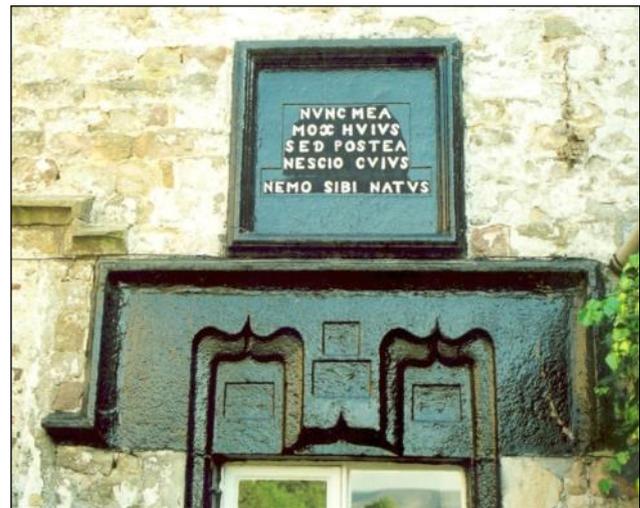
Meet 10.30am at Dunsop Bridge village car park (£1.40 for 4 hours, £2.20 for up to 8 hours). Toilets and cafe. Dunsop Bridge is over four miles south-west of Slaidburn. Before entering Bowland make sure that your car has sufficient fuel in its tank!

If you'd like to come please telephone Kevin Illingworth on 01422 844941, or email j.k.illingworth@btinternet.com leaving your telephone number. Maximum number 25. Please say if you want lunch at Puddleducks Café (visit www.puddleduckscafe.co.uk for menu).

Team Leaders' Meeting

Saturday 1 September 2018

Conference team leaders are invited to attend this meeting at 1pm at the Friargate Meeting House, York (www.yorkquakers.org.uk/friargatequakerm.html). The purpose is to share findings from the recent Rotherham conference and help each other complete reports. Other members are very welcome to attend – please email David Cook on dcook0@talk21.com if you'd like to come along.



Front doorhead at Stakes. The Latin inscription, translated, reads 'NOW THIS IS MINE: SOON THIS IS OTHERS: AFTERWARDS WHOSE I KNOW NOT: NOBODY IS BORN FOR HIMSELF'.

Knaresborough and Scriven walkabout

Sunday 30 September 2018

A walk led by Barry Harrison. Barry led a walk around Knaresborough on a wet day in 2011 and we got drenched; we're hoping for better weather this time! We also hope to explore Scriven. Details in the next Newsheet.

Conference Review Day

Saturday 13 October 2018

A chance to hear about the buildings recorded in the Rotherham area in May. Full details in the next Newsheet.

Next committee meeting

The next meeting of the YVBSG committee will be held on Saturday 3 November 2018. If you'd like to raise any matters, or have ideas for (or even offer to organise!) future events please contact the Secretary, Mary Cook.

Report on recent events

A Rotherham Taster

“Most people have never been to Rotherham”, announced our chairman glibly in the last Newsheet. There could be some truth in this statement, as the taster day on Saturday 21 April proved to be the first visit to the town for many of the twenty or so members who went along. Some were tempted for pre-walk refreshment (and were glad they did later on, when we didn’t get lunch until nearly three o’clock!), in a coffee shop located in the Imperial Buildings. This pleasing complex of 1905-7 incorporated a restored Edwardian indoor glass-roofed shopping arcade, though sadly with all the shops currently empty, on the site of the old Shambles.

After a look around the beautiful Minster, we turned into a shopping street to visit The Three Cranes, the only timber-framed building to survive in the town centre. Part of the building is occupied by an antiques centre but the upper floors have been preserved as a visitor attraction – well worth a visit to see how the building was constructed, and to view the roof trusses and the remains of a rare dais canopy over the medieval open hall at the rear of the building.

Before leaving the town centre we called in at the Chapel of Our Lady on Rotherham Bridge, begun in around 1483, and one of only four surviving medieval bridge chapels in England.

Then it was on to the surrounding villages. The hugely impressive Whiston Barn, with its notched lap-joints and passing braces, is a rare example of mid thirteenth century timber-framing and was described in detail by Ian Tyers and Cathy Groves in their 2002 article ‘Dendrochronology and the analysis of Whiston Barn’, *Yorkshire Buildings* 30 (copy available on the Members’ Area of the YVBSG website).



Water spout at
Kimberworth Manor House

Heading round to the north side of Rotherham, Kimberworth Manor House is dated 1694 with the numbers placed above unusual water spouts (to which modern drainpipes had been attached, giving the building a slightly odd appearance). The delightful former dovecote now stands looking somewhat forlorn in the middle of the car park of the pub next door to the house.

After viewing the exterior of Kirkstead Abbey Grange near Thorpe Hesley (and noting on the front elevation a similar water spout to those at Kimberworth), we moved on to Netherfold Farm (41-49 Scholes Lane), a timber-framed house dendro-dated to 1495 with a surviving hipped roof and gablet at one

end. Features here included some hefty timber ceiling joists and an uneven staircase which we climbed with great care, highlighted in the listing description as a ‘rare survival of a late medieval type of staircase with halved, squared balks fixed to form treads on a pair of steeply-included timbers’.

The final visit of the day was to the timber-framed barn at 146 Scholes Lane, which similarly had a hipped roof with gablets.

We thank Peter Thornborrow for arranging this enjoyable day, and are grateful to Peter Hawkridge of Rotherham District Civic Society for his input and for gently nudging our chairman to move on whenever he got too engrossed in a building!

Annual Recording Conference in Rotherham

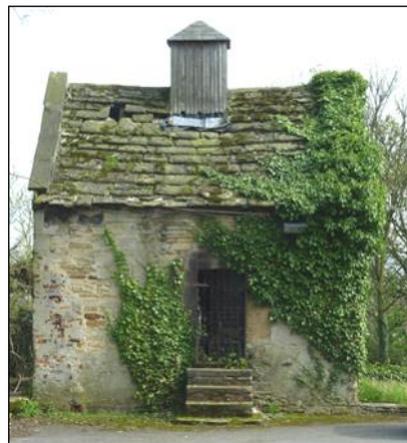
This year’s conference took place on the weekend of 11 to 13 May 2018 and was based in the Carlton Park Hotel in Rotherham. Five buildings were surveyed on the Saturday: The Old Hall, Guilthwaite; The Poplars, Upper Whiston; Bramley Grange, Bramley; Kirkstead Abbey Grange, Thorpe Hesley; and the barn at 146 Scholes Lane, Scholes. As usual, these will be described in more detail in *Yorkshire Buildings* in due course.

After making a good start on our drawing-up and report-writing on the Sunday morning, we piled into cars and embarked after lunch on ‘Peter’s Little Cotswolds’ trip. We were intrigued by the crow-stepped gables and rounded doorway at Brampton Hall in Brampton-en-le-Morthen (pictured in the last Newsheet). Further along the village street, we were invited inside Manor Farm Cottages, a long jettied range of buildings with cross-wing and additions at the rear, to see the former chapel and late seventeenth century staircase balusters.

At Laughton-en-le-Morthen the beautiful All Saints Church with its Saxon doorway impressed us, but the more vernacular nature of the buildings at Old Hall Farm further along the street generated more discussion. With its limestone walls and stone slate roof (most of the other buildings seen during the afternoon had pantile or Welsh slate roofs), this farmhouse of 1633 really did have a feel of the Cotswolds. An attached building, probably late sixteenth century according to the listing description, gave us a tantalising glimpse of substantial trusses with collars and windbraces, but the extremely dodgy floor upstairs (more holes



The Three Cranes



Dovecote at
Kimberworth Manor House

than floorboards) meant that we couldn't investigate up close. However, we did see the rather nice feeding racks and the harness pegs on the lower storey.



Door at Old Hall Farm

A minor panic ensued when our tour leader almost ran out of petrol: would we have to cut short our trip? Thankfully not – Google Maps saved the day by locating a filling station just half a mile away, and we drove on to Thorpe Salvin where we wandered through the splendid ruined hall and looked up at the brick and pantile pigeon nesting holes inserted above the entrance. There was also much to see at the nearby church of St Peter: a very fine Norman font, a timber-framed porch, and a Norman doorway.

The afternoon ended at Harthill. The Old Rectory with its symmetrical façade of ashlar dates from around 1720. A fine eighteenth century staircase with alternate barley-sugar balusters led to the first floor, but we lingered at the foot of the stairs to admire a cupboard with carved heads and linenfold panelling said to be reused from the sixteenth century rectory. Up in the servants' attics, the principal rafters with curved feet could be seen.

Our thanks go to Peter Thornborrow for arranging and leading this tour around an attractive part of Yorkshire previously unexplored by the Group.



Old Hall Farm, Laughton-en-le-Morthen

Lorraine Moor

GDPR: your consent needed!

Together with similar groups, the YVBSG is bound by the GDPR which came into effect on 25 May 2018. We are therefore asking you to complete and return the enclosed consent form (an electronic copy is also being sent by email to those members for whom we have email addresses, or can be downloaded from the Members' Area of the website).

Our new Privacy Statement, setting out what personal data the Group may hold about individual members and how that information will be stored and used, can be found on our website at www.yvbsg.org.uk/membership.html.

In addition, please do renew your membership for 2018! A renewal slip is enclosed for those who haven't yet done so.

Publications

York in 50 Buildings by Andrew Graham. Paperback, around £14.99 or less, March 2018. Explores the history of the city through its rich architectural heritage.

Courses

Stories in Stone are running two courses on vernacular buildings, led by Alison Armstrong: 'An introduction to vernacular buildings' on 10 September 2018 and 'An introduction to drawing vernacular buildings' on 11 September 2018. Both courses run from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Broadrake Bunkbarn, Chapel-le-Dale. Cost £12.50. Booking essential: contact Hannah Rose, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, 01524 251002, info@storiesinstone.org.uk. For further information, see www.storiesinstone.org.uk.

Updated databases

Two of the databases maintained by the Vernacular Architecture Group, the Cruck Database (which contains 6337 entries) and the Dendrochronology Database (containing tree-ring dates for over 4200 buildings) have recently been updated. Links to the databases can be found at www.vag.org.uk/databases.htm, where you can also find useful tables of dated buildings arranged by county.

Crow-stepped gables

During the Rotherham conference a discussion arose on the scarcity of crow-stepped gables in our region. In addition to those illustrated in the last Newsheet, a quick search of the National Heritage List for England revealed a few buildings with crow-

steps around the county and just beyond, including early eighteenth century stables at Pockthorpe Hall (East Riding) and near Hellaby Hall (Rotherham), seventeenth century dovecotes at Brompton-by-Sawdon (near Scarborough) and at Edlington (Doncaster), and Halsham House (East Riding) where you can take part in ghost hunting events if you're so inclined. A gable on an early eighteenth century stable block at Boynton (East Riding), pictured right, presents a interesting mix of brick tumbling and crow-steps!



Lorraine Moor

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!

The Festival of Archaeology

The annual July festival will be taking a year off in 2018 as part of a plan for a bigger festival to form part of the 75th anniversary of the Council for British Archaeology next year. For details see www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk.

Spout House, Bilsdale

Until 31 October 2018

This sixteenth century thatched cruck house is now open for visiting every day during the summer from 11am to 4pm. See www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/visiting/see-and-do/attractions/spout-house for details.

Ilkley Manor House

The manor house is now open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 4pm. For full details see www.ilkleymanorhouse.org.

Heptonstall

Friday 8 June 2018

An evening walk in Heptonstall led by David Cant for Mytholmroyd Historical Society. Society members only - see www.mytholmroydhistory.org.uk.

Open Farm Sunday

Sunday 10 June 2018

A chance to spot some historic farm buildings! Further details are available at farmsunday.org.

Nunnington Hall Behind the Scenes

Tuesday 12 June 2018

Join the conservation team to see what goes on behind closed doors and explore unseen rooms and items from the collection. 12 noon to 1pm. Also on 10 July, 14 August and 11 September. £3 plus normal admission fee. Booking not needed. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/nunnington-hall.

Visit to Barbon

Wednesday 13 June 2018

Sedbergh & District History Society event. An introduction by Mike Kingsbury to the history, development and architecture of this picturesque village, followed by refreshments at the Churchmouse Cheese Shop. 2pm at Barbon Parish Church. £1. To book, telephone 01539 620726 or see www.sedberghhistory.org.

David Hey Memorial Conference

Saturday 23 June 2018

A celebration of the life and work of David Hey, to be held at Channing Hall, Sheffield, 10am to 5.30pm, fee £25. For full details and booking form, see www.bahs.org.uk/DavidHeyConf.html.

Outlaws and Nuns

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June 2018

A walk on the private Kirklees Estate at Clifton, exploring the former nunnery site, gatehouse, and 15th to 18th century farm buildings. Booking essential on 01422 368725. See www.calderdaleheritagewalks.org.uk.

Boskin, Skelbuse and Foddergang: Traditional Farm Buildings in the Yorkshire Dales

Tuesday 26 June 2018

Talk by Jim Brightman to Teesside Archaeological Society, 7.30pm in Stockton Central Library. See <https://teesarchsoc.com>.

Baildon Farms – a History

Wednesday 27 June 2018

A talk by Tish Lawson to Cullingworth Local History Group. 7.30pm at Methodist Church Hall, Greenside Lane, Cullingworth. See cullingworthhistory.weebly.com.

Visit to Burton in Lonsdale

Friday 29 June 2018

A guided walk round the village with Sue Gregory for Ewecross Historical Society. 6.30pm at the church. See ewecrosshistoricalsociety.wordpress.com.

The Vernacular Architecture of Winewall and Wycoller

Thursday 5 July 2018

An afternoon walk organised by Kevin Illingworth for the Upper Wharfedale Heritage Group. UWHG have priority, but there should be some places for non-members (£2). Meet 1pm at Ballgrove Park, Ball Grove Drive, Colne BB8 7AA. This is just east of Colne, on the south side of Keighley Road, A6068. If you want to fill the remaining places, please telephone Kevin Illingworth on 01422 844941 or email j.killingworth@btinternet.com, leaving your telephone number. See UWHG website www.uwhg.org.uk.

Discover Stockport

Friday 6 July 2018

A guided walking tour for Greater Manchester Building Preservation Trust. Fee £30. Contact: Claire Borg at Higherford Mill, Barrowford, email Claire.borg@htnw.co.uk, telephone 01282 877686.

Open Garden Schemes

Various dates

A good way of seeing round the backs of buildings! Visit www.ngs.org.uk and www.opengardens.co.uk. Includes open gardens at Grindleton and Bolton-by-Bowland, both in the former West Riding, open on 7 and 8 July 2018.

A tour of Wray Village, Lune Valley

Saturday 14 July 2018

A visit led by Mike Winstanley for Ingleborough Archaeology Group. Further details available at www.ingleborougharchaeologygroup.org.uk.

Lime kilns in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale

Wednesday 18 July 2018

An illustrated talk by David Johnson. 7.30pm in the Swaledale Museum in Reeth. £5. Booking recommended: see www.swaledalemuseum.org or call 01748 884118.

Surveying the Architecture of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale for the Revised Pevsner

Wednesday 1 August 2018

Talk by Jane Grenville, who is currently revising the Pevsner Yorkshire: North Riding volume. 7.30pm in the Swaledale Museum in Reeth. £5. Booking recommended: see above.

Historic Farm Buildings Group

15 and 16 September 2018

This year's HFBG autumn conference will be held in the Peak District. Provisional details available at www.hfbg.org.uk.

Next Newsheet

The next edition will be in August 2018 – please send any contributions (for example short articles on buildings or features, details of publications or events) to the editor by 31 July 2018.

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