

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



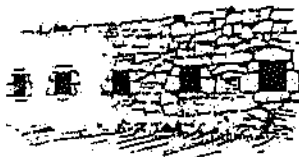
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Vernacular Architectural Features of Yorkshire

Further to Malcolm Birdsall's article in the last Newsheet, it was decided at the AGM in July that Malcolm would set up a working party to consider the production of some broadsheets. If you are interested in helping, please contact Malcolm.

Bee boles in Yorkshire



Do you remember Tony Tolhurst's article in the 1993 Annual Newsletter drawing our attention to bee boles? The International Bee Research Association maintains a register of bee boles and would welcome any help or further information our members can offer. An article giving more details will appear in the 1996 Annual Report. In the meantime, if you recall recording any bee boles at any time, please let Tony Tolhurst know so that the relevant details can be extracted from our archives and passed on to the IBRA.

Future YVBSG Events

Archives Day at Sheepscar, Leeds

Following last year's successful day at the Sheepscar archives, another visit has been arranged to transcribe more documents for the Swaledale survey. This will be on Friday 5 January from 10am to 4pm and anyone interested in coming is asked to let Tony Tolhurst know beforehand.

The Use of Archives and Documentary Sources for Research into the History of Buildings

Day School at Claremont, HQ of Yorkshire Archaeological Society, on Saturday 3 February. In the morning there will be a talk on the archives and library, and a discussion of the use of archive material. Lunch will be followed by a guided tour of the house. A number of places may be available for non-members, but priority will be given to YVBSG members who return their forms before the end of the year! Please complete the enclosed form and return to David Cant by 31 December 1995.

Training in Interpretation and Recording Buildings at Hutton-le-Hole

A second training day at the Ryedale Folk Museum is planned for Saturday 30 March. Further details to follow.

Annual Conference 1996

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May in the Huddersfield area.

Conference Follow Up Day

Sunday 22 September.

Anyone for Avoncroft?

At the last Committee meeting, a visit during 1996 to the Avoncroft Museum of Buildings near Bromsgrove was proposed. Depending on the number and location of those who are interested, it may be possible to hire a minibus, or perhaps two. In order that transport arrangements can be explored further, if you would be interested in joining a party to visit the museum please let Tony Tolhurst know.

Other Events

If you go to any of these events, please take some YVBSG leaflets for potential recruits!

Organised by East Yorkshire Local History Society, Tel 01482 805205:

- **The Cobblestone Buildings of East Yorkshire**
Talk by Arthur Lazenby on Saturday 11 November at 2.15 Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Hull.

Organised by the Olicana Society – both at 7.30 at All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Ilkley:

- **A Decade of Historic Buildings Work in West Yorkshire**
Talk by Peter Thornborrow on Thursday 16 November
- **Nidderdale Houses**
Talk by Mary Barley on Thursday 18 January

Organised by the Centre for Continuing Education, University of Bradford, 2 Claremont, Bradford BD7 1BQ, Tel 01274 383210:

- **Medieval Yorkshire Towns**
Lecture by George Sheeran on Friday 1 December, 10.00-11.30
- **Life within Medieval Buildings**
Lecture by Steve Moorhouse on Friday 8 December, 10.00-11.30
- **Historic Townscapes of Yorkshire**
Saturday 2 March 1996

Guided Walks from the Settle to Carlisle railway (further details from pocket timetable):

- **Ribblesdale Barns and Farmyards**
Walk led by Arnold Pacey on Saturday 27 April 1996

Organised by Department of Adult Continuing Education, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, Tel 0113 233 3222:

- **History of Building Stones in Leeds**
Sunday 28 April 1996

Subscriptions

The Treasurer would be happy to receive any outstanding subscriptions for 1995 before it draws to an end!

Subscriptions for 1996 become due in January.

VAG Meetings

The Vernacular Architecture Group Winter Meeting will be held in London on 16-17 December 1995. It has as its subject 'English Cruck Construction: Regional Variations' and includes a session by Barry Harrison on Documentary and Standing Crucks in Yorkshire. You don't necessarily have to be a member of VAG to attend – if there are spare places, groups such as the YVBSG which are affiliated to the VAG may send two VAG non-members, and VAG members attending the meeting may likewise introduce one non-member guest. Contact the Conference Secretary, W S Phillips, on 01981 251799 if you are interested. The cost is £56 (residential).

The VAG Spring Conference will be held in mid-Wales on 9-12 April 1996. The VAG offers up to two bursaries of £150 each to assist younger members or non-members to attend. Applications should be by letter to the VAG Secretary, Mr R A Meeson, 16 Falna Crescent, Coton Green, Tamworth, Staffs B79 8JS, to reach him by no later than 5 January 1996. Applicants must normally be under 36 on 31 December 1995. The letter should include one paragraph of brief personal details including age, and a resume of any academic training and positions held. A further paragraph should set out current and past work in vernacular architecture, and any special reasons for attending the conference at Llandrindod Wells. Any other financial support available to the applicant for attending the conference must be declared. The applicant should also arrange for a letter of support to be sent directly to the VAG Secretary from someone familiar with the applicant's work in vernacular architecture.

Recent Publications and Articles

Labourers and Building Craftsmen in the Towns of Northern England 1450-1750 by Donald Woodward (Cambridge University Press £35) – one to recommend to your local library and then borrow!

'*Farm Servants' Accommodation of the Yorkshire Wolds*' by Colin Hayfield in *Folk Life, Journal of Ethnological Studies*, Vol 33 1994-5. An article of interest to those who attended the 1993 Annual Conference on the Wolds. Journal available from The Treasurer, Folk Life, c/o Welsh Folk Museum, St Fagans, Cardiff CF5 6XB.

Building the East Riding and Building the North Riding by Lynn F Pearson (Smith Settle £16.95).

Both follow the format of the West Riding volume in taking a wide-ranging look at the variety of building types and styles in these areas.

Repair of Ancient Buildings by A R Powys, first published in 1929, has been updated and re-issued by SPAB. Available from SPAB, 37 Spital Square, London E1 6DY for £12 + £1.50 p & p.



Next Committee Meeting

Sunday 17 March 10.30 at 11 Hall Park, Heslington, York.

Feeling Inspired?

The time has come round again to start putting together the Annual Report and I'm asking for contributions again. They don't have to be long, or even particularly serious – cartoons, poems, jokes and jottings are welcome, as are items for the 'Around the Region' pages – let the rest of us know what's happening in your part of Yorkshire! The deadline for articles is the end of December.

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