

# YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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## YVBSG events for your diary

### Flamborough Conference Review Day

Sunday 30 September 2001

Presentations will be given on the buildings recorded at Flamborough in May, together with a possible walk around the village if time and weather conditions permit. Meet at 1.45pm in Flamborough Village Hall. There will be a small charge to cover hire of hall and refreshments. Everybody welcome, even if you didn't attend the conference – contact Malcolm Birdsall (01943 830460) if you need a map of the village. Finish about 4.45.

It had been hoped to organise an event in East Yorkshire on the previous day, Saturday 29 September, but this has had to be postponed due to ongoing foot and mouth disease restrictions.



### Committee Meeting

Sunday 11 November 2001

If you'd like to bring any matter to the attention of the Committee, please contact the Secretary, David Crook, before the meeting.

### Annual Day School and AGM

Saturday 16 March 2002

The theme of the Day School will be vernacular buildings for (or adapted to) manufacturing processes. If anyone would like to offer a short presentation, say 15 minutes, on a specific building of this type, or any other insight relevant to the theme, please contact David Cook before 1 November 2001. The AGM will follow the Day School. Details later.

### Annual Recording Conference

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May 2002

Details to follow.

*Other events for 2002 are in the pipeline and will be publicised in due course.*

## Some new publications

**High Bradley: Architecture & History** by Alison Armstrong and Arnold Pacey 160pp, 59 line drawings. This new book by two YVBSG members is the result of field studies of houses and barns in their landscape setting, supported by historical research. It offers a distinctive history of the Airedale hamlet of High Bradley, as well as useful information on looking at buildings more generally.

The book looks at the architectural form and history of every building structure in High Bradley, noting how buildings and landscape together reflect the development of farming in the area, and how several industries influenced development of the hamlet, including quarrying, coal-mining, weaving and wool-combing. The history of the former manor house of Bradley is traced back to before 1500, and remains of the smaller, cruck-framed houses of the early settlement are identified.

Copies available by post from Arnold Pacey, 8 North Street, Addingham, Ilkley, Yorkshire LS29 0QY. Cost £9 (including p&p), cheques payable to either Arnold Pacey or Alison Armstrong (but not both). If the authors are able to bring copies for sale at a YVBSG meeting, the price will be £7.50.

There will also be a discounted price of £7.50 when the book is launched in Bradley on Sunday 16 September 2001. Anybody interested in local history or architecture is welcome to this celebration. Meet in the village car park by the canal in Low Bradley at 2.30pm for a walk up High Bradley Lane.

**Town Trails: North Yorkshire** by Mark Reid

£5.95, InnWay Publications. A collection of 25 walks round towns such as Thirsk, Settle, Hawes, Leyburn and Skipton.

**Francis Johnson, Architect: A Classical Statement** by John Martin Robinson and David Neave

312pp, 213 illustrations, £43 (inc p&p) from Oblong Creative Ltd, The Annexe, Wharfebank Business Centre, Ilkley Road, Otley LS21 3JP. The life and works of this leading classical architect of the late 20th century who was born in Yorkshire in 1911 and practised in Bridlington, whose works included the restoration of buildings in York as well as the design of new classical country houses and many smaller houses.

## Other events of possible interest

Some of these events are publicised a long time in advance, so it's worth checking before you go!

### North Yorkshire History Day

Saturday 15 September 2001

At Northallerton Town Hall. Details from John Sheehan, tel 01609 771878.

### York Archaeological and Historical Book Fair

Saturday 6 October 2001

At the Archaeological Resource Centre, St Saviourgate, York, 10am-4pm, free.

### Milestone Society

Sunday 7 October 2001

The Milestone Society, newly-formed to record milestones, is holding its first meeting at Dewsbury Town Hall, 10.30am-3.30pm. Details from jan@farwood.co.uk, membership details from Brian Barrow, Larkrise, Wicken Road, Clavering, Essex CB11 4QT.

### Local and Family History Day

Saturday 27 October 2001

At the Methodist Mission, Lord Street, Huddersfield, 10.30am-4.30pm, £1.50. Details from Linda Birch, tel 0113 289 8248 or email lbirch@wyjs.org.uk.

### Beverley Local History Book Fair

Saturday 27 October 2001

At the Memorial Hall, Beverley, 10am-4pm, free. For details, tel 01482 392755.

### Calderdale Town Walks

A series of walks led by the Calderdale Tourist Guides Association looking at architectural, historical, and social aspects of Calderdale towns and villages. Details on website [http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/ft\\_tourism/whats\\_on/guid\\_walk.html](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/ft_tourism/whats_on/guid_walk.html), tel 01422 842830. The walks should not be affected by the foot and mouth disease crisis.

### Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Guided Walks

A new range of activities which should not be affected by the foot and mouth disease crisis. Includes guided walks round the historic towns and villages such as Settle, Reeth, Linton, Hawes, Grassington, and Malham. For details see website <http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/events/index.html>, or tel 01969 650 456, email info@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

## For the net surfers amongst you ...

The new website of the Historic Farm Buildings Group is now online at <http://www.chelt.ac.uk/ccru/hfbg/>, providing information about the HFBG and its activities.

Longley Old Hall near Huddersfield (recently recorded by the Group and described in *Yorkshire Buildings* 2001) now has its own website at <http://www.longleyoldhall.co.uk/index.htm>. The website includes an update of some of the discoveries made in the house since the initial recording.



## VAG bibliography

The Bibliography of the Vernacular Architecture Group is now available as an on-line database hosted by the Archaeology Data Service. The database comprises the contents of volumes III and IV of the VAG Bibliography and contains over 4600 bibliographic references. It may be browsed by topic or searched by keyword, author or geographic region. To access the Bibliography, enter the ADS Catalogue (<http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue>), click on Library then on Bibliographies.

## Yorkshire Buildings 2002

All members (or indeed, non-members!) are fervently encouraged to submit contributions for the 2002 edition of the annual journal, *Yorkshire Buildings*. Articles, long or short, should reach the editor by the end of December 2001.

## Next Newsheet

Please send any items for the next Newsheet (such as events, courses or publications which may interest other members) to the editor by the end of November 2001.

## Courses

### The Local History and Vernacular Architecture of Leeds

Tutor: Hilary Smyth. Mondays, 7-9pm, from 24 September 2001, at Swarthmore Centre, Leeds. Looking at Leeds from the medieval period onwards, with special reference to its historic and landmark buildings. Organised by University of Leeds, tel 0113 233 3222, email [sce@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:sce@leeds.ac.uk).

### Four of a Kind?

Tutor: Ian Pattison. Wednesdays, 7-9pm, from 3 October 2001, at King's Manor, York. Looking at the families of the stately homes of Newburgh Priory, Castle Howard, Hovingham Hall and Duncombe Park, together with the more modest structures nearby. Organised by University of York, tel 01904 434620, email [mmb3@york.ac.uk](mailto:mmb3@york.ac.uk).

### Victorian Houses and Families

Tutor: George Sheeran. Series of five public lectures at the West Yorkshire Archive Service in Bradford, 15 Canal Road, Bradford, Thursdays 7.30-9pm from 11 October 2001. £3 per lecture.

Also Friday morning lectures from 10.30-12.00, £3 per lecture, including 'From Vernacular Revival to Postmodern: an Introduction to 20th Century Architecture' by George Sheeran on 19 October, and 'The Past on Paper: the Work of the West Yorkshire Archive Service in Bradford' by Andrew George on 23 November.

Both lecture series organised by University of Bradford, tel 01274 233216, email [scu@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:scu@bradford.ac.uk).

## VAG in Yorkshire

The national Vernacular Architecture Group hopes to hold its annual spring conference in Yorkshire in 2004. Malcolm Birdsall is co-ordinating this event: if you are able to offer any help, please contact Malcolm on 01943 830460. We still intend to run a normal programme of YVBSG events for 2004.

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- Tish and Mike Lawson for organising and leading an excellent walk around Baildon in June.

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