

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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Forthcoming YVBSG Events

Annual Conference Follow-up Meeting

Sunday 22 September at HOLMFIRTH (*please note change of venue*)

Programme:

- 10.30 Guided tour of Holmfirth with John Smith.
- 13.00 Lunch – own arrangements.
- 14.00 Presentation of buildings recorded around Meltham. Please bring completed reports, photographs and slides. Owners and occupiers have been invited to join us.
- 16.00 Visit to Manor House Farm, Crosland Hill.

Holmfirth is 5 miles south of Huddersfield – A616 to Honley, bear right at lights onto A6024 Woodhead Road which becomes Huddersfield Road.

Meet at 10.30 in front of Holmfirth Fire Station on Huddersfield Road. Car parking is available nearby off Bridge Lane, the first left as you approach Holmfirth from the Huddersfield direction. The Fire Station is just beyond the Bridge Lane turning.

From 13.00 we have the use of the Methodist Sunday School on School Street (also on the left of Huddersfield Road), where refreshments will be available. There is also a car park, but this will be in use by church members in the morning.

There will be a charge of £1 per head to cover room hire costs.

If you did not attend the conference, but would like to come to this meeting, please ring David Cant on 01422 883846.

Guisborough Walkabout

A walkabout on Sunday 6 October to look at the historical development of this town. Start at 11.00. Meet at Fountain Street car park (grid reference NZ 614157) in the centre of Guisborough. Lunch in a Guisborough pub/cafe or bring a packed lunch.



It would help with the organisation if we know how many people intend to come. Please contact Jacky Quarmby on 01287 636834 or David Cook on 01740 620098 if you are interested.

Publications Committee Meeting

To follow the Guisborough walkabout on Sunday 6 October.

Next Committee Meeting

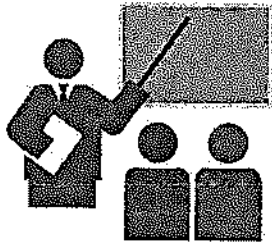
Sunday 10 November at 10.30 at 11 Hall Park, Heslington, York.

Proposed for 1997 ...

- March – A day school in York
- 27 April – A visit to Scarborough led by Barry Harrison
- May – Annual Conference based in Holderness
- September – The Group's 25th Anniversary

And perhaps a minibus trip to Avoncroft sometime during the year, as mentioned in the last Newsheet – would anyone else be interested?

Courses



Houses in the Landscape: Vernacular Building Styles in England

Tutor: Sue Degnan
Length: 2 terms

Venues:

- Mondays 19.00-21.00 from 7 October at the School of Continuing Education Building, University of Leeds. For details phone 0113 233 3246. Enrolment 19.00-21.00 on 23 September, Leeds.
- Thursdays 13.30-15.30 from 26 September at Easingwold School. For details phone 01642 814987.

Three Pennine Valleys

Tutor: W John Smith, MA, FSA
Length: 20 weeks

A comparative study of settlement, architecture, communications and industry within the Pennine region bounded by Burnley, Halifax and Rochdale, which is divided into three areas by the valleys of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Calder and the River Roche.

The main linking thread will be the buildings starting from the later 14th century to the early 19th century. These will include manor houses, farms, merchants' houses, cottages, and industrial buildings. Churches and chapels will also feature. Communications will include causeys, packhorse tracks, turnpike roads, canals and associated buildings, and the early railways, stations, viaducts etc.

Venues:

- Halifax – Horton House, 10.00-12.00, from 26 September.
- Rochdale – Oulder Hill School, 19.00-21.00, from 2 October.
- Rossendale – Rawtendale College, 19.00-21.00, from 7 October.

Telephone 0161 642 8349 for further details.

Other Events

Annual East Riding Local History Event

Commences with a local history book fair in the Memorial Hall, Beverley, on Saturday 7 September from 10.00 to 16.00, followed by a week of local history lectures and walkabouts in Beverley organised by the East Riding of Yorkshire Library and Information Services, from 9 to 14 September. Further information on 01482 885081 or 01482 885358.

Wanted...

...articles for the 1997 Annual Report! All contributions welcome – to be sent to Lorraine Moor by the end of December 1996, please.

Primary Aims?

Taken from the Newsletter of the Institute of Field Archaeologists Buildings Special Interest Group, Spring 1996

A conference held in York on 16 February 1996 considering stratigraphic approaches to the study of standing buildings came up with the following:

The primary aims of an analytical survey of an historic building should be:

1. To determine and then describe the age and plan of the original structure.
2. To record the sequence of additions and alterations.
3. To understand the function of the building and its individual portions and see how these may have changed over time.
4. To investigate the relevant documentary history.
5. To put the information gained from points 1 to 4 into some form of illustrated report, at least one copy of which will be deposited in a public library or archive.

Are we doing all this?
Do we agree with it?!

Sue Degnan

Holderness Survey Weekend

A dozen members met in Patrington at the end of June to carry out an extensive survey of the buildings of the surrounding villages. Armed with maps old and new, survey sheets and cards, they sallied forth to see what was worth recording. The following day some members continued the survey work, having sampled the delights of the thatched barn at Easington.

At the Committee Meeting held during the weekend it was agreed to hold the 1997 Conference in the Holderness area. It was decided to "go it alone" again, and several committee members are involved in the organisation. Malcolm Birdsall is arranging the buildings to be recorded, whilst Sue Degnan is contacting possible speakers. We are still seeking suitable accommodation. Please return any survey sheets or cards from the weekend to David Cant.

David Cant

Publications

Battle Houses in the North Pennines by Peter Ryder, £2.50, published by the North Pennines Heritage Trust, Rampgill Visitor Centre, Nenthead, Alston CA9 3PD. A study of the origins and features of these "strongly-built small houses with first-floor living accommodation", with three itineraries in Allendale and around Alston.

Life in the English Country Cottage by Adrian Tinniswood (Weidenfeld and Nicholson 1995, £19.99, ISBN 0 297 832743). Traces the history of the English cottage from the medieval village to the 20th century, "exploring how cottages came to be built, the materials used to build them, and how their appearance was affected by social forces and changing trends". The focus is on the *people* who lived in the cottages.

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