



## Taster Visit – North Doncaster Area

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022

### Introduction:

**Car Trip led by Peter Thornborrow** – to book ring Peter on his mobile: 07565 149493. Maximum 20 people. No texts please, speak to me, and then to confirm send me your contact details by email to [chairman@yvbsg.org.uk](mailto:chairman@yvbsg.org.uk). **If you are attending, please print this document and bring it along with you.**

This car trip should give you a taste of some of the fine churches and their villages in this eastern part of South Yorkshire in the Doncaster district. Contrasting sandstone villages with brick ones – mostly cottages dating after 1700, ending on the high ridge of the limestone belt with fine C17 Cotswold-type buildings mostly built gable-on to the street.



*Hooton Pagnell buildings gable-on to the street*

### Route:

We start at **Campsall**, best approached if coming from the north off the A1(M) at Barnsdale Bar – head east on the country road to Campsall. If coming from the north-west use the M1 head for Wakefield and take the A638 over Chantry Bridge (passing The Hepworth on the right) going left towards Heath and Pontefract. Look for a right turn on the A638 - don't go left on the A645 (Pontefract). The A638 takes you past Nostell Priory entrance (National Trust). Continue through Wragby and Ackworth on the Doncaster Road. However, immediately after North Elmsall turn left at the roundabout that may be signed to Wrangbrook and the A1 going straight across the motorway at Barnsdale Bar towards Campsall on Woodfield Road. At road junction turn left going uphill through the village.

### Meeting point and parking:

You will see **Campsall church**, near Norton (SE 5447-1407) with its tall Norman tower on the right (you can't miss it!). Drive past it and 30 metres on turn right on Campsall Park Road, and then right again down Campsall Hall Road, turn your car round to face back up hill and park in the largish cul-de-sac used for church parking. Then follow footpath along the churchyard edge and head for the north door into the church – tea and coffee (donations please) served from 10.30 to 11.00am. There is a welcome toilet inside the church. So, we have a half-hour for people to arrive and then we will look round the inside of this fascinating and complex church together.

## Programme:

### 11.00 am Campsall: Church of St Mary Magdalene

(<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1151464>).

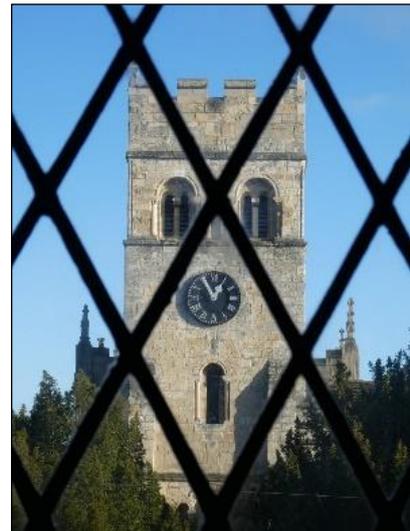
Late Norman west tower, the most ambitious and tallest in the West Riding. Replica of the Romanesque West door – original in the *Anchorite Cell* accessible up some steps in the tower – see end SW buttress with an original C12 chimney! I commend you to check out this document: <https://www.crsbi.ac.uk/view-item?i=7981>. This website includes nearly every church in the country if you put the correct address in, but note that the list is very case-sensitive.

**11.30am** We go outside now for a complete walk around the church in a clockwise direction (turn right on leaving). Then leave and walk across the road to –

### 11.50 am Campsall: Old Rectory

(<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1286761>).

c1400. We are here for a quick external look around the outside of the building before we go for lunch.



*St Mary Magdalene photographed from the Old Rectory*

**12.10 pm Lunch.** Walk back to cars and drive back the way we came but continuing to the end of the road. Just before the road junction with the Doncaster/Selby Road (A19) turn into the car park of **The Owston Inn** (<https://owstoninn.co.uk/>), park and go inside (toilets!). We have reserved seating and tables, but please check the menu and order a single main course (no time for starters or puds I'm afraid) and pay individually and get a drink (they have coffees and soft drinks) from the bar – it's good delicious food.

**1.15 pm Depart.** At road junction turn left on the A19 at Askern (after the boating pond). Turn right passing through Moss to **Fishlake**. Park near the church or where you can.

### 1.30 pm Fishlake: St Cuthbert's Church (<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1314801>).

c1175. Designated (2018) a Major Parish Church of national importance, particularly due to its history as the most southerly point that the coffin containing Cuthbert's body rested on its journey from Lindisfarne. It has a remarkable Norman Romanesque south doorway (<https://www.fishlakestcuthbert.org.uk/>), perhaps the finest in the North. Head straight for the church and go in.



*The Custom House*

### 2.00 pm Fishlake: The Custom House, 2 River View

(<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1192251>). Close to the church. A late C17 brick house from a time when the navigable River Don came close to the main street; it was an inland port. Note its swirling kneelers, influenced by Hellaby Hall c1690. We will be invited to see the amazing entrance hall stair that rises through 3 storeys – fine joinery and a building we will be recording in September (together with the building next door). **Depart 2.30 pm.**

### 2.45 pm Hatfield, via Stainforth, to see St Lawrence's Church

(<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1192628>).

Another major church – cruciform with a 100ft high early Tudor crossing tower; fine C15 Perpendicular masonry except the Norman west front. We will be met and shown around the church with its large clerestory

windows, rood screen and loft of c1500. Outside see the impressive east front with three large Perpendicular windows all in line but all different. Car park next to the church.

**3.40 pm Depart for Hooton Pagnell** via A18 then at second roundabout turn right on A630 towards Doncaster. Again turn right on A638 – then turn left on A635 (Barnsley Rd) – go under A1(M) on A635. Then a mile further turn right at Marr. Then first left at 5-lane ends junction on B6422 passing through Brodsworth to **Hooton Pagnell** ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Listed\\_buildings\\_in\\_Hooton\\_Pagnell](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Listed_buildings_in_Hooton_Pagnell)) – park on approach *before* village near church and go into churchyard to see medieval C14 gatehouse of the Hall. Then walk through village past the Butter Cross where a weekly market was first held here in 1253; commanding views over the countryside from this limestone ridge. Continue towards *The Hostel*, an Arts & Crafts mock timber black-and-white framed village hall (like a pub) to see the best two C17 houses in the village, built gable-on to the street. In an aim to ‘*Save the Best ‘till Last*’ we are permitted an interior visit of **Watchley Farm at 4.30 pm** (<https://historicensland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1286549>), by courtesy of the owners. A fine internal stone wall separates the two main rooms having a unique arched doorway to the left of a large arched fireplace in the housebody, and another inglenook fireplace with timber bressummer with stone steps of a truncated stair to the right in the parlour. The house is a total delight with many delightful things on display. This is one of the houses we will be recording during the annual conference on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – **BOOK NOW for the conference! Our trip ends here.**



*Watchley Farm and Home Farm, Hooton Pagnell*

### **Route home north or south bound:**

Return to cars near church and then drive back through the village on B6422 towards South Elmsall. Just before village turn right on minor country road to Hampole. At main A638 road junction either turn left heading towards Wakefield, passing through Ackworth and Nostell Priory.

**or:** Turn right on A683, you are just 2 miles away from a major road junction to join the A1 (M) both north and south. Have a safe journey home.

**Prepared by Peter Thornborrow**