

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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YVBSG events

Annual Recording Conference and AGM

Friday 14 - Sunday 16 May 1999

To be held in Aldbrough, Holderness (the Village Hall is on the B1242 Withernsea road, just south of the village). Cost £15, including two lectures, guided tour of Hornsea, guidance on measuring and drawing buildings in small groups, and packed lunch on Saturday. Details already circulated to members, or otherwise available from David Cant (please enclose an SAE).

Exploratory Day in South Yorkshire

Saturday 19 June 1999

Meet at 11am at the 'Mill of the Black Monks' pub located east of Barnsley on Grange Lane, just next to Monk Bretton Priory (turn right off the Pontefract road). Coffee and a short talk on the pub's history will be followed by an extensive survey of the area, carried out in small groups. We will then meet back at the pub where meals will be available from 6pm. Please let David Cant know if you would like to come and if you intend to stay for a meal. Own arrangements for lunch.

Walkabout in the Saddleworth area

Sunday 11 July 1999

Guided walkabout led by W John Smith. Meet at 11am at Brown Hill car park (*not* the visitor centre car park) off the A670 near Dobcross, just by the railway viaduct. We will visit Dobcross in the morning and Delph in the afternoon, finishing around 4pm. Lunch in a pub or bring sandwiches. Please let David Cant know if you intend to come.

Conference Review Day

Sunday 19 September 1999

Follow-up day from 11am to 3pm at Aldbrough Village Hall, reporting back on the buildings surveyed at the May conference. Cost £2 to cover room hire and light refreshments - pay on the day.

Haworth

October 1999

Preliminary look at buildings in the Haworth area in preparation for the Year 2000 Conference. Details later.

Year 2000 Conference

May 2000

In the Haworth area, probably concentrating on smaller 18th and 19th century vernacular buildings.



Notice of AGM

The AGM will be held on Saturday 15 May at 5pm in Aldbrough Village Hall. All members of the group are formally invited to attend. If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to raise any matter, you may do so in writing to the Secretary, David Cook.

After more than five years in office, David Cant wishes to stand down from the post of Chairman to concentrate on his own research and to allow someone else to take the lead. Please send nominations for Chairman, and for other officers and members of the committee, to David Cook before the meeting.

Next Committee Meeting

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday 7 November 1999. If you'd like to bring any matter to the attention of the Committee, please contact David Cook.

Cover form

When sending completed reports to the Archivist, Don McLellan, please remember to enclose a filled-in cover sheet (copies available from Don - see Newsheet No 19) to enable him to enter the appropriate details into the database.

Next Newsheet

Please send any items for the August Newsheet to the editor by the end of July 1999.

Books & articles

Medieval Housing by Jane Grenville. New in paperback (£19.95). An outline of recent developments in the archaeology of standing buildings, which also shows how they have contributed to our understanding of medieval domestic buildings.

Medieval Yorkshire Towns: People, Buildings and Spaces by George Sheeran (£19.95). Explores the evolution of Yorkshire's architecture and urban structure with reference to York, Beverley, Ripon, Scarborough, Richmond and other towns.

Yorkshire History Quarterly, February 1999, contains an article on Dives House, Dalton, Huddersfield. Although Dives House barn was surveyed prior to demolition in 1957 (see *YAJ* 1960), the house was not. This article pulls together the available information. Incidentally, the editor of *YHQ* would welcome any contributions, especially short items on buildings: send them to Phil Hudson, Procter House, Kirkgate, Settle BD24 9DZ. Better still, subscribe too - £12.50 per annum.

The Development of Timber as a Structural Material, edited by David Yeomans, in the *Studies of the History of Civil Engineering* series by Ashgate Publishing ISBN 0860787575 due out April 1999. Phone 01235 827730 for details.

Visiting houses

Philip Hind Tours of 15 Meadway, High Lane, Stockport SK6 8EG, run residential tours to visit historic houses. Phone 01663 764744 for further information.

The Friends of The Historic Houses Association organise day visits to historic houses not normally open to the public (you have to be a 'Friend' to go along). The representative for the Yorkshire region is Miss Gaby Robertshaw, Farfield hall, Addingham, Rkley LS29 0RQ.



Other events of possible interest

York's Medieval Guildhalls

Wednesday 21 April 1999

Talk by Kate Giles to Yorkshire Architectural and York Archaeological Society at 7.30pm, Friends' Meeting House, Castlegate, York.

Agriculture and the Rural Landscape

Saturday 15 May 1999

Day school organised by PLACE at the University College of Ripon and York St John, York. Presentations include Alison Armstrong on 'Sheephouses, laithes and hennery-piggeries in the Yorkshire Dales' and Heather Beaumont on 'Walls and fields in Wharfedale.' Tel 01904 716753 or email PLACE@ucrysj.ac.uk for details. Note clash with YVBSG Annual Conference.

Researching Local History Evening

Tuesday 18 May 1999

Organised by Halifax Antiquarian Society, includes a presentation on researching the history of your house. 7.30pm at Halifax Central Library.

Cecil Hewett and Historic Carpentry

Saturday 22 May 1999

Memorial conference at Crossing Temple, Essex. Cost £18.50. Details from John Walker, tel 01992 574961.

Fields, Woods and History

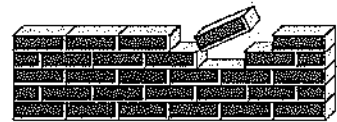
Saturday 12 June 1999

Please note that this WEA day school in Addingham is now fully booked.

A Celebration of Brick

1 July - 3 October 1999

Exhibition at Hull Maritime Museum on 700 years of building in brick, as part of Hull's 700th anniversary celebrations. Tel 01482 613902.



Oxford University Local History Summer School

Saturday 10 - Saturday 17 July 1999

Includes a course entitled 'The Archaeology of Standing Buildings' with the emphasis on the 'process of analysis and interpretation.' Tel 01865 270396.

Listed Buildings of Sowerby Bridge area

Tuesday 21 September 1999

Halifax Antiquarian Society lecture, 7.30pm at Halifax Central Library.

The 'library'

From time to time the group receives copies of publications from other organisations, including the annual journal from the VAG.

A recent addition to the 'library' is *Historic Buildings in Essex Issue 10*, published by the Essex Historic Buildings Group, including articles on The Historic Changes of Toothed Wheels in Mills; A Barn and Threshing Floor at Domine Farm, Wrabness; Wall Paintings at Great Yeldham, Essex; A Re-erected Building at Teybrook Farm, Great Tey; and Cellular (Brentwood) Marking over the Border.

The group has also gratefully received a copy of Ian Goldthorpe's recent book, *Grassington and the surrounding villages towards the Millennium*. The book includes walks and is available from the Dales Bookshop, 33 Main Street, Grassington, tel 01756 753373.

Please contact David Cook if you would like to borrow any of these.

On display ...

The group has taken part in a couple of conferences this year, and has put together a small display showing what we do and how we do it. If you'd like to take the display along to an event to publicise the group's work, please contact David Cook.

Auditor needed!

Do we have any budding accountants in the group? An auditor is required, to check the group's accounts once a year. It's not an onerous task - if you are able to help please contact the Treasurer, Jacky Quarmby.

Yorkshire Buildings

The 1999 edition of *Yorkshire Buildings* has now been circulated to members. I hope you enjoy it - if not, do tell me. Better still, send me a contribution for next year's edition! Further copies are available for purchase from the editor (£3 + 50p p&tp).

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