

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP

Newsheet

August 1993

Although we receive an excellent Annual Newsletter, your Committee feel that there are occasions when a Newsheet should be circulated to give members information on current and forthcoming events.

Annual General Meeting 1993

The 1993 AGM was held during the Annual Conference at the Cranedale Centre, Kirby Grindalythe. At the AGM David Cant was elected as Chairman of the Group when Barry stepped down after many years in office. David hopes to try to get round to meet the various sections and members in the near future.



The written constitution for the Group was adopted, and the following members elected to serve on the Committee, which is to meet at least twice a year: Tony Tolhurst (Secretary), Freda Tolhurst (Treasurer), Barry Harrison, Joy Hotchin, Alison Armstrong, Joyce Williams, Malcolm Birdsall, Jen Deadman and Mike Fossick.

An increase in the annual subscription, the first for many years, was approved at the AGM. It was agreed that rising costs in printing and insurance in particular warranted this, and as from 1 January 1994 the annual subscription will be £5 per person. It was pointed out by many members that our current rate (£2) was very low compared to many other societies.



Training in Recording



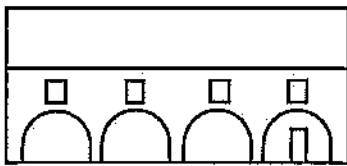
Lengthy discussions have taken place on the subject of training new and existing members and, in particular, the fate of newcomers attending their first Conference with its intensive recording day.

It is planned to hold a meeting in York in January 1994 at which we will discuss the aims of recording and methods of achieving them. The meeting will be open to all members and in particular to those who have led teams or who would like to do so. We plan to invite an experienced outside recorder to talk to us so that we can widen our expertise in this subject.

'Walkabouts'

Following the successful afternoon walk around Cawood just looking at and discussing buildings we propose further such meetings in 1994. David Cant and Alison Armstrong are prepared to take us round their areas and we hope to have a day in Skipton in March 1994. Is anyone else prepared to take us round their vicinity?

Recording Farm Buildings



There is a one day meeting in York on 15 January 1994 at which amateurs and professionals will talk about their techniques and objectives for recording farm buildings. The course is being run by the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments, the Historic Farm Buildings Group and the Centre for Conservation Studies at the University of York. The cost, including meals and a copy of the proceedings, is £28. Please contact me if you require full details.

Publicity and Membership

The Committee have spent some time discussing publicity of the Group's activities and membership, and whether we should try to attract new members. Do we need more or better publicity? What would be the effects of more publicity?

The Committee would welcome your views.

Swaledale Survey/Annual Conference 1994

Work on the Swaledale buildings continues and there will be further buildings to record soon, and a number of wills and inventories to transcribe. It is planned to hold the 1994 Conference at Marrick Priory in May with a full recording programme in that area. If you would like to help in transcribing documents please contact me.

Please note that there are still some outstanding reports from the Swaledale field meeting held in September 1992!



Any comments?

The next Committee meeting is being held on Saturday 30 October. If you have any comments on the above topics or matters you wish to raise please let me have them by 25 October for inclusion in the meeting.

A reminder ...

... to those attending the Anniversary Dinner that final payments are due by 6 September.



If there are still any members who would like to attend the celebrations on 25 September please telephone me immediately on (0904) 410091.

Full details of meetings etc will be circulated when dates, times and venues are finalised.

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