

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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YVBSG events

Conference Review Day

Sunday 19 September 1999

Meet at 11.00 at the church in Barmston village (just off A165 south of Bridlington) for a short walking tour of village; 12.00 lunch – own arrangements; 1.30-4.30 Aldbrough Village Hall on A1242 Withernsea road south of the village – presentation of reports. Cost £2 to cover room hire, afternoon refreshments. Please let David Cant know if you are coming. Completed reports from the May conference should be with Don by the end of August to allow time for copying etc.

Haworth Buildings

Sunday 17 October 1999

Meet 1.30pm at Haworth Railway Station. Arnold Pacey will lead a walk to look at smaller 18th and 19th century vernacular buildings – in preparation for recording here next year.

In the pipeline for 2000 ...

The committee has decided to change the pattern of events next year. The AGM of the group will be held in March in conjunction with the day school. The annual recording conference will be replaced by a one-day recording event in May. Further details to follow in due course.

Vernacular Farm Buildings of Yorkshire and AGM

Saturday 11 March 2000

Annual day school in York, followed by the AGM.

Training Day in Haworth

Sunday 2 April 2000

Recording Buildings in Haworth

Saturday 20 May 2000



Committee News

The AGM of the group in May elected two new members to the Committee: welcome to Liz Reynolds and David Crook. However, no-one came forward to take over from David Cant as Chairman. He has agreed to continue on a temporary basis.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday 7 November 1999 at 11.00 at Don McLellan's house. If you'd like to raise any matter with the Committee, please contact David Cook.

Thank you ...

- to John Smith for leading a small group around Dobcross and Delph in July
- to everyone who has sent David Cant details of hoodmould stops
- to everyone who contributed to the Holderness Conference
- to the survey teams on the South Yorkshire day in June. Would anyone else like to analyse the results? If so, please contact David Cant.

Reports awaited!

There are still a number of building reports outstanding from the recording days in Snape last year. Please send the drawings etc to team leaders as soon as possible so the reports can be completed. Any difficulties: please contact the team leader.



Journal 2000

All members (or indeed, non-members) are encouraged to make a special effort this year to contribute to the annual journal, *Yorkshire Buildings* – the Millennium issue! Articles should be sent to the editor by 31 December 1999.

Next Newsheet

Please send any items for the December Newsheet to the editor by the end of November 1999. Take the opportunity to publicise events in your area, or just to communicate with other members of the group.

Other events of possible interest

Getting Nowhere: William Morris, Society and the Environment

3-5 September 1999

Conference organised by William Morris Society at University of Sheffield. Various prices according to accommodation. Details from Dawn Morris, 7 Spring Hill, Sheffield S10 1ET.

Heritage Open Days

11 and 12 September 1999

Information from local centres or the Civic Trust, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AW. The group hopes to participate in the East Riding activities during this weekend. If you're interested in helping, please contact Lorraine Moor.

Local History Book Fair

Saturday 23 October 1999

10.00 onwards in the Memorial Hall, Beverley.



Science as Architecture: Christopher Wren and his Calderdale Contemporaries

Tuesday 2 November 1999

Halifax Antiquarian Society lecture by Arnold Pacey, 7.30pm at Halifax Central Library.

Old Orchards in the Landscape

Saturday 13 November 1999

PLACE day school in York. Tel 01904 716753 or email PLACE@ucrysf.ac.uk for details.

Welsh Vernacular Architecture

13-14 November 1999

The annual Archaeology Cymru conference in central Wales with presentations based on recent work in Wales on local domestic architecture. Further details from Helen Langford, Archaeology Cymru, Unit A9, Pen-y-groes Industrial Estate, Pen-y-groes, Gwynedd LL54 6DB, tel 0906 8020224 or 01446 749747.

Practical and Ritual Marks on Building Materials

Saturday 20 November 1999

A day school at the Weald and Downland Museum, Sussex, with illustrated lectures and the opportunity to see some marks in situ in reconstructed buildings. Leaders: Timothy Easton and Richard Harris. Course Fee £65. Further details from Diana Rowsell, tel 01243 811363.

The Houses of James Murgatroyd

Tuesday 7 December 1999

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

Architecture and Salvage: the Archaeology of Rescue

Friday 10 December 1999

One day conference at Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, examining re-use of architectural features and building materials. Cost £45. Apply to Nigel Pratt, National Trust, 33 Sheep Street, Cirencester GL7 1RQ, tel 01285 651818.

Collaborations with other groups

Yorkshire Wolds Heritage Trust

The group has formed a link with the Trust, which functions as a co-ordinating body working in association with statutory authorities, charities and persons having compatible aims, to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of landscape and features of geological, geographical, archaeological, historical, ecological and architectural interest in the Yorkshire Wolds.

Annual membership of the Trust costs £7.50 per person from Gina Spaul, 23 Thorndale Croft, Wetwang, Driffield YO25 9XZ. Lorraine Moor is the group's representative on the Trust committee.

PLACE

As a partner organisation of the PLACE (People, Landscape & Cultural Environment) Research Centre, the group has been given a CD-ROM about PLACE's work. If you have access to a PC and would like to borrow the CD-ROM, please contact Lorraine Moor.

Request for info

A family historian researching the name Venables would be grateful for any information relating to Higher Fooden Farm or Fooden Hall, Bolton-by-Bowland, originally on the western fringe of the West Riding. Any offers to David Cant please.

Publications

Monasteries and Landscape in North East England by Bryan Waites. 224 pages. An account of the impact of monasteries on the landscape of northeast Yorkshire. Available from Mulum in Parvo Press, 6 Chater Road, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6RY. £15.95 plus £1.50 p&p, cheques payable to 'Monasteries and Landscape.'

Aspects of the Yorkshire Coast: Discovering Local History edited by Alan Whitworth, £9.95. 192 pages. A volume of 11 articles including 'Dovecotes & Pigeon Lofts of the East Coast' by Reg Brunton.

Vernacular Architecture (the journal of the VAG) Vol 29 1998 was published recently. Articles include 'The use of chalk as a building material on the Yorkshire Wolds', 'Barns in Gloucestershire up to 1900', 'Man set over the animals', 'Medieval Somerset roofs', 'Tudhoe Hall and Byers Green Hall, County Durham: 17th and early 18th century social change in houses', 'The management of rural building in 17th century Buckinghamshire', 'Cruck distribution: a brief note', 'Life, labour and 20th century buildings', 'Transportation and the supply of construction materials: an aspect of traditional building management', plus individual case studies. To borrow the group's copy, please contact David Cook.

Images of England

The largest ever photographic survey of England's built heritage was launched on 6 August. From palaces to pigeon lofts, medieval churches to garden sheds, *Images of England* will capture images of every listed building in England. These will then be posted on the internet for all to see, free of charge, by the year 2002. The project will generate around 360,000 new photographs, taken by over 500 volunteers. The aim is to create a 'point in time' record which will include buildings from every town and village.

The project is run by the National Monuments Record and is backed by a £3 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. For more information, or to join the *Images of England* mailing list, phone 01793 414779, or see the website <http://www.imagesofengland.org.uk>.

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