

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP

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Recording Vernacular Buildings

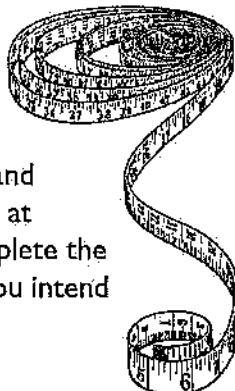


A meeting will be held on Saturday 29 January in Bowes Morrell House, Walmgate, York, to discuss why we record buildings, which buildings we should record, and how we should set about it. Our main speaker will be Peter Ryder and there will be contributions from members and hopefully plenty of discussion. We hope that ideas will be forthcoming for future meetings, perhaps dedicated to more specific topics.

Numbers are limited to 20 people and the cost will be £2 per head. Unfortunately there are no catering facilities so members may either bring sandwiches or retire to one of the local cafes or pubs for lunch. The meeting starts at 10.15 am and will finish at around 4.30 pm. If you would like to attend please complete the enclosed pro forma and return to Tony Tolhurst with your £2 fee.

Field Recording Day

Alison Armstrong has organised a number of houses to be measured in the Lower Wharfe valley, around the villages of Weston, Denton and Askwith. Meet at the Black Horse Inn, Askwith at 10.30 am on Saturday 19 February. Please complete the enclosed pro forma and return it to Alison if you intend to come.



Join a Section!

The Committee decided to encourage all members to belong to their nearest regional section. We realise that some of you may be some distance from the existing sections, so is there perhaps anyone who would like to form a new section with others in their area? We hope that this may be one way of trying to involve more of you in our activities.

Contact names are given below:

Tees and Greta

- *Meryne Watson*

Cleveland

- *Joyce Williams*

Wharfedale

- *John Wright*

Bradford Metropolitan Area

- *Alison Armstrong*

Vale of York/East Yorkshire

- *Tony Tolhurst*

Calder Valley and Kirklees

- *David Cant*

Access to Reports

By the end of 1993 our group had recorded over 1450 buildings, but the reports produced are not particularly accessible. The originals are held in the group's archive, at Tony Tolhurst's house, with copies at the National Buildings Record in London, and at the Yorkshire Archaeological Society Archives in Leeds.

To make our work more widely known and more easily accessible for research purposes, it is proposed to compile a complete list by parish from the lists produced in the annual Newsletters. This list would be distributed to main reference libraries and record offices in our area. Once done, the complete list could be easily updated each year.

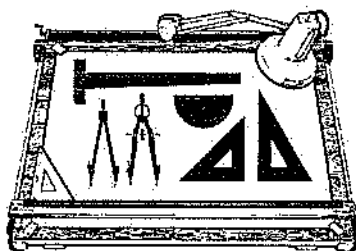


We need a few members who would be willing to compile this list by going through the back numbers of the Newsletter. If you would be willing to help with this please contact Tony on 0904 410091.

Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be held after the field recording day on 19 February at the Black Horse Inn, Askwith, starting at 5 pm.

The 1994 Annual Conference



The 1994 Conference will have a somewhat different format from those held in the past. It will be held in Swaledale from 20 to 22 May. As we have been unable to book in at Marrick Priory (did I hear you shout good-oh?) attendees will be able to choose their own degree of luxury in nearby 'B & B's'. The lectures and report writing sessions will be held in a village hall.

The exact arrangements should be finalised in the next few weeks and all members will then receive the final programme and booking form as in past years. We hope to include in that information lists of B & B accommodation.

Winter Reading

Two recent books which members may find of interest are:

Houses of Noble Poverty - A History of English Almshouses by Brian Howson, published by Bellevue Books, £27.50

Traditional Buildings and Life in the Lake District by Susan Denyer, published by Victor Gollancz, £18.99.

Walkabouts

Alison Armstrong has agreed to lead a walk round the buildings of Bradley (near Skipton), West Yorkshire, on Saturday 23 April. Members should meet at the car park by the canal bridge (the road into Bradley from the A692), grid reference SE 001482, at 10.30 am. Lunch can be obtained in local pubs, or bring sandwiches if you prefer.

Sue Wrathmell will lead another walk in Skipton and nearby areas in June (final date to be agreed), and Joyce Williams and Barry Harrison will lead a walk round Guisborough and Scarborough respectively later in the year.

Subscriptions

May I remind members that the new subscription rate (£5) comes into effect on 1 January 1994. Despite that, Happy New Year!

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