

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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Members' Skills and Interests

Thanks to the 22 members who returned the questionnaire on skills and interests which came with the last Newsheet. The answers provide valuable information on the varied talents of our members, and form a basis for deciding on the nature and location of future activities.

It is intended to send an amended version to each new member on joining, so we can keep an up-to-date picture of the group. Anyone who has not yet done so can still return the questionnaire to the Hon Secretary by the end of December 1994.

Publicity of the Group

We are in the process of circulating information on the group to main libraries and the county record offices. At the moment the only contact address is that of the Hon Secretary, but it is intended to give the name of one or more local contacts from those who indicated on their questionnaires that they were willing for their address details to be made available.

Unfortunately, we are not yet in a position to send the list of buildings by parish to the libraries, but this will be done as soon as possible.

Archives visit

Room has been reserved at the archives (Sheepscar, Leeds) on Thursday 16 February from 10am to 4pm to transcribe outstanding documents for the Swaledale survey. Anyone interested in coming is asked to let Tony Tolhurst know beforehand.

Lecture Day

A lecture training day has been arranged for Saturday 28 January at the Middlesbrough Centre. The speakers will be Barry Harrison, Martin Roberts, and a member of the RCHM. Details will be circulated from Middlesbrough in due course.

Annual Conference

The 1995 Annual Conference will now take place between 30 June and 2 July in Horton-in-Ribblesdale. Accommodation will be in the Crown Hotel. Full details early in the new year.

Consequently the field meeting which was to have taken place in Horton-in-Ribblesdale on 10 June is now cancelled.

Walkabout

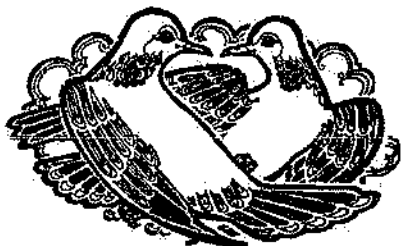
A walkabout in the Huddersfield/Holmfirth area is planned for Sunday 21 May. Again, details in the new year.

Training day

A practical training day will be held at the Ryedale Folk Museum, Hutton-le-Hole, on Saturday 1 April. Full details are enclosed.



Dovecotes



One important ancillary building which perhaps does not receive the attention it deserves is the dovecote. An exhibition was organised at the Ryedale Folk Museum at Hutton-le-Hole earlier this year. Unfortunately your chairman only found out after it was over! Further information is available from the Yorkshire Dovecote Society, Linden, The Carrs, Sleights, YO21 1RR.

Subscriptions

Members are reminded that subscriptions (£5) are due on 1 January 1995. We also wish you a Happy New Year!

New Books

The Council for British Archaeology have recently published another of their excellent Practical Handbooks: No 11, *Fixtures and Fittings in Dated Houses 1567 - 1763* (£6 + 50p postage). It includes a number of houses with details from the north of England, and has been compiled by Linda Hall of the Vernacular Architecture Group, drawing on materials supplied by (amongst others) several of our members. Available from CBA, Bowes Morrell House, 111 Walmgate, York, YO1 2UA

Building the West Riding by Lynn F Pearson (Smith Settle £16.95) is a wide-ranging look at a variety of building and structures throughout the old West Riding.



Other events

The Yorkshire Philosophical Society meeting on Tuesday 28 February is The Woodland History Group Lecture on "New Discoveries in Medieval Carpentry — York Chapter House in its setting" by Mr Julian Munby, FSA, Oxford Archaeological Unit. It starts at 7.30pm in the Tempest Anderson Hall, York.

From the editor

Share your knowledge in the Annual Newsletter!

As a relative newcomer to vernacular buildings, I will be relying on other, more knowledgeable, members for contributions for the Annual Newsletter! If you feel like putting pen to paper and writing an article — long or short, serious or humorous — I'd be very happy to hear from you (preferably by the end of January). There's a wealth of expertise in this group — why not share some of it!

.. and in the Newsheet

Do you know of any lectures, courses, or new publications which may be of interest to other members? If so please let me know and if possible we'll publish them in the Newsheet.

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Swaledale Field Day

One more Swaledale field recording day is planned for Sunday 16 July to record any outstanding buildings.

New abode for the Chairman

The Chairman has crossed to the south side of the Calder Valley and now lives in part of a C17/C18 complex which will no doubt be recorded sooner or later. The new address is:

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