

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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Future YVBSG Events

Training in Interpretation and Recording Buildings

Saturday 30 March at the Ryedale Folk Museum, Hutton-le-Hole.
Training day followed by a pub tea. Details enclosed – application form to be returned to Tony Tolhurst by 23 March.

Annual Conference 1996

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May at Meltham, Huddersfield. Details enclosed - please return application form to David Cant by 1 April.

Conference Follow Up Day

Sunday 22 September at Meltham.

AGM 1996

All members of the group are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Durker Roods Hotel, Meltham, at 5pm on Saturday 18 May.

Any nominations for the Committee and for the position of Officers should be sent to the Secretary by Saturday 11 May.

Any member unable to attend the AGM and wishing to raise any matter should do so in writing, to reach the Secretary by Saturday 11 May.

New Keeper of the Archives

Since the beginning of 1996, Don McLellan has been responsible for the group's archives. In future all completed reports should be sent to Don at Croft Mount, Silsden Road, Bradley, Keighley, West Yorkshire BD20 9ED.



Annual Conference 1996

The group has decided on cost grounds to run this event independently this year. The possibility of organising a future conference as an "accredited module" for the University of Leeds is still under investigation. It is intended to discuss this at the AGM and the committee would like to know members' views. Meanwhile, we look forward to a good attendance at the conference. Please book early to secure a place ... and prevent the organisers from getting too many grey hairs worrying if enough people are coming to make the event financially viable! Bookings should be returned to David Cant, who will be pleased to give further information (phone 01422 883846). Members could also help advertise the conference by distributing leaflets at local adult education venues and libraries. Further copies available from David Cant.

The Mysteries of Claremont

The group spent a fascinating day at the Yorkshire Archaeological Society headquarters at Claremont, Leeds, on Saturday 3 February attempting, amongst other activities, to unravel the complex development of the building. It soon became obvious that more detective work is required: would anyone interested in forming a small group to investigate the building further please contact David Cant.

New Publications

Historic Haworth Today by Kenneth Emsley (Bradford Libraries £8.95) looks at this small town and its buildings without being overwhelmed by Brontë-mania.

One Damned Building After Another (SAVE £10.95) published by Save Britain's Heritage is the seventh annual catalogue of "sad buildings in desperate need of kind new owners" (Guardian).

CBA Forum 1994 is the Annual Newsletter of the Yorkshire and Humberside Region of the Council for British Archaeology. Although mainly concerned with excavations, the reports by various organisations do contain some information on buildings, including Swales Yard, Pontefract (C16 half-timbered, now the "Counting House" pub/restaurant); Fountains Hall; and at Bishop Wilton (north of Pocklington).

Looking at Buildings – The East Riding by Hazel Moffat and David Neave (English Heritage Penguin Books £5.99). A 36-page introduction to East Riding architecture, including a useful section on sources and further reading.

Subscriptions (again!)

Subscriptions for 1996 are now due (and some are still outstanding from 1995!). If you'd like to remain a member of the group, please forward your subscription (£5 per annum) to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

Next Committee Meeting

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday 17 March at 10.30am at Don McLellan's home (please note change of venue). If anyone has any comments or items to raise please send them to the Secretary.

Other Events of Interest

Organised by University of Bradford, Tel 01274 383210:

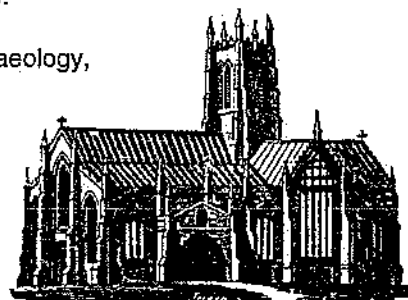
- **The Demon Back-to-Back – Housing Reform in the 19th Century** Lecture by George Sheeran on Friday 1 March, 10.00-11.30.
- **Historic Townscapes of Yorkshire** Dayschool on Saturday 2 March.
- **The Country Houses of Yorkshire** Dayschool on Saturday 23 March.

Organised by Pocklington and District Society of Arts, Tel 01759 303204:

- **Buildings of East Yorkshire** Talk by David Neave on Wednesday 20 March, 7.30pm at Woldgate School, Pocklington. Admission £1.50.

Organised by the Council for British Archaeology, Tel 01904 671417:

- **Inaugural meeting of the Society for Church Archaeology** Saturday 23 March at 10.00 at Tempest Anderson Hall, York. Further details and application form from CBA (applications by 1 March).



Organised by University of Manchester, Tel 0161 275 3270/1:

- **Gawthorpe Hall in its Architectural Context** Gawthorpe Hall, Padiham (near Burnley) – 5 evenings starting 24 April. Tutor W John Smith. Enrol by 10 April.

Organised by University of Leeds, Tel 0113 233 3220:

- **A History of Building Stones in Leeds** Dayschool by Murray Mitchell on Sunday 28 April.

And last, but by no means least, some guided walks organised by the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line and led by Arnold Pacey:

- **Ribblesdale Barns and Farmyards** Saturday 27 April. To join this walk, catch the train at the times noted below but get off at Ribbleshead. The walk finishes at Horton station after visiting farms already seen by some members of the YVBSG during last year's conference and last year's walk.
- **Houses and Barns in Dentdale** (where the NYCVBBSG did fieldwork in the 1970s when Dent was still in Yorkshire!). Saturday 1 June. Some quite unusual, though modest, buildings will be seen. Choice of 2 walks:
Short walk (2 miles): Dent Village and its South Eastern Margin Meet at village car park (map ref SD 704871) at 12.30pm for pub lunch and tour.

Long walk (10 miles): Dent Village and the Middle Dale

Meet at Dent station (map ref SD 764875) following arrival of the train from Leeds due at 10.11am. You can catch this train at these stations:

Leeds	08.47	Skipton	09.26
Shipley	09.02	Settle	09.45
Keighley	09.10	Ribbleshead	10.02

The return journey will be on the 17.39 train from Dent station which reaches Leeds at 19.04. There will be a lunch stop in Dent village, but you should carry some drink and perhaps sandwiches with you. Hiking boots and rainwear are advised.

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