

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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YVBSG events for your diary

Committee Meeting

Sunday 10 February 2002

At the Angel Inn, Topcliffe at 2pm. If you'd like to bring any matter to the attention of the Committee, please contact the Secretary, David Crook.

Old Workshops and Mills – The Development of Buildings for Small Scale Manufacturing and Processing

Saturday 16 March 2002

The annual day school, to be held in the Lecture Theatre, York St John College, Lord Mayor's Walk, York, from 10.00am to 4.30pm followed by the AGM at 4.30pm. Booking form enclosed; further copies available from Lorraine Moor.



Annual Recording Conference

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May 2002

To be held in Ripon, in partnership with Ripon Local Studies Research Centre. Programme of field recording, drawing up, talks, and a walkabout in Ripon. This year delegates will need to arrange their own overnight accommodation. Details to follow.

Study Day at Lower Winskill Farm, Langcliffe

Sunday 9 June 2002

A day (postponed from 2001) looking at the farm, its walls and fields, and perhaps also the village of Langcliffe, near Settle, if time permits. Details to follow.

Study Day in Upper Wharfedale

Sunday 30 June 2002

A walk in the Kettlewell area led by Arnold Pacey. Details to follow.

Walk around Beverley

Saturday 19 October 2002

A walk around this historic market town led by Dr David Neave. Details to follow.

Membership

Subscriptions for 2002 became due on 1 January – please don't forget to return the enclosed slip soon if you want to remain on the mailing list and be included in the list of members circulated with *Yorkshire Buildings*. Very best wishes for the new year (and happy recording!) to all members.

Notice of AGM

The AGM will be held on Saturday 16 March 2002 at 4.30pm in the Lecture Theatre, York St John College, Lord Mayor's Walk, York. All members of the group are formally invited to attend. If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to raise any matter, you may do so in writing to the Secretary, David Crook. Please send any nominations for officers or members of the committee to David Crook by Saturday 9 March.

On the Web

Since its launch in February 2001, the YVBSG website has attracted almost 2000 visitors. The latest development is the addition of the list of buildings recorded by the Group, which enables you to find out which buildings have been recorded in any particular parish or township. We hope you will find this useful!

30 years old!

The YVBSG celebrates its 30th anniversary this year and it is hoped to organise an event to commemorate this occasion in the autumn.

Public relations!

During 2001 the Group took along display boards and publicity materials to local history and archaeology bookfairs in Leeds, Northallerton, York and Beverley to provide information about the Group and its activities, to sell publications, and to enrol new members. If you know of any such events coming up in 2002, please contact David Cook.

What would you like to do?

In 2001 the Group had more members (153 at the last count) than ever before. The Committee is keen to hear whether or not the Group offers the type of activities and support you would like, and hopes that you will use the tick boxes on the enclosed membership renewal slip to tell us if, and how, you would like to be more involved in various activities.

Some recent publications

Eight Centuries of Milling in North East Yorkshire by John K Harrison. 2001, ISBN 090748087X. Price £18.50 (plus £4.50 p&p) from North York Moors National Park Authority, Sutton Bank National Park Centre, Sutton Bank, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 2EH, tel 01845 597426. North East Yorkshire, like most other regions, saw a gradual evolution in rural milling from early Norman times to the end of the nineteenth century when milling finally became industrialised. Today the relics of water, wind or steam-driven mills still remain in more or less every settlement. This book is the culmination of some thirty-five years of recording and studying the mills of this region. The author is a founder member of the Cleveland Industrial Archaeology Society and of the Cleveland Buildings Preservation Trust.

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"Home's Hidden Charms" – on ritual marks and concealed items etc by Brian Hoggard who is studying for his PhD at the Textile Conservation Centre, Winchester (Southampton University). Also mentions 1200 entries on the "Concealed Shoe Index" held at Northampton Central Museum.

The Castles and Tower Houses of Yorkshire by Mike Salter. 120pp, December 2001, available from Folly Publications, Folly Cottage, 151 West Malvern Road, Malvern, Worcs WR14 4AY, £7.50 + £1 p&p (cheques payable to M Salter). Gazetteer with plans and photos of about 150 medieval castellated buildings in Yorkshire.



One Great Workshop: The Buildings of the Sheffield Metal Trades, English Heritage 2001. Price £4.95, from Sheffield Town Hall First Stop Reception, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH, tel 0114 273 2106. Booklet based on a ten-year research programme and photographic survey by English Heritage, providing a wide-ranging overview of the metal trades buildings and the skills of the people who worked in them.

Ripon Market Place – the evolution of the centre of a historic Yorkshire market town, ed Mike Younge. ISBN 1872618200. Published 2001 by Ripon Historical Society and Ripon, Harrogate and District Family History Group.

Richard Preston and the Folly in Settle by Rita and Phil Hudson and Tony Stephens. First in series compiled by Settle Historical Research Group. £6 from Hudson History, Kirkgate, Settle, BD24 9DZ, tel 01729 825773.

Yorkshire History Quarterly Vol 7 No 1 August 2001 (from Hudson History, as above):

- "Farmers and Tradesmen of Settle (Part 1)" – documentary-based research linked to development of the town and its trades by Tony Stephens (part 2 in November 2001).
- "House" – study of the word by George Redmonds.

Yorkshire History Quarterly Vol 7 No 2 November 2001 (Hudson History):

- "Farmers and Tradesmen of Settle (Part 2)" by Tony Stephens.
- "His Abode – Jeremiah Cooper of Armley" – includes references to Crowtrees and Rawdon Hall.

Learn more about ...

A History of Beautiful Buildings

Tutor: Peter Rogerson. Evidence of the life and achievements of architects, artists and artisans woven into the fabric of our surroundings. 10 Thursdays from 17 January 2002, 7.15-9.15pm, at Stamford Bridge Junior School. Organised by Stamford Bridge WEA, tel 01845 522762 or 01759 371638.

University of York Centre for Conservation courses

A series of courses open to the public, including:

- The Study and Conservation of Historic Interiors: 14-16 January 2002
- Brick, Terracotta and Tiles: 21-23 January 2002
- The Study and Conservation of Metals in Architecture: 4-6 February 2002
- The Study and Conservation of Timber: 11-13 February 2002
- The Study and Conservation of Earthen Structures: 18-20 February 2002
- Concrete, Steel, Plastics: particular challenges in conserving the modern: 25-27 February 2002

Course programmes and booking forms available from the Graduate Secretary, Dept of Archaeology, University of York, The King's Manor, York YO1 7EP, tel 01904 433963, email pab11@york.ac.uk, or see website <http://www.york.ac.uk/depts/arch/gsp/openshort/menu.htm>.

When was it built? Exploring English Medieval Churches

Tutor: Janet Walker. Day school on Saturday 20 April 2002. Most medieval churches are a hotch-potch, reflecting centuries of expansion, decline, neglect and (sometimes) over-enthusiastic "restoration". Part of the interest is working out the building history from what can be seen in the fabric. Taking key churches as examples of specific styles, the course will also try to analyse a more complex building. Details from University of Leeds School of Continuing Education, tel 0113 233 3220.

A Perfect Plan and The Cradle of America

Tutor: Jane Hatcher. Day school on Wednesday 3 July 2002 to study Kiplin Hall near Richmond, a country house recently re-opened to the public after extensive refurbishment, built c.1622 by Lord Baltimore who founded the colony of Maryland. Organised by University of Leeds Adult Education Centre at Middlesbrough, tel 01642 814987.

Medieval Buildings of Devon

Tutors: Barry Harrison and David Carder. The county of Devon is rich in medieval buildings. Visits will be made over six days to examples of all the main types of buildings – urban and rural – and there will be a programme of evening lectures. Saturday 27 July to Saturday 3 August 2002, fee £545. Further details from University of Leeds, tel 0113 233 3220. Closing date Friday 8 March 2002.

Other events of possible interest

Some of these events are publicised a long time in advance, so it's worth checking before you go!

The Stuart Kitchen in the Yeoman Household

Tuesday 15 January 2002

Speaker: Brian Halliwell. Halifax Antiquarian Society at Halifax Central Reference Library, 7.30pm.

Cooking and Dining in Yorkshire Houses in the Seventeenth Century

Thursday 17 January 2002

Speaker: Peter Brears. Olicana Historical Society at All Saints Church Hall, Ilkley, 7.30pm. Guests £1.50.

Yorkshire Gardens Trust Lecture

Thursday 24 January 2002

Lecture on bricks from all periods. Speaker: Lt-Col Dick Bolton. 7pm at St William's College York, £10 including canapes and wine. Details from Jane Furse on 0113 278 5779 or email sgn@tegula.freeserve.co.uk.

Savile Oxford and Calderdale Houses – A story of porches and rose windows

Thursday 24 January 2002

Speaker: Peter Thornborrow. Hebden Bridge Literary & Scientific Society at Little Theatre, Holme St, Hebden Bridge, 7.30pm.

Landscape of Textiles: The Impact of the Textile Trade in the West Riding

Saturday 16 February 2002

Speaker: Alan Petford. Joint Meeting of Industrial History/Local History Sections of the YAS, Claremont, Clarendon Road, Leeds, tel 0113 245 7910, at 11am.

Science and Architecture in the Age of Christopher Wren

Thursday 21 February 2002

Speaker: Arnold Pacey. Olicana Historical Society at All Saints Church Hall, Ilkley, 7.30pm. Guests £1.50.

Robert Smythson's prodigy house – Burton Agnes

Tuesday 12 March 2002

Speaker Dr Eithne Hensen. Halifax Decorative and Fine Arts Society at Square Chapel, Winding Road, Halifax, at 1pm. Non-members £5.

Picturesque slums? Whitby's East Side and urban renewal c.1930-1970

Wednesday 13 March 2002

Local History seminar by John Walton at Centre for North-West Regional Studies, University of Lancaster, 4-5.30pm. Tel 01524 593770 for details.

Textile Drying Houses

Tuesday 19 March 2002

Speakers: Andrew and Peter Robinson. Halifax Antiquarian Society at Halifax Central Reference Library, 7.30pm.

A Symposium on Architecture and History

Friday 5 to Sunday 7 April 2002

Jointly organised by the Society of Architectural Historians and the Royal Historical Society, to be held at University of Sheffield. Details from Dr Peter Leach, Angle House, Hebden, Skipton, BD23 5DX.

Town and Country 1100-1500

Friday 12 to Sunday 14 April 2002

Society for Medieval Archaeology, at the University of York, to include: inhabiting the medieval town and countryside; producing and consuming in town and country; urban landscapes. Contact Kate Giles, Department of Archaeology, University of York, King's Manor, York YO1 7EP, email kfg103@york.ac.uk.

Services Planning in the Georgian House

Saturday 13 April 2002

Talk by Peter Brears, food historian, to York Georgian Society in Tempest Anderson Hall, Museum Gardens, York at 2.30pm. Admission for guests is £2.

Buildings in Landscape History

Tuesday 16 April 2002

Speaker: Arnold Pacey. Halifax Antiquarian Society at Halifax Central Reference Library, 7.30pm.

Local History Week

Saturday 4 to Sunday 12 May 2002

The Historical Association is bringing together a range of local and national organisations for a week of local history events. Details from Suzanne Cawsey at The Historical Association, 59A Kennington Park Road, London SE11 4JH, tel 0207 735 3901, email suzanne.cawsey@history.org.uk, or see Historical Association website (<http://www.history.org.uk/>).

Do you know this pub?

If anyone has any information that might help Jean Willimott in her research into the history of the White Horse Public House (60/61 North Street), Ripon, please write to Jean at the Ripon Local Studies Research Centre, 42 Market Place, Ripon, N Yorks HG4 1BZ.



Jean has traced tenants back to the early 1800s, but cannot find out when it was first built or name the first landlord. The pub was originally called The Hat and Beaver.

I didn't know how old my house really was?

Have you made an interesting or surprising discovery when investigating the history of your house? Or did the Group make one whilst doing a survey of it? A journalist has contacted us looking for a story for an article to be published in a national broadsheet newspaper. This could be an opportunity for some good publicity for the Group and its activities. If you are interested, please contact David Cook for details.

Next newsheet

Thank you to everybody who contributed to this newsheet. Please send any items for the next newsheet (such as requests for information, events, courses or publications of interest to other members) to the editor by the end of March 2002.

Last call!

There is just time for budding authors to submit articles for the 2002 edition of the annual journal, *Yorkshire Buildings!* Please contact the editor as soon as possible if you feel inspired to put pen to paper. Even short items are welcomed!

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