

YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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Publicity of the group's activities

Following the sterling work by Keith Longstaff in compiling a list of the buildings that the group has recorded in each parish, these lists are now being distributed to the Reference and/or Local Studies Library of the district in which that parish lies. It is intended to update these lists when appropriate. Each library is also to receive a copy of the new leaflet which describes the group's activities, and a copy of the Newsheet.

A leaflet is enclosed for you to pass to a friend or colleague who may be interested in our work — how about your local history group?

In this way we hope to publicise the group, encourage more members, and stimulate interest in vernacular buildings.



Lower Wharfedale — Field Recording Day 2

A second day around the villages of Askwith, Denton and Weston has been arranged by Alison Armstrong for Saturday 10 September 1994. If you intend to come please complete and send the enclosed form to Alison by the end of August so she has an idea of how many houses to arrange.

Members' skills and interests

As a result of points made during the dayschool in January, the group would like to keep a list of people in our area with knowledge and understanding of vernacular and other buildings. The list would be held by the Secretary and used to identify expertise in a particular area when enquiries are received (for example, a request to interpret a particular type of building or help in dating certain features). It also seems a good opportunity to ask members how the group can help develop their own skills and understanding.

Please complete the form and return to the Secretary by the end of August 1994. We have tried to keep it short, and you are welcome to write in anything omitted.

Swaledale and the 1994 AGM

Although the leisurely pace of serving meals played havoc with the subsequent programme, the comfortable accommodation at The Buck in Reeth and its 'annexe', The Bridge Inn at Grinton, was a definite improvement on previous Swaledale conferences. A full report on the houses visited and the excellent lectures on Industrial Buildings (by Jane Hatcher) and Swaledale Wills (by Elizabeth Berry) will appear in the Annual Newsletter.

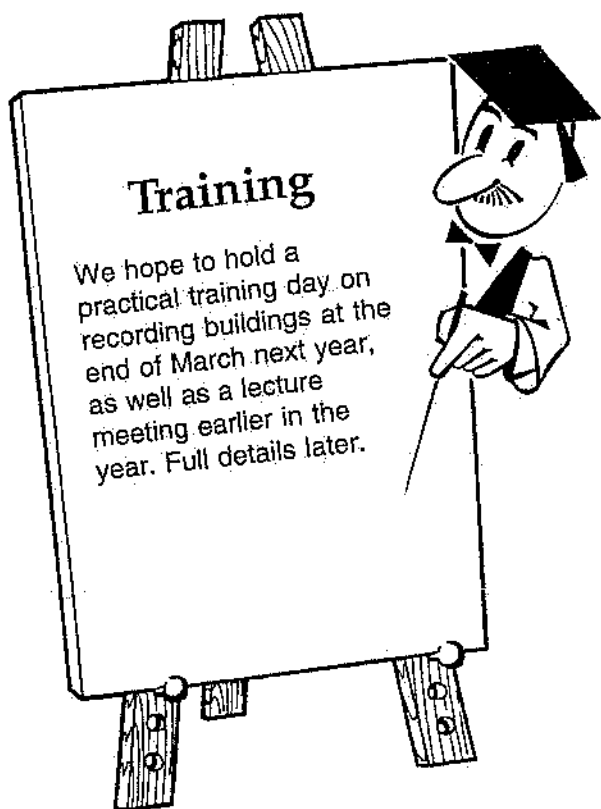
The work of the Swaledale project and a summary of the

types of houses found was presented on Sunday afternoon, and further work is planned on both the documentary and recording aspects later this year.

Reports on the houses measured should be with Tony Tolhurst by the **end of August** in preparation for the 'reporting back' day on Saturday 24 September. It is intended to spend part of the afternoon measuring further buildings as well as looking at ones already studied. Details and a form to return accompany this Newsheet.

At the AGM the committee and officers were re-elected, and Lorraine Moor introduced as the Newsletter Editor, taking over from Don McLellan. We are all very grateful for his efforts over the last *N* years, not least the jokes (did you spot the significance of the date of the inventory in the centre of the last Newsletter?). Thanks were also given to others who have played a part in contributing to the group in various ways.

It was decided that the conference next year would be from 19 to 21 May in West Yorkshire, in the Huddersfield or Holmfirth area.



Horton events for 1995

The recording day in Horton-in-Ribblesdale will be held on **10 June 1995** and *not* 3 June as previously stated.

The walkabout on 29 April will in fact be an invitation to join the local history group on a long 11 mile walk across the moors to view sites of interest. Again, full details later.

Views of Craven

In April and June we studied parts of Craven, being guided through Upper and Lower Bradley by Alison Armstrong, and around Skipton and Carleton by Sue Wrathmell. In Bradley we had access to many aisled barns; in Skipton the three-storey buildings relating to its textile industry were an intriguing aspect of our walk. In Carleton many 17th century buildings were admired. The walks were very instructive and enjoyable. A full account will appear in the next Newsletter. Meanwhile, our thanks to both Alison and Sue for two memorable days.

For anyone who missed the day in Skipton, "A Walk Around Historic Skipton" by Sue Wrathmell and Jennifer Wharton is a useful guided walk around the town, available for £1.

Next Committee Meeting

The Committee will be having a 'working bar snack' at The Buck, Reeth, Swaledale, during the 'reporting back' meeting on 24 September. If you have any comments or items to raise please send them to the Secretary.

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