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YVBSG Events For Your Diary

Town & Country – Annual Day School, and AGM

Saturday 17 March 2018

Now fully booked! The Group's Annual General Meeting will follow the day school.

A Rotherham Taster

Saturday 21 April 2018

Most people have never been to Rotherham, so we meet in the town centre inside the Minster at 10.30am – you can't really miss it! This magnificent church is considered by Pevsner to be 'one of the largest and stateliest parish churches in Yorkshire'. What impresses is the overwhelming scale of it dominating the town – cruciform plan with a crossing tower and a soaring spire. We'll also see the contemporary Bridge Chapel and the restored Three Cranes on High Street, now an Antique Centre. We'll then leave and go to see the Manorial Barn at Whiston (the oldest secular building in the north – see photo above), as well as Kimberworth Manor House dated 1694, then further surprises!



To book, please ring Peter Thornborrow on 01226 384642. Numbers restricted to twenty-five. Parking on Forge Island (in the middle of the river) is free on Saturdays.

Annual Recording Conference in Rotherham

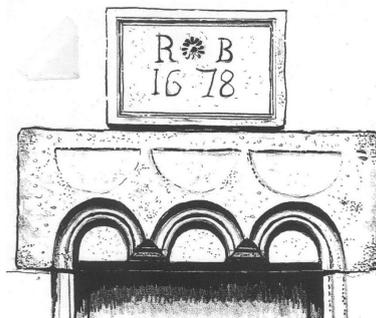
Friday 11 to Sunday 13 May 2018

The next annual recording conference will be held in Rotherham, as part of the Group's wider programme focusing on the buildings of South Yorkshire over four years. Further details can be found overleaf; booking form enclosed with this Newsheet and also available on the website.

Another Bowland walkabout

Saturday 16 June 2018

Kevin Illingworth will lead another walk in the Bowland area – full details to follow in the next Newsheet. Kevin's drawing (right) shows an unusual doorhead with three arches at Lees House Farmhouse, Forest of Bowland.



YVBSG reports

Please note that Leeds University Library now asks for four days' notice for accessing the publicly-available YVBSG reports, as they take time to retrieve from offsite storage. Details can be found on our website at www.yvbsg.org.uk/reports.html.

Next committee meeting

The next meeting of the YVBSG committee will be held on Saturday 3 November 2018. If you'd like to raise any matters, or suggest (or even offer to organise!) future events please contact the Secretary, Mary Cook.

Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 17 March 2018 at 5pm in the James Graham Building, Headingley Campus, Leeds Beckett University.

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, Mary Cook. Please send any nominations for officers or members of the committee to Mary (contact details on back page).

The minutes of last year's AGM are available on the Members' Area of the website.

Building enquiries

Mary Cook has added to her role of Secretary the task of handling the general building-related enquiries received by the group, including requests for building recordings. We thank Barry Harrison for ably carrying out this key task over the last couple of years.

Recording buildings

I know many of you are interested in recording buildings throughout the year, not just at the Annual Recording Conference in May. To that end, I am putting together an updated list of members who wish to be included in emails inviting them to record the ad hoc buildings as the enquiries occur throughout the year.

This message has already been circulated by email, but if you haven't received it and would like to be included on the building recording email list, please let me have your name and email address.

Mary Cook, secretary@yvbsg.org.uk

Notes from the Chair

Town & Country: Vernacular Buildings in the Yorkshire Landscape

We are sold out for our annual day school on Saturday 17 March 2018, with 98 people booked! I am gratified by this level of response that demonstrates a healthy interest by our membership in supporting our events.

We have a wide range of talks on offer from the general to the particular. Barry Harrison provides an overview of the enigmatic longhouse, a characteristic feature of the North Yorkshire landscape. Our day school last year drew attention to the importance of probate documents for the better understanding of buildings and their use. Kate Giles continues this theme of documentary research, but widened to take in a whole town – Malton, one of the best preserved market towns in the modern county. Sheila Graham will explain the impact of the Enclosure Acts of the early nineteenth century on the moorland landscape using two Calder Valley townships as case studies, characterised by fields enclosed by

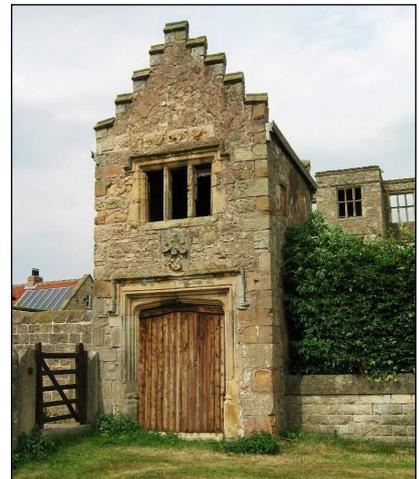
stone walls, their size and shape dictating the future development and later housing. George Sheeran considers the Wolds and the East Coast, and his discoveries there of houses and cottages on the chalk landscape. We welcome back former Chair David Cant who has been studying the detailed building accounts of the home of an eminent doctor at the turn of the eighteenth century on the outskirts of Halifax, a former teacher at Hipperholme Grammar School in 1672 until gaining his Doctorate at Cambridge in 1682. I will close the day with another case-study concerned with the rebuilding of Hartley Royd near Shore on the moors above Todmorden by John Fielden, a prominent Quaker who enlarged an earlier seventeenth century yeoman dwelling in 1724 by creating a new rear entry. Again probate documents, wills and two inventories, provide evidence of how the house was used, and how he and his ancestors earned their living from both agriculture and textile manufacture.

Rotherham Recording Conference

This year's conference on Friday 11 to Sunday 13 May 2018 is based at the Carlton Park Hotel, Moorgate, Rotherham; they are currently holding twenty-three bedrooms for our use, so early booking direct with the hotel will secure preferential rates.

After last year's successful recording weekend in Barnsley we move on to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough. In Newsheet 87 (March 2017) I set the scene for South Yorkshire buildings and outlined the landscape's underlying geology that greatly affects the buildings in the Rotherham District. These vary from the north of the Borough around Wath-on-Dearne and Wentworth where the sandstone produces good building stone with stone slate roofs. These contrast with the south of the district that features a narrow ridge of Magnesian Limestone down to Thorpe Salvin, that borders Shireoaks (Worksop District). Here, and in many other small villages, buildings are built of an attractive creamy white limestone with red pantile roofs that are as different as they could possibly be from those in the north, creating an impression of having travelled to the Cotswolds! However, a band of Rotherham Red sandstone provides an interesting mix of building stone.

Unlike West Yorkshire nearly every village is dominated by a single large elegant manor house for the local squire, the earliest dating from 1698 to c1720, all with hipped roofs and pedimented dormers and symmetrical ashlar classical facades of three, five or seven bays with sash windows – some cross-mullioned originally. Some outstandingly interesting earlier vernacular buildings also survive such as the impressive Elizabethan Brampton Hall; a hall-and-cross-wings house with a three-



Thorpe Salvin Hall

storey porch featuring crow-stepped gables, probably copying the lower free-standing porch to Thorpe Salvin Hall, dating from the 1570s. However, many of the seventeenth century houses are one-offs not following a particular style.

Though Rotherham has far fewer listed buildings than other neighbouring districts it has larger numbers of higher graded buildings: 16 listed at Grade I, 38 at Grade II*, and 470 at Grade II. This acknowledges the quality of the built heritage that includes many fine churches such as at Loughton-en-le-Morthen with flying buttresses, and Thorpe Salvin with a timber-framed porch and twelfth century circular font carved with scenes. In Rotherham town centre stands the finest Perpendicular church in the north of England with a central crossing tower.

Join us and see something of this amazing district.

Peter Thornborrow



Brampton Hall

More datestones: dated to the day

Further to his article in the December Newsheet, Kevin Illingworth has found more 'dated to the day' datestones, some of which are illustrated below. This brings the total so far to thirty (nine in Yorkshire, six in Lancashire, four in Cumberland and Westmorland, and eleven in other counties), ranging in date from 1629 to 1821. If you come across any more, do let Kevin know (j.k.illingworth@btinternet.com).



Above: Bretherton Free School (former), South Road, Bretherton. 8 miles west of Chorley, Lancashire, on the B5247 road. The dated doorhead is recut. The front garden wall is built with vertical flagstones.

THIS FREE SCHOOLE WAS ERECTED AND BVILT AT THE
PROPER COSTS : AND CHARGES OF JAMES FLETCHER OF
LONDON MARCANT : AND AT THE REQVEST OF MISTRIS
JANE FLETCHER HIS WIFE WHO WAS BORNE IN THIS
TOWNE JVNE THE FOVRTEENTH : ANNODONI : 1653



Above: Bullgill Farmhouse, Wharton Lane, Wharton. 3 miles south of Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria (historic county of Westmorland).

ANO DOM 1662
LORD GIVE ME LEAVE
I MAY GO IN
WHEN I COME FORTH
FRE FROM ALL SIN
MAR : 7 HOVSE WAS BEGVN
ENDED DECEMBER 1661



Left: Upper Bailey Fold Farmhouse, Cote Lane, Allerton, Bradford. Listed building description wrongly says September 8th.

WC SEPT 6 1821

Right: Barn attached to Further Surgill Head Farmhouse, Hawshaw Road, Lothersdale, Craven. Seen during Lothersdale Open Gardens on 8 July 2012. An adjacent barn has an arched cart entry with ten stone voussoirs numbered 1-5 and 1-5 for assembly (sometimes seen on arched fireplaces).

RICHARD : AND
JENNET : HINDLE
M : 19 : A : D : 1666



Courses

House History in the Archives

Do you want to find out more about your house or another East Riding building? This newly expanded six week course will teach you how to discover more about the history of your house and develop your research skills in the Beverley Archives. Expert tutors from the Archives will train you on using online sources and original archives to tell the stories of East Riding buildings.

To express an interest in a course telephone 01482 392790 or email archives.service@eastriding.gov.uk. As soon as course dates are finalised you'll get the first opportunity to book, or stay on the waiting list for the next available course. Attendees will require basic computer knowledge. Cost £40.

Publications

A Vocabulary of Wood, Wood-Workers and Wood Management in Yorkshire, by George Redmonds. Published by Shaun Tyas, 2017. In medieval times woodland was an important resource for all communities and industries, so it is frequently found mentioned in historical documents such as charters, but often with a vocabulary that is now difficult to understand. This dictionary provides an extremely useful guide to such terms (most of which are not confined to Yorkshire).

Tracing history through title deeds: a guide for family and local historians by Nat Alcock. New edition published by Pen & Sword in 2017, £14.99.

Houses by Charles O'Brien and *Churches* by Simon Bradley (Pevsner Architectural Guides) are both now available as paperbacks, £8.99.

Photographing Historic Buildings by Steve Cole. Illustrated with examples of good and bad practice, this book sets out techniques and strategies in a simple and straightforward way for those who want to make their photographs of buildings truly effective. 2017, £20.

Beverley Guildhall exhibitions. Copies of past exhibitions held at Beverley Guildhall can be found online in pdf format for downloading. A recent addition to the list is *Keldgate* which offers a walk through time looking at the history of this Beverley street's fascinating buildings. Available at www.museums.eastriding.gov.uk/past-exhibitions-online/beverley-guildhall.

Other events of possible interest ...

Some of these events are publicised a long time in advance, so you may wish to check details before you go!

Witchcraft, Demons and Imps in Tudor and Stuart England

Saturday 17 March 2018

Talk by Darren Oldridge exploring the fear of harmful magic and demons in sixteenth and seventeenth century England, when people protected their homes with magical inscriptions and objects to keep witchcraft at bay. 7.30pm at Bishops' House, Sheffield. www.bishopshouse.org.uk.

Farmhouses and Cottages of the East Riding 1500-1800

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Talk by Dr David Neave to East Riding Archaeological Society, 7.30pm in Wilberforce LT1, Hull University, Cottingham Road, Hull. Visitors £1. www.eras.org.uk.

Homes of Kings and Yeomen

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Washburn Heritage Centre five-mile walk at 9am taking in vernacular farmhouses, followed by lunch. £12.50. To book, please call 01943 880794 or see www.washburnvalley.org for details of this and many other events.

Timber Framed Buildings in the North West

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Talk by Mike Nevell to Pendle Forest History Group. 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall, Cross Lane, Barley, Burnley BB12 9JU. For further details see www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk.

Beverley's Satellite Villages

23 March to 13 July 2018

Exhibition at Beverley Guildhall in looking at the histories of Walkington, Cherry Burton, Bishop Burton, Leconfield, Tickton and Woodmansey. See www.museums.eastriding.gov.uk/beverley-guildhall/beverley-guildhall-exhibitions for details of opening hours.

Traditional Buildings of East Lancashire and West Craven

Thursday 29 March 2018

Talk by Kevin Illingworth to Barnoldswick History Society. 7.30pm at Barnoldswick Public Library, Fernlea Avenue. For details see the society's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/barnoldswickhistorysociety.

Life & Tradition in the Yorkshire Dales

1 April to 3 July 2018

Exhibition at Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes celebrating 50 years since the publication of the book by Marie Hartley and Joan Ingleby. www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk.

Spout House and Bilsdale

Wednesday 4 April 2018

A 3.4 mile walk and visit to Spout House, a sixteenth-century cruck cottage that served as an inn, preserved as it was when it served its last ale 100 years ago. 2pm to 5pm, free. Reservations essential; call The Moors National Park Centre Danby on 01439 772738 or see www.northyorkmoors.org.uk

Cobwebs and Cream Teas

Tuesday 10 April 2018

A behind-the-scenes tour of Burton Constable Hall, East Yorkshire, to discover cellars, attics and rooftops. £26.75 including afternoon tea. To book please contact Helen Dewson on 01964 562400, www.burtonconstable.com.

The Future of Conservation Areas

Thursday 12 April 2018

Open forum with Ian Harvey, Director of Civic Voice. 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall, North Bar Within, Beverley. See www.beverleycivicsociety.co.uk.

Dales Archaeology Day 2018

Saturday 14 April 2018

Includes talk by Alison Armstrong on dendrochronology and vernacular buildings in Craven. At Richmond Methodist Church, £15. Full details at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Vernacular Buildings of Craven and adjacent areas of Bowland

Wednesday 18 April 2018

Talk by Kevin Illingworth to North Craven Heritage Trust and YAHS. 7.30pm at Long Preston village hall. www.northcravenheritage.org.uk.



Traditional Buildings around the Washburn Valley

Wednesday 25 April 2018.

Talk by Kevin Illingworth at Washburn Heritage Centre, covering building materials and features. 7.30pm, £7.50, refreshments. To book, please call 01943 880794 or see www.washburnvalley.org.

Markenfield Hall Open Days 2018

The hall is open this year from Sunday 29 April to Sunday 13 May and Sunday 10 June to Sunday 24 June. See www.markenfieldhall.com.

Country Houses of West Yorkshire

Wednesday 2 May 2018

A look around Farnley Hall and a talk by Nicholas Merchant. 6.30pm, £22. To book, please call 01943 880794 or see www.washburnvalley.org.

The History of Kiplin Hall

Thursday 10 May 2018

Talk by Dawn Webster to Middleham and Dales Local History Group. 2pm at Middleham Key Centre. See www.middlehamonline.com/MDLHGroup.htm.

Burton Agnes History Talks

10 May to 17 September 2018

A series of talks by the Head Guide about the life and times of an Elizabethan home. Details of times and dates at www.burtonagnes.com.

National Mills Weekend

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 May 2018

Annual festival of milling heritage providing an opportunity to visit mills, many of which are not usually open to the public. Full details at www.nationalmillsweekend.co.uk.

Membership renewal

Please don't forget to renew your membership for 2018! A renewal slip is enclosed for those who haven't yet done so.

Next Newsheet

The next edition will be in May 2018 – please send any contributions (for example short articles, details of publications or events of interest) to the editor by 30 April 2018.

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