

# YORKSHIRE VERNACULAR BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP



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## Forthcoming YVBSG Events for 1997

### Features, Fixtures and Fittings of Vernacular Buildings

Saturday 15 March

Day school (now fully booked) at King's Manor, York, 10.30am-4pm. Speakers include Jane Grenville (University of York), Susan Denyer (National Trust), and Malcolm Birdsall (YVBSG).

For the final session you are invited to bring photos/slides/drawings of interesting features, fixtures or fittings. We hope to discuss their use in dating a building, and hope to use the information subsequently to produce a booklet on Yorkshire examples.

Please note there is no parking available at King's Manor. You are recommended to use the "Park and Ride" facilities, or one of the long stay car parks (nearest is Marygate).

### A Day by the Seaside

Sunday 27 April

A visit to Scarborough and its hinterland with Barry Harrison. Meet at 11.30am at Quay Street car park (behind the Richard III restaurant on the south foreshore) – this is a Pay and Display car park and you will need to park until 2pm.

The morning will be spent in Scarborough's old town. There will be fish and chip shops nearby for lunch, or bring sandwiches! After lunch, it is intended to visit the village of Muston which has several 18th century dated buildings. We will then move on to Foulbridge Farm at Snainton, a farmhouse which incorporates the remains of a 13th century aisled hall – the site of a preceptory of the Knights Templars.

### Annual Recording Conference and AGM

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 May

Based at Rectory Farm, Easington, East Riding. Details enclosed.

### Wharfedale Recording Day

Saturday 14 June

A day recording houses and farm buildings at Drebley and Barden Scale. Meet at 11am in the hamlet of Drebley (grid ref SE 053592), between Bolton Abbey and Grassington, about a quarter of a mile down a rough road (not signposted!) off the B6160.

Please contact David Cant beforehand if you would like to come (tel 01422 883846).

### Addingham Walkabout

Saturday 5 July

Meet at 11am in the Memorial Hall car park, Addingham (opposite the Fleece pub).

### Holderness Again!

Saturday 20 September

Extensive survey day, North Holderness. Details to follow.

Sunday 21 September

Conference follow-up day, South Holderness. Details to follow.

### YVBSG 25th Anniversary

Saturday 27 September

In York. Details to follow.

## AGM 1997

All members of the group are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting at The Tithè Barn, Easington, on Saturday 17 May at 5pm.

Any nominations for the Committee and for the position of Officers should be sent to the Secretary by Saturday 10 May, and a proposal form for this purpose is enclosed. We particularly wish to encourage nominations for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer due to the imminent retirement from office of Tony and Freda Tolhurst.

Any member unable to attend the AGM and wishing to raise any matter should do so in writing to the Secretary by Saturday 10 May.

## Other Events of Interest

### Traditional Buildings of Yorkshire

Saturday 10 May, Tutor: Sue Degnan

A day school to examine the diverse nature of vernacular buildings to be found in Yorkshire and to look at the way they relate to the locally available materials and surrounding countryside.

Venue: Leeds University Continuing Education Building, Springfield Mount, Leeds. Fee: £15.50. Contact Marilyn Moreland, tel 0113 233 3220, for details. (This is a repeat of Sue's day school on 22 March which is now fully booked.)

### Understanding Calderdale's Vernacular Buildings

Tutor: Peter Thornborrow

A unique opportunity to investigate many of the fine houses not usually open to the public, and to learn the skills needed to record and analyse standing buildings. 11 weeks from Wednesday 16 April at 7pm at the Adult Education Centre, Pitt Street, Hebden Bridge. A WEA/Leeds University accredited course.

### York Art Workers' Association

Meets first Monday of each month at 7pm at St William's College, York. Of particular interest might be:

Monday 7 July: Talk by Niel May, a specialist in ecological and traditional design and materials, on 'The Ecological Dimension of Vernacular Buildings'.

Other meetings include Stephen Mills (York Minster) on 3 March, Dr Giles Worsley (ed Perspectives on Architecture) on 7 April, and Dr Brian Hanson (Prince of Wales Institute of Architecture) on 12 May.

### Heritage Open Days 1997

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September

A weekend of free access to a wide variety of properties, representing every style and type of architecture. Additional properties are being sought – information to: The Co-ordinator, Heritage Open Days '97, The Civic Trust, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AW, tel 0171 930 0914.

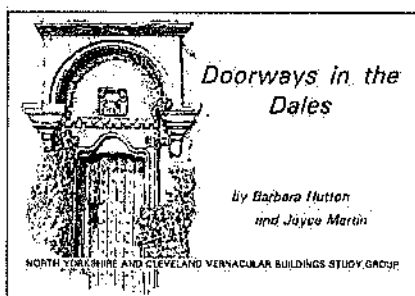
## Publications

### Yorkshire History Quarterly

This interesting journal, which was mentioned in the December 1996 Newsheet, would like contributions to two features related to vernacular buildings.

"Buildings at Risk" seeks to call attention to buildings which are no longer used or cared for. The November issue illustrated two windmills in a sad state of decay. If you know of a building "at risk" send a photograph and a brief description to the magazine.

"Datestones" extends the idea of looking in detail at the decorated datestones on buildings. The book produced by our group on "Doorways in the Dales" (copies still available from Tony Tolhurst – price only £2) is a good starting point for this. A detailed photograph of the datestone and a short note on the historical connections would be welcomed.



### An Historical Atlas of East Yorkshire

Edited by Susan Neave and Stephen Ellis (£17.50, University of Hull Press, ISBN 0 85958 652 9).

A fascinating set of maps accompanied by explanatory text, grouped together under the headings of Environment, Archaeology, Population and Settlement, Landownership and Land Use, Trade and Industry, Communications, Religion and Social Provision, Riot and Rebellion, and Administrative Units. Includes a section by David and Susan Neave on vernacular building materials.

Annual subscription to *Yorkshire History Quarterly* is £12.50 including p&p. *Yorkshire History Quarterly*, 4 Cork Road, Bowerham, Lancaster, LA1 4AJ

### The Building Stone Heritage of Leeds

By Francis G Dimes and Murray Mitchell, available from The Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society Ltd, City Museum, Calverley Street, Leeds LS1 3AA, £9 including p&p. ISBN 1 870737 10 5. Traces the history of the use of building stones in Leeds. Includes four illustrated walks around the city streets.

### As Time Passed By: A History of Barningham

By Merryne Watson, based on his contributions to the Parish Magazine and his research on the history of the parish. £12 paperback or £16 hardback, + £2 p&p, from The Countess of Rosse, Birt Castle, Co Offaly, Ireland, or J F Cooke-Hurle, Startforth Hall, Barnard Castle.

## Subscriptions

Still some outstanding for 1997! Please send to the Treasurer, Freda Tolhurst, as soon as possible.

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