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YVBSG Events For Your Diary

Visit to Austwick Hall and village (now fully booked)

Sunday 23 June 2013

Full day visit to Austwick, five miles north-west of Settle, led by Kevin Illingworth. A village walkabout in the morning will be followed in the afternoon by a guided tour of Austwick Hall (cost £5).

This event is now full. Those who have booked should meet at 10.30am outside the Game Cock Inn; park anywhere sensible and legal, especially beyond (east of) this inn. The village shop is open 9am to 12 noon. Lunch will be at the seventeenth century Game Cock, which has many early photographs of the village.

If you find you can no longer come, please telephone Kevin Illingworth on 01422 844941 to let him know.

Conference Review Day

Sunday 6 October 2013

An opportunity to hear about the exciting buildings recorded during the Spen Valley conference held in May. Note that the date has changed from that originally advertised. Full details in the next Newsheet.

Committee meeting

The next full meeting of the committee will be held on Sunday 13 October 2013 although a 'virtual' meeting to consider future events is currently taking place by email. If you'd like to raise any matters or suggest any events please contact David Crook.

A walk around Whitby

Sunday 28 July 2013

A day at the seaside! Barry Harrison will lead a walk around the town of Whitby which will allow us to view a wide variety of buildings including timber and cruck framed examples. Assemble outside the Railway Station (large car parks are located nearby) at 10am. Own arrangements for lunch – there are plenty of options available. Finish about 4pm.

We need to know numbers to arrange access to buildings so if you'd like to come please contact Barry, telephone 01287 633182, email gyseburn@yahoo.co.uk, preferably by 7 July.

Right: Timber-framed 160 Church Street, Whitby



Recording Day in the Great Broughton Area

Sunday 11 August 2013

Following last year's enjoyable conference in the Great Broughton area, a further recording day has been arranged jointly with the local history group. We hope to record three or four houses, depending on the number of recorders. Assemble at Great Broughton village hall for 10am, finish about 5pm. Own arrangements for lunch – there are three pubs in Great Broughton and cafes at nearby Stokesley. If you'd like to come, please contact Barry Harrison, email gyseburn@yahoo.co.uk, telephone 01287 633182, preferably by 12 July. An early response would be appreciated so that we can decide how many buildings to record.



Above: Cottages in Kirkby-in-Cleveland, near Great Broughton

Next Newsheet

Many thanks to all who contributed to this newsheet. The next edition will be in August 2013 – please send any items of interest to members to the editor by 31 July 2013.

Yorkshire Buildings

Members will find the latest edition of *Yorkshire Buildings* enclosed with this Newsheet – we hope you enjoy it! Back issues are still available for purchase – see website for details.

Other events of possible interest ...

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

Yockenthwaite and Hubberholme Church

Thursday 6 June 2013

A circular, all-day, five-mile walk led by Alison Armstrong for Upper Wharfedale Heritage Group. A chance to look at some of the medieval holdings and to visit the medieval, but much rebuilt, Hubberholme Church. Meet 10.15am at Yockenthwaite Bridge (SD 905791). Bring lunch and suitable clothing. Visitors £2. Enquiries: email contact-us147@uwhg.org.uk, website www.uwhg.org.uk.

Temples of Convenience

Friday 7 June 2013

For this year's Reeth Lecture, Lady Lucinda Lambton will talk about the subject for which she is an acknowledged authority – the lavatory. Reeth Methodist Church, 3pm. Enquiries: 01748 880019, website www.swaledale-festival.org.uk.



Open Farm Sunday

Sunday 9 June 2013

The cruck barn at New Hall Farm, Ardsley will be one of many barns open to the public. See website www.farmsunday.org for full details.

Festival of Archaeology 2013

Saturday 13 to Sunday 28 July 2013

Annual CBA festival with over a thousand special events organised and hosted by museums, heritage organisations, national and countryside parks, local societies, and community archaeologists across the UK. Yorkshire highlights include:

- *Centuries of cows and carts*. 13-28 July. Display at Long Ashes Leisure Park, Threshfield, by members of Upper Wharfedale Heritage Group who have surveyed and studied over two hundred traditional farm building locations in the parish of Kettlewell with Starbotton. Includes field and village barns, stables, hennery piggeries, game hanging shed and a 1950s grass dryer.
- *Hoylandswaine Nail Forge open day*. 14 July. A historic small workshop where nails were made by hand, with original hearth, bellows and chimney.
- *Secrets and symbols*. 20 and 21 July. Tours of atmospheric Holy Trinity Church, Goodramgate, York, discovering intriguing secrets and hidden symbols.
- *Craven's past: bringing documents to life*. 24 July. Re-enactment of the drawing up of local seventeenth century wills and inventories, illustrating life at the time and demonstrating implements, tools and furnishings at The Folly, Settle.
- *Helmsley archaeology store tour*. 26 July. Free guided tour around the archaeology collection from English Heritage properties.

Full details of all events on offer during the festival can be found at www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk, telephone 01904 671417.

Cumbria Vernacular Buildings Group

Saturday 15 June 2013

An inaugural day school to launch this new group will take place at Millhouse Village Hall, Cumbria (grid reference NY363376). Talks include: *Introduction to the work of the VAG* (Malcolm Birdsall); *Heck, Mell and Bink* (Vicky Slowe); *Forty years of Recording Vernacular Buildings in Yorkshire* (David Cant); *Urban Vernacular – The Terraces of Carlisle* (Chester Forster); *The National Trust's Buildings in Cumbria* (Sarah Woodcock); together with a look at some examples of recording buildings in Cumbria. £15 including light lunch, booking essential. Enquiries: June Hall, Chapel Farm, Newbiggin, Stainton, Penrith CA11 0HT, email junelennahall@hotmail.com, telephone 01768 480286.

Discover Scar House

Saturday 15 June 2013

A 4½ mile walk by Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Find out about the village that once stood and the amazing feats of engineering that took place. Includes rough tracks and steep climbs. Meet Information Boards in Scar House car park for 12.15, finish 4pm. Cost £4. Booking recommended. See www.nidderdaleaonb.org.uk, email aonbevents@harrogate.gov.uk or ring 01423 712950.

Baguley Hall and Watling Gate

Saturday 29 June 2013

The SPAB Yorkshire Group will join the SPAB South Lancashire Group and the IHBC North West on their visit to two buildings in Greater Manchester.

Baguley Hall, Wythenshawe, is a Grade I listed rare example of a timber-framed fourteenth century manor house, now on the Heritage at Risk Register. Watling Gate was designed in the Arts and Crafts vernacular style by local architects Newton and Bayley c.1910. Places are free but numbers are limited and are primarily intended for SPAB members. Enquiries: r.wilson@padside-hall.co.uk.

Outlaws and Nuns

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 June 2013

Calderdale Heritage Walk on the Kirklees Estate, visiting the former nunnery site, gatehouse, fifteenth to eighteenth century farm buildings, and Robin Hood's Grave. Guides are Margaret and David Nortcliffe. Bookings essential – contact the Visitor Centre, Butler's Wharf, Hebden Bridge, telephone 01422 843831. Please specify morning or afternoon preference. £5 per person, 1½ miles. Many other guided walks in Calderdale are available – for details see website www.calderdaleheritagewalks.org.uk.

Carlton: its History and its Houses

Tuesday 2 July 2013

Middleham and Dales Local History Group members' day in Carlton Village. Enquiries: Tony Keates, email dotandtonyk@btinternet.com, telephone 01969 640436, web www.middlehamonline.com/MDLH%20Group.htm.

Vernacular Architecture in and around Lancashire

Thursday 11 July 2013

A talk by Kevin Illingworth to Littleborough Historical and Archaeological Society, 7.30pm, in The Coach House, Lodge Street (talk includes some Yorkshire buildings) Non-members £2.50. Enquiries: 01706 838385 or Judith Paul 01706 650636. www.littleboroughhistory.org.

Low Bentham and Tatham

Sunday 14 July 2013

A vernacular architecture walk of just over four miles in the northern Forest of Bowland, crossing the Lancashire/Yorkshire boundary twice, and taking in the following farmhouses: Robert Hall; Kirkbeck; Greenside; The Green; and Russells. Led by Kevin Illingworth and organised by North Craven Heritage Trust. Meet in the Punch Bowl Inn car park, Low Bentham (B6480) at 1pm. Non-members £2. If you are coming, please telephone Kevin Illingworth 01422 844941. Web www.northcravenheritage.org.

Scotch Corner Chapel Open Afternoons

Saturday 20 July and 14 September 2013

A rare opportunity to see inside the hidden gem of Scotch Corner Chapel, near Oldstead (SE 526 814). Come along and talk to the relatives of John Bunting, who built the chapel in the 1950s (www.johnbunting.co.uk). Drop in any time between 12 noon and 4pm.

Gouthwaite Lodge Farm Heritage Walk

Monday 22 July 2013

An evening walk through the history of Gouthwaite Lodge Farm, taking in heritage features from prehistory right through to the building of the reservoirs in the late nineteenth century. Finish with supper overlooking Gouthwaite Reservoir. The walk involves stiles and some steep terrain off rights of way. 5.30pm to 8.30pm. Cost £7.50 per person (includes buffet supper). Booking essential. Telephone 01423 712950, email aonbevents@harrogate.gov.uk or see www.nidderdaleaonb.org.uk.

Stonyhurst Hall and Gardens

Thursday 1 August 2013

Visit organised by the Upper Wharfedale Field Society. The hall, built in 1592 on an earlier site, was one of the grandest Elizabethan houses in the area. It was constructed by the Shireburn family and is grade 1 listed. The impressive sixteenth century four storey gatehouse has links to local masons who built similar gatehouses for colleges in Oxford and more vernacular gatehouses in Upper Calderdale buildings. The hall decayed and became a boarding school for Catholic boys in 1774. Guided tour at 2pm will include the gardens and hopefully access to the nearby Old Hall cruck barn. £6 per person. Enquiries: contact-us147@uwhg.org.uk, web www.uwhg.org.uk.

Explore a 12th-Century Village

Sunday 4 August 2013

A gentle stroll around Appleton le Moors, looking at its development from the twelfth century to Victorian times. There is also a 15 minute presentation of

the History Group Archive. 10.45am to 12 noon, free. To book, telephone North York Moors National Park Authority on 01439 772738.

Ingleborough Hall, Clapham

Wednesday 7 August 2013

Annual Open Day, usually 10am-2pm. Ingleborough Hall dates from the early nineteenth century. A grade II listed building, it includes an ice house, underground tunnel, and eight acres of woodland and formal garden. Telephone 01524 251265.

Caring for your Historic Building

Saturday 12 October 2013

An annual Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority event, to be held in Burnsall in conjunction with Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. £15 including lunch. For more information or to book, contact Nidderdale AONB, The Old Workhouse, King Street, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate HG3 5LE, email aonbevents@harrogate.gov.uk, telephone 01423 712950.

Another opportunity to visit Jacksons Farm, Worsthorpe, east of Burnley

Saturday 20 July 2013

Another chance for those YVBSG members who were unable to be with us on the visit to this grade II* listed farmhouse last July, by joining the Calder Valley Historic Buildings Group for a further visit.

The main range is dated 1627, with a crosswing of c.1600. At the west end is a narrow end through-passage with jettied porch, a plan peculiar, in Lancashire, to the Burnley and Colne areas. Features of interest inside include a timber-framed partition wall, a small area of decorative plasterwork (1627), and a stone corbelled 'cap' at the west gable apex for the former firehood. We forgot the barn last time! This part costs £5 including drinks/biscuits.

The full-day visit includes a Worsthorpe walkabout, and an external viewing of Extwistle Hall, also grade II* (1 mile north) around 10.45am. This is a north-facing former gentry house, with a small courtyard, dating from the mid-sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and now 'at risk' having been unoccupied for many years. The site is fenced off, but we can still view it from close-up.

This group always has lunch and this will be at the late eighteenth century Ram Inn, Cliviger, a long picturesque range. From here we will be able to

walk to The Holme, an early seventeenth century 'gentry' house with crosswings (grade II*). This house was badly damaged in a mysterious arson attack in 2003, and has recently been bought at an auction.

Meet at 10.30am in Worsthorpe village centre. If you want to come please telephone Kevin Illingworth on 01422 844941, leaving your telephone number and stating whether you want lunch.

Photos of last year's visit to Jacksons Farm are available on the Members' Area of the YVBSG website and on the group's Facebook page, or see Newsheets 68 and 69 for more information.



YVBSG members investigating the front elevation of Jacksons Farm in July 2012

Recent YVBSG events

Owt Fresh? Advances in our understanding of Yorkshire's Vernacular Buildings

We thank David Cant for organising a very successful and enjoyable day school in Leeds on 16 March 2013. Around ninety people attended and learned that we do indeed have much knowledge and understanding that is fresh! At the AGM following the day school, Maggy Simms was elected as a new committee member; we welcome Maggy and hope she enjoys her new role. The officers and the rest of the committee were re-elected *en bloc*. The AGM minutes are now available on the Members' Area of the website.

Further Drawing Techniques

Our thanks go to Allan Adams and Tony Berry for leading a helpful and informative workshop on drawing techniques in York on 4 May 2013. Allan and Tony passed on many useful tips on materials and equipment, measuring, and drafting and finishing drawings. Some notes will appear on the Members' Area of the website shortly, together with a list of suppliers which offer drawing materials for sale online.

Annual Recording Conference

The recent conference held in the Spen Valley on the weekend of 17 to 19 May 2013 was another successful and well-attended event and we are grateful to Gill Cookson and David Cant for their excellent organisation and prior research. Nearly forty people attended, several of whom had no prior experience of recording. Five large and spectacular buildings were surveyed and we will report on these at the Conference Review Day in October. We also thank Chris and Hazel Wooller for opening their wonderful home, Low Fold Hall, to us on Sunday afternoon.

Right: Visiting Low Fold Hall, Liversedge

Below: Peel House, Gomersal – one of the buildings recorded during the conference



Websites to watch

British Listed Buildings

www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk

This website gets better and better, as more photographs (both recent and historic) are uploaded onto it. Alternatively, you can upload your own!

Open Gardens

www.opengardens.co.uk

Details of the many villages in Yorkshire (and elsewhere) that have an 'Open Garden' day or weekend. A good way of seeing round the back of buildings!

Some forthcoming courses

An Introduction to Stone Slate Roofing

Saturday 17 August 2013

During this one day course you will learn the techniques behind the type of stone slate roofing common in the Dales. This training will take place with practical, hands-on demonstrations and tasks working on a wooden frame at ground level. You will learn the principles of the method with your feet safely on the ground. The tutors will provide advice and guidance on how to use your new knowledge safely when working at height if you should undertake any work of this type after the course. Venue: Gayle Mill, Mill Lane, Gayle, Hawes, North Yorkshire DL8 3RZ. 10.30am to 4.30pm, £20. Enquiries: Samantha Jennings, telephone 01969667320, email samantha.jennings@gaylemill.org.uk, www.gaylemill.org.uk.

The Rooms we Live in

Friday 27 to Sunday 29 September 2013

This course takes you through the history of the interior, from the hearths of ancient Rome to the digitised spaces of the present. Tutor: Edward Hollis. Residential £195, non-residential £131. Enquiries: Higham Hall, Bassenthwaite Lake, Cockermouth, Cumbria CA13 9SH, telephone 017687 76276, www.highamhall.com.

Getting About: Buildings and Inland Transport

Friday 27 to Sunday 29 September 2013

Study weekend at University of Oxford Department of Continuing Education held in association with the VAG. Full details can be found at www.conted.ox.ac.uk/courses.

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