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## YVBSG Events For Your Diary

### Walkabout in Bolton-by-Bowland

Saturday 17 June 2017

A full-day visit to the Forest of Bowland, including a village walkabout and walks to six seventeenth century farmhouses.

- 10.05am. Car-sharing to Fooden Farmhouse (1 mile east). Single-storey porch with prominent dovecote. Parking thanks to farmer George Wolfenden.
- Fooden Hall (Listed 2\*). Front elevation has mullion and transom windows to first floor, including two-storey porch. Sika deer in this area.
- Back to village, then fifteen-minute walk (and back) through fields to Bolton Peel Farmhouse (Listed 2\*) with two-storey jettied porch. Barn has three cruck-trusses (farmer Colin Huyton).
- Village walkabout, then lunch at approximately 1pm.
- After lunch, short drive/walk to hamlet of Holden (¾ mile west). Walks from here.
- Broxup House (1687) has good local decorative features, inside and out. 'The earliest of the exotica' – Pevsner. (House is opposite Holden Clough Nursery and tea-room.)
- Wycongill (farmed by Leeming family). Late seventeenth century with jettied porch.
- Alder House Farm (Listed 2\*). Dated 1708, but earlier. Three storeys with full-height jettied porch. Many features typical of Bowland: 'the culmination of the group' – Pevsner. Not to be missed! Up a private road with no public access, so few people ever see it, but we are welcome (farmers Mr and Mrs Dinsdale).



Alder House Farm

Meet 10am at village car park (12 spaces), toilets here. Parking also around two village greens. Directions: from the busy A59 Skipton to Clitheroe road, watch out for signposts to Bolton-by-Bowland at Gisburn and Sawley.

If you'd like to come please telephone Kevin Illingworth on 01422 844941, or email [j.k.illingworth@btinternet.com](mailto:j.k.illingworth@btinternet.com) leaving your telephone number. Maximum 25 people. Lunch at village tea-room/shop – sandwiches start at £4.50. Please say when you book if you want lunch.

### Conference Team Leaders' Meeting

Saturday 1 July 2017

Conference team leaders and their 'shadows' are invited to attend this meeting at 1.30pm in the Backhouse Room, Friargate Meeting House, York ([www.yorkquakers.org.uk/friargatequakerm.html](http://www.yorkquakers.org.uk/friargatequakerm.html)). The purpose is to share findings from the recent Barnsley conference and help each other complete reports. Other members are very welcome to come along – please email David Cook on [dcook0@talk21.com](mailto:dcook0@talk21.com).

### Conference Review Day

Sunday 3 September 2017

Further details to follow in the next Newsheet.

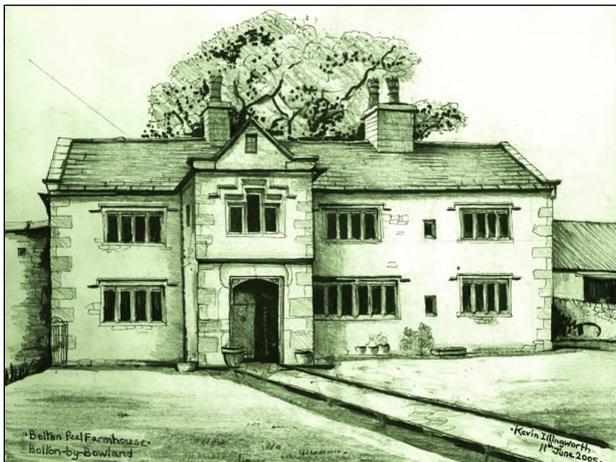
### Northallerton Walkabout

Sunday 10 September 2017

Further details to follow in the next Newsheet.

### Next committee meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Sunday 8 October 2017. If you'd like to raise any matters or suggest any future events please contact the Secretary, Mary Cook.



Bolton Peel Farmhouse (drawing by Kevin Illingworth)

## Report on recent events

### House and Home: annual day school

We were sold out for this event on Saturday 25 March 2017, with over a hundred people attending and a waiting list, which was very gratifying for my first day school. Those attending appeared to enjoy the day as expressed by the comments made both on the day and after by email; they even liked the lunch! Such an event is a collaborative effort involving many people, but my grateful thanks for their help go in particular to David and Mary Cook, Lorraine Moor and Sue Southwell, for without their experienced help, guidance and encouragement it would not have happened! I think that the Group is very lucky to have such a great and friendly team

running things. We also benefited from the technical support of Leeds Beckett University for downloading the various speakers' PowerPoints in advanced so as to make a smooth transition from one speaker's presentation to the next. Our three guest speakers and three member speakers did us proud with excellent talks providing a varied and interesting programme that will (hopefully) be detailed in next year's journal. I would like to make a public apology to our President Barry Harrison for speaking beyond my allotted time, leaving him without enough time to give his prepared talk. Sorry Barry – it won't happen again.

*Peter Thornborrow*

### A Barnsley Taster

We were blessed with a fine sunny day on Saturday 8 April 2017 as twenty-five members got their first taste of what Barnsley has to offer! Many were already there before I arrived, sitting out on the terrace above Worsbrough Mill enjoying a drink from the café in the former miller's house adjacent. There are two ranges: the lower water-mill with a fine king-post roof dating from c1625, having shallow chamfered stone mullioned windows, and the taller engine house with Georgian-style small-paned glazing from the early 1840s. It seems likely that in the seventeenth century the miller actually lived in the mill as evidenced by the large fireplaces on each floor at the north end. When our guide and the present miller Catherine Roebuck left to open the sluice gate to 'turn the mill wheel on' many of us were surprised by the sudden rush of water and the speed of the wheel. We thanked her for a memorable and enjoyable visit.

We then walked down the south side of Worsbrough Dam and across open fields to Rockley Old Hall. En-route we

were met by an equally large walking group coming in the opposite direction! We inspected the Old Hall from the rear first observing a deep stone plinth and straight joints between the gabled wings to either side of the central hall. Then we traversed around the side of the building to the south front where the U-shaped range features a mullioned and transomed window in the central hall, which has a cut-line of the roof-line on the adjacent wing of an earlier single-storey hall. We were then permitted to inspect the interior of the hall and the parlour behind, both featuring similar fireplaces with flat lintels cut with a mason's mitre to the broad chamfered edge. The opposite side of the room has a deep oak beam running the width of the building cut with a broad chamfered edge on its inner face suggesting that this is an in-situ bressummer of an inglenook fireplace; this would have given the house a lobby entry plan opening against the fireplace. Mrs Vicky Brown was thanked for accommodating such a large party who were on their best behaviour, removing shoes before



Houndhill

coming in! We then followed a delightful circular route passing a pond that may be the remains of a medieval moat. We returned back to the car-park and then partook of our pre-ordered lunch at the Red Lion hostelry on the opposite side of the road.

After lunch we went in a car convoy to Houndhill, parking in its large farmyard. We first inspected the rare Civil War corner turret from the roadside elevation prior to inspecting the exterior of this fine timber-framed wing of the mid-sixteenth century, which with its similarly sized seventeenth century stone wing forms an H-plan. We were then given free access to inspect most of the rooms inside before being given a cup of tea, for which our grateful thanks were given to Mrs Annett Lawrence and her archaeologist daughter Aimee Kite. Before our departure some came with me to see the Rockley Blast Furnace in a wood, reflecting on this ancient monument that remains the oldest surviving charcoal-fired blast furnace in the country which produced pig-iron, used locally for the production of nails.

*Peter Thornborrow*



Worsbrough Mill, with seventeenth century range on the left

# Notes from the Chair: Birthwaite Hall Farm

## The view from my window

As I write this the preparations for the recording weekend of Barnsley's Best Buildings are well underway, with thirty-one members booked. The amazing farm group at Birthwaite Hall Farm includes a fine seventeenth century listed stable range that is to be



included in the buildings to be recorded. I see this roofscape and impressive U-shaped group of buildings every morning when I open the shutters of one of my bedroom windows! It has an impressive roof with wide-spanning oak trusses with cambered tie-beams of large scantling and notch-lapped collars.

## Surprise discovery!

On the window jamb in the bothy above the stables at Birthwaite Hall Farm is this large daisy-wheel (below, shown as found) that unusually features a double ring.



Photo: Malcolm Birdsall

## Stop Press: action at the 'Best of Barnsley' weekend

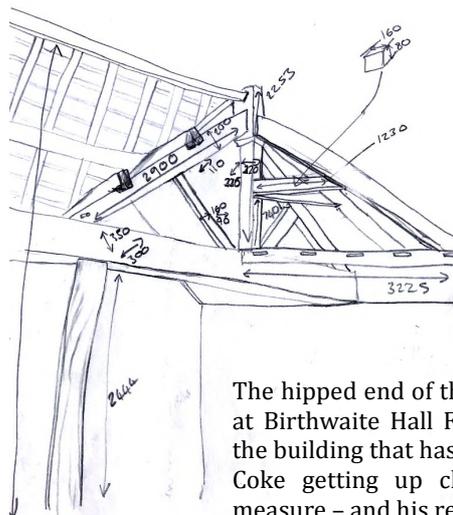


Photo: Malcolm Birdsall

The hipped end of the seventeenth century stable range at Birthwaite Hall Farm features the only king-post in the building that has an unusual head. Here we see Toby Coke getting up close and personal with his laser measure – and his resultant working drawing!

*Peter Thornborrow*

## Courses

### Researching the history of your house

This four week course at the Treasure House in Beverley will teach you how to discover more about the history of your house or another East Riding building and develop your research skills. 14 September to 5 October 2017 (Thursday evenings, 6.00-7.30pm). Basic computer knowledge required. £30 per person. Book by calling in to the Treasure House, or by telephoning 01472 392790, or see [www.eastriding.gov.uk/leisure/the-treasure-house](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk/leisure/the-treasure-house).

### Village history study day

If you want to find out how to research the history of your town, village or community then come along to this study day at the Treasure House in Beverley. The day will get you started in your own historical research and teach you how to use the archives and services at the Treasure House. A one-day course on a Saturday 21 October 2017, 9.30am-3.30pm. Basic computer knowledge required. £20 per person, including lunch and refreshments. Book as above.

## Publications

*Hull: Yorkshire's Maritime City* by David and Susan Neave. New edition of illustrated booklet on the architecture of Hull, marking Hull's year as UK City of Culture 2017. Normally £5 but on sale at £3 at the Ferens Art Gallery.

## Next Newsheet

The next edition will be in August 2017 – please send any contributions (for example details of publications or events of interest) to the editor by 31 July 2017.

## 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!

### **York Minster: Hidden Tours**

Take a tour of the Chapter House roof and the old Mason's Loft. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 11am, £20 (includes admission fee and 12-month pass for the Minster). To book, call 01904 557200, [yorkminster.org](http://yorkminster.org).

### **If this Barn Could Speak**

Every Saturday

Learn how the Great Barn at East Riddlesden Hall was constructed and what it was used for. 1-1.30pm and 2.30-3pm. Normal admission charges. Details at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk).

### **Keldgate, Beverley**

Until 7 July 2017

Exhibition at Beverley Guildhall looking at the history of one of Beverley's streets, which in the past was a thriving community with shops, pubs, tanneries, a chapel, a school and a dairy among others. Open Wednesdays and Fridays. See [www.museums.eastriding.gov.uk/beverley-guildhall](http://www.museums.eastriding.gov.uk/beverley-guildhall) for full details.

### **Open Farm Sunday**

Sunday 11 June 2017

(or Sunday 4 June for some farms.) Listed farmhouses with interesting farm buildings in Yorkshire include Cappleside, Rathmell, near Settle; Whirlow Hall Farm, near Sheffield; and Beadlam Grange in Ryedale. Full details available at <https://farmsunday.org>.

### **High Hall, St Stephen's Road, Steeton (near Keighley): NGS Open Garden days**

Sunday 11 June and Sunday 23 July 2017

A house of 1674 added on to a possibly medieval tower house, extended and altered in 1921 when an outstanding Arts and Crafts garden was created. The owner Roger Lambert (one of the team leaders at our recent recording weekend in Barnsley) has offered to give any YVBSG members attending a guided visit and discuss the development of this fascinating and interesting house (see *Yorkshire Buildings* No 41, 2013). Members should assemble by the front limestone porch at 3pm on each of the days. Parking (signed) available in the village.

Pottery display by Barbara Miskin, child-friendly area and the usual supply of excellent tea, scones and cakes. Open 11am to 5pm. All are welcome.

### **Traditional Buildings in the southern Vale of Mowbray: the work of YVBSG 1975-2013**

Friday 16 June 2017

Talk by Barry Harrison at South Otterington Village Hall at 7.30pm. YVBSG members would be very welcome. South Otterington lies beside the A167 about four miles south of Northallerton. There is a good prospect of local societies setting up a recording group with help from the YVBSG.

### **Wressle Castle Open Days**

17-18 June and 15-16 July 2017

Wressle Castle in the East Riding is privately owned and the only access is through a working farm. Open 11am to 4pm. Donations to local charity in lieu of admission charge. Details at <https://wresslecastle.org>.

### **Of House and Home**

17 June to 17 September 2017

Exhibition by Alice Pattullo at Yorkshire Sculpture Park, re-creating a home's interior including a fireplace and mantelpiece. See [www.ysp.co.uk](http://www.ysp.co.uk).

### **Cawthorne Open Gardens**

Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 June 2017

Approximately 22 gardens open to the public at Cawthorne near Barnsley 11am to 5pm. Cost £6 on the day, or £5 advance. Often a good way to see round the back of buildings! Gardens also open at Hebden Bridge, Settle, Gargrave and many more in Yorkshire. See [www.opengardens.co.uk](http://www.opengardens.co.uk).

### **Calderdale Heritage Walks – Outlaws and Nuns**

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June 2017

Several fifteenth to eighteenth century buildings on the private Kirklees Estate near Clifton including the former Nunnery site and old farm buildings. Cost £5, must be pre-booked on 01422 368725. Full details of this and other walks are available at [www.calderdaleheritagewalks.org.uk](http://www.calderdaleheritagewalks.org.uk).

### **National Meadow Day**

Saturday 1 July 2017

At Bell Sykes Farm, Slaidburn. 10am to 4pm. Free but meadow walks cost £3. Refreshments in an old barn – also a 'dairy' lintel! See <http://forestofbowland.com/Festival-Bowland-Events>.

### **Rescuing Historic Buildings**

Friday 7 July 2017

Annual coach tour organised by Heritage Trust Network and Greater Manchester Building Preservation Trust, visiting buildings south of Manchester city centre. £30 per person. Enquiries: 01282 877686, email [claire.borg@htnw.co.uk](mailto:claire.borg@htnw.co.uk).

### **Festival of Archaeology**

15 to 30 July 2017

Co-ordinated by the Council for British Archaeology, the Festival offers hundreds of events nationwide. Details at [www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk](http://www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk).

### **The Motorway Took Some of the Moat Away!**

Thursday 27 July 2017

A visit to Wardley Hall, Worsley, near Salford, at 1.30pm. Organised by Kevin Illingworth for Calder Valley Historic Buildings Group; there are places available for guests. Wardley Hall is the official residence of the catholic Bishop of Salford. A large timber-framed house of c1500, with irregular courtyard plan. Also some sixteenth/seventeenth century brickwork and some stone. Has a tremendous moat (Pevsner), despite some now being under the M62 motorway. Brunch or lunch will be at the timber-framed Worsley Old Hall (late sixteenth/early seventeenth century) at approximately 11am onwards. No entry charge, but donations welcome. If you want to come, please telephone Kevin on 01422 844941 or email [j.killingworth@btinternet.com](mailto:j.killingworth@btinternet.com), leaving your telephone number.

### **In the pipeline ...**

Saturday 24 February 2018

A dayschool on Lancashire's vernacular buildings at Park Hill Barn, Pendle Heritage Centre, Barrowford, Lancashire.

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