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YVBSG Events For Your Diary

South Yorkshire Vernacular & Rotherham's Best Buildings

Saturday 13 October 2018

After last year's successful autumn day school event, when we promoted our review day more widely, we have decided to do this again. Our usual venue at Leeds Beckett University was not available to us so we have decided to hold it at the Showroom Cinema in the centre of Sheffield, just a few minutes' walk from the railway station; this is more convenient for the owners of the buildings we recorded to attend. This is an excellent venue used by South Yorkshire Archaeology Service for their annual day schools. It was only available for the morning until 12.30pm, giving us just five half-hour slots, sufficient time for our team leaders to talk about the five carefully chosen buildings reflecting different periods that were recorded at our earlier Rotherham recording weekend held in May, as outlined in the booking form enclosed with this Newsheet



Recording Bramley Grange, Rotherham

In addition we offer a buffet lunch in the fifteenth century timber-framed building in The Ponds – The Old Queen's Head – that gives an opportunity to have a close inspection of this superbly restored Tudor building (theoldqueenshead.co.uk).

After that, I will lead a walk to the Butcher Works on Arundel Street (Arundel Lane car park is at the junction with Charles Street, so if you come by car, you might wish to park here) a Grade II* listed building (and a short walk downhill to The Showroom and the station); we will have a good hour before it closes at 4pm. It is a restored cutlery and grinding workshop built in 1835 and 1875 set within its own courtyard and located within Sheffield's Cultural Industries Quarter (CIQ). The ground floor has been carefully restored to create an exhibition space, a superb organic café and artist and craft workshops. The Gallery exhibits and sells high quality craft work as do the six Makers who welcome visitors to see how things are made in their own workshops; be prepared to part with some money – I promise you will be tempted! The Academy of Makers is a partner of Freeman College and the Ruskin Mill Educational Trust. They have recently opened their own organic bakery, and the Fusion Café may provide a welcome drink before your departure.

Please come and support this initiative and see something of Sheffield where we are hoping to record buildings in its district next year. For further information, search on the web for 'Sheffield Cultural Industries Quarter Townscape Heritage Initiative', and 'Butchers Wheel, Sheffield'.

Peter Thornborrow

Knaresborough and Scriven walkabout

Sunday 30 September 2018

We are sorry to report that this event is cancelled due to the indisposition of Barry Harrison, but we hope to rearrange it for next year.

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 have ideas for (or even offer to organise!) future events please contact the Secretary, Mary Cook.

Some reminders

Thank you to all those members who have completed and returned a GDPR consent form. If you find a copy of the form enclosed with this Newsheet, it means that we believe we haven't yet received a completed form from you and we would be grateful if you could return it by post or email so that we can continue to hold your details.

A membership renewal reminder is also enclosed for those who have not yet paid their 2018 subscription.

Yorkshire Buildings

A copy of the latest edition of *Yorkshire Buildings* is enclosed for paid-up members – we hope you enjoy it.

Next Newsheet

The next edition will be in November 2018 – please send any contributions to the editor by 31 October 2018. Short articles on buildings or features would be welcome, as well as details of publications or events that might be of interest to other members.

Report on recent events

Walks in the Dunsop Bridge area

On a drizzly morning on 16 June 2018, fifteen members met in Dunsop Bridge, travelling from as far as Leeds, York, and Lytham. Illness and a car breakdown prevented another four from coming. This was our eighth visit to the Forest of Bowland including three Slaidburn events in 2006-7. In the morning we visited three United Utilities farms in the civil parish of Bowland Forest High, then after lunch four farmhouses in Bowland Forest Low, the first three on the Duchy of Lancaster's Whitewell Estate. Most are busy working farms. All except Sykes were listed in 1983 (two in 1954).

The unlisted whitewashed Sykes Farm on Trough Road has decorative doorheads of 1692 and 1687, and a 1704 datestone, all reset in the farm buildings. All three have the letter 'P' for Parkinson. The current occupants have farmed 2,500 acres here since 1970.

Hareden Farmhouse is a three-unit house dated 1690 W.H on the battlemented doorhead, which has three flattened ogees. This type, more often seen west of Clitheroe and Slaidburn, is very common around Lancaster and then north to Furness. The resident family have been here since the 1930s, farming about 2,000 acres. Nearby, the late seventeenth century farmhouse known as Hareden Cottage is a two-unit linear house not unlike a laithe-house. The triangular lintel has an incised cross. We saw a similar cross on a wooden lintel inside Causeway Farm on the de Hoghton Estate in October 2013 (see Newsheet No 74).

After lunch we travelled south to Burholme Bridge, then a walk in heavy rain to Burholme Farm, now surrounded by scaffolding. The whitewash has been removed because of a damp problem, part of a ten-week restoration. A much altered seventeenth century house, refenestrated in the late eighteenth century, but early remains include a doorway with false four-centred arched lintel, and a large extruded gable chimney stack. The barn has some inscribed stones, including a small datestone dated T.S 1619 (Thomas Swinhulhurst) and a reset seventeenth century mullion window.



Sykes Farm



Hareden Farmhouse



Lower Lees Farmhouse



Stepping stones leading to Stakes

When we reached Stakes (Grade II*) the rain was torrential. Some used the stepping stones to cross the river Hodder, others drove to the farm. The blocked north doorway of the T-shaped house has a Latin inscription over the 'three-ogees' lintel, which has had the date and letters chiselled off (see Newsheet No 92). But this doorway was dated 1681, according to the Provisional List of 1949. The farmer then invited us into the pantry to see a large oval sandstone slate 'table' measuring 62 x 82 inches, supported on a brick base. Then a dog-legged, three-flight staircase, and a large segmental arch fireplace. The house dates from the early seventeenth century (list description), or late seventeenth century (Pevsner). Yeoman farmer Henry Richmond (d. 1646) built the present house. Could his initials have been on the north doorway? There were ten hearths in 1664, making it the largest house in that part of Bowland. This number of hearths and two decorated doorheads reset in the barn suggests that Stakes was once bigger than it is now. There is a straight joint between the second and third bays of the long west wall of the cross-wing; the window openings are also higher. The occupants have been here more than fifty years, and also have Greenland Farm. Since the visit we have found six more similar Latin inscriptions; two of these are near Halifax, including one on a very large three-storey seventeenth century house. There are two more in Germany.

The whitewashed Lower Lees Farmhouse is a two-unit house with central entry plan. The doorway has another Hareden-type lintel dated 1678 A.E.R (Rathmell family). The drip-mould extends to the left over a blank wall as if there was a blocked fire-window below. The right-hand gable wall has a corbelled chimney stack. Graham Robinson has farmed here for twenty years. Finally, the partly rebuilt Lees House Farmhouse has a doorhead with three recessed arches and a panel above dated 1678 R.B for Robert Bleasdale (see Newsheet No 91). A fireplace lintel is dated 1718 R.B. Another six doorheads with three arches have been recorded so far.

The W John Smith archive

Items from the late W John Smith Collection stored in a garage near Stockport for many years are now in the Hebden Bridge area (Blackshaw Head). This collection includes black-and-white prints of buildings in Lancashire and Yorkshire taken from the 1950s onwards (some taken by the late Ralph Cross), not all are identified; 120 Gothic slides, plans, negatives, maps, research and lecture notes, surveys of vernacular buildings, and Slaidburn Estate items.

See Newsheet No 47 (February 2007) for information about W John Smith's very large collection that was donated to the newly-formed North West Traditional Buildings Trust. See also two articles in Newsheet No 84 (May 2016) for more information about former YVBSG member W John Smith and NWTBT, when some 2,200 black and white prints were acquired by the Trust.

Kevin Illingworth, j.killingworth@btinternet.com

Publications

Recording Timber-framed Buildings: an illustrated glossary by N W Alcock, M W Barley, P W Dixon and R A Meeson (1989). This invaluable little book has just been reprinted and is once again available at £8 from the CBA (shop.britarch.ac.uk).

Wakefield in 50 Buildings by Peter Thornborrow and Paul Gwilliam. From its status as a major coal mining centre in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries to its current role as the capital of Yorkshire's so-called 'Rhubarb Triangle', Wakefield has a proud and distinctive identity. This extraordinary history is embodied in the buildings that have shaped the town. This book explores the history of this rich and vibrant community through a selection of its greatest architectural treasures, from the Anglo-Saxon Grade I listed cathedral to the acclaimed Hepworth Wakefield art gallery, which opened in 2011. Amberley Publishing, around £15, due to be published 15 October 2018.

Courses

Vernacular Buildings and Maps for Local History Studies

A three-session course organised by Middleham and Dales Local History Group. Session 1 on Tuesday 25 September 2018: 'Vernacular Houses of Wensleydale, Coverdale and Bishopdale' by David Cook. Session 2 on Tuesday 2 October 2018: 'Recording and interpreting vernacular buildings in the Dales' by Alison Armstrong. Session 3 on Tuesday 16 October 2018: 'Maps for local history studies' by the North Yorkshire County Record Office. All at 2pm to 3.35pm at Middleham Key Centre, £7 per session. Further details from Tony Keates on 01969 640436 or follow the 'What's On' link from website www.middlehamonline.com.

University of York Centre for Lifelong Learning

Some of the courses offered by the University are listed below. Further details can be found at www.york.ac.uk/lifelonglearning, telephone 01904 328473.

- **The Medieval English Household: Livelihood, Lifestyle and Standards of Living (c1250-1500).** A look at aspects of the home during the high to late medieval era. 11 weeks on Tuesdays, 7pm to 9pm from 25 September 2018 at University of York. Tutor: Vicki Blud. Accredited course. Fee £116.
- **Tracing the History of York through its Buildings.** This course will trace the history of York from its Roman origin to the twentieth century. 10 weeks on Fridays, 1pm to 3pm from 5 October 2018 at University of York. Tutor: Cristina Figueredo. Non-accredited course. Fee £78.
- **History of the King's Manor.** A look at the history of the building and the people who lived and worked there. Saturday 3 November 2018, 10am to 4pm at King's Manor, York. Tutor: Gillian Waters. Fee £38.
- **The Medieval Village.** Exploring homes, settlements, farming and field systems, together with institutions that shaped village life. Saturday 24 November 2018, 10am to 4.30pm at King's Manor, York. Tutor: John Lee. Fee £38.

Recommended reading

The Vernacular Architecture Group has recently compiled a recommended reading list intended for those who are new to the study of vernacular architecture but perhaps of use to others too – see www.vag.org.uk/booklist.htm.

Buy a tile and save a roof!

Bedern Hall, the surviving remnant of the medieval College of the Vicars Choral in York, has launched a roof tile appeal. Each tile costs £10 and you can make multiple purchases of tiles or donate tiles as a gift to family, friends or colleagues. For further details see www.bedernhall.co.uk.

Heritage Open Days

This year's event takes place over two weekends: 6-9 and 13-16 September 2018. Over 600 properties and events are on offer in the Yorkshire and Humber region, including walks around Medieval Beverley and Hull Old Town, open buildings in Bridlington Old Town and the yards of Whitby, Ilkley Manor House, the timber-framed Bishops' House in Sheffield and Stank Hall Barn in Beeston, and much much more. Browse the event listings at www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

Calverley Old Hall

Calverley Old Hall near Leeds is a Grade I listed medieval manor house dating back to the thirteenth century. Part of it is a Landmark Trust holiday let but the rest of the site has fallen into disuse. The Landmark Trust are hoping to revitalise the site and to start a fundraising campaign in 2019. Details can be found at www.landmarktrust.org.uk/get-involved/calverley-old-hall-competition.

Yorkshire in the 1840s

John Bibby is planning a meeting in York in spring 2019 to cover the 1840s in York and Yorkshire. This was a pivotal decade for York and its hinterland. The focus is particularly on 1844, which is 175 years ago next year. The idea is to get lots of 10-minute speakers on topics focusing on this region and timeframe, thus stimulating intellectual and personal links.

John is currently assessing interest in this. Please email him at jb43@york.ac.uk if you wish to be kept informed. He would particularly like to hear from people who could offer a 10-20 minute poster or presentation on a relevant theme. You can also ring him on 01904 330334.

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!

Celebrating Conservation 50

Until 16 November 2018

An exhibition at Beverley Guildhall to mark the 50th anniversary of the Conservation Area designation in Beverley. Details at www.museums.eastriding.gov.uk/beverley-guildhall.

Food and Farming in the Calder Valley

Saturday 15 September 2018

A full-day event organised by Hebden Bridge Local History Society. Includes an introduction to archives including historic publications, maps, wills and deeds and photos. £15 including lunch. www.hebdenbridgehistory.org.uk.

Stonebeck Cheese Open Farm Weekend

Saturday 15 to Sunday 16 September 2018

Learn about cheese at Low Riggs Farm, Middlesmoor, Nidderdale, a remote hill farm. 11am to 3.30pm. See website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Lancashire and Yorkshire Farmhouses of the 16th to 18th Centuries: Porches

Thursday 20 September 2018

A talk by Kevin Illingworth to Cragg Vale Local History Group at St John's Church, Church Bank Lane, Cragg Vale, near Mytholmroyd, postcode HX7 5TF, at 7.30pm. Visitors £3. Details at www.craggvalecommunity.co.uk.

Southfield Methodist Chapel

Saturday 22 September 2018

A visit to Southfield Methodist Chapel, Southfield, near Nelson, Lancashire, BB10 3RH, arranged by Kevin Illingworth. The chapel has been in the right-hand part of a Grade II listed barn (dated 1797) since the 1790s. The visit includes a talk, then a potato pie lunch (with red cabbage or beetroot) and dessert, all for £7.50. Beforehand, at 11am, we can see two former farmhouses at Southfield Fold, and more buildings in the afternoon. Meet at 11am at the Shooter's Arms public house, Southfield Lane, BB10 3RJ. This is about one and a half miles south-east of Nelson. Park on the verge opposite the pub. Anyone interested is welcome to come along – please telephone Kevin on 01422 844941 or email j.killingworth@btinternet.com.

Upper Swaledale Barns walk

Thursday 27 September 2018

Starting from Keld this five-mile walk focuses on barns, their previous use and the memories which local people have of them. £7. Part of Richmond Walking and Book Festival – other walks around Richmond are also on offer. Full details at www.booksandboots.org.



James Paine Symposium

Thursday 4 October 2018

A symposium on James Paine, leading architect of Northern England in the mid 18th century. Among his Yorkshire works are Nostell Priory and Doncaster Mansion House. The venue is the Grand Salon at Cusworth Hall near Doncaster. £9. Enquiries: 01302 342846 or email otexways@blueyonder.co.uk.

An Evening History Talk and Dinner

Thursday 11 October 2018

Enjoy a meal and a talk about the history of Burton Agnes Hall from the Head Guide, and a tour of the Hall, including behind the scenes. Starts 5pm, £35. Booking essential. Please call the Estate Office on 01262 490324. www.burtonagnes.com.

Old Inns of the Yorkshire Dales

Thursday 11 October 2018

A talk by Dr David Johnson to Burnley and District Historical Society, 7.15pm at St Johns Parish Hall, Burnley. www.burnleyhistoricalsociety.com.

Every Barn tells a Story

Monday 15 October 2018

A talk by Miles Johnson to Ingleborough Archaeological Group, 7.30pm at Ingleton Community Centre. See www.ingleborougharchaeologygroup.org.uk.

The Work of Faith

Thursday 18 October 2018

One-day conference on conservation of historic places of worship organised by

the Institute of Historic Building Conservation: North West Branch, at Liverpool Medical Institution. Fee £115/£70. See worship.ihbc.org.uk.

Local and Village History – Dales Life & Tradition

Saturday 20 October 2018

A workshop to explore documentary sources for the study of local and village history, led by staff from the North Yorkshire County Records Office. Learn how to use and interpret maps, estate records and title deeds. Fee £4.80. Book through Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, 01969 666210.

Farm Buildings in the Heart of Teesdale

Wednesday 24 October 2018

A talk by Jen Deadman to Upper Dales Family History Group, 2pm at Harmby Village Hall, £2. Further details at www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk.

Local History Book Fair

Saturday 27 October 2018

Annual fair in Hull Minster, starts 10am, free admission. Organised by East Yorkshire Local History Society, eylhs.org.uk.

Traditional Buildings in the Yorkshire Dales

Monday 29 October 2018

A talk by Jim Brightman to Ewecross Historical Society, 7.30pm at the Methodist Church, Station Road, High Bentham. Visitors £3. Contact John Wilson (secretary) 0333 0062270, ewecrosshistoricalsociety.wordpress.com.

The Work of the Landmark Trust in Yorkshire

Thursday 1 November 2018

A talk by Linda Lockett to Ripon Civic Society at Ripon Workhouse Museum, 7pm. www.riponcivicsociety.org.uk.

Barn conversions in the National Park – change in policy, change in landscape?

Wednesday 14 November 2018

Talk by Nancy Stedman to North Craven Heritage Trust. 2.30pm at Langcliffe Village Institute, £2. www.northcravenheritage.org.uk.

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