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Lost Buildings of York

THE BEDERN – Formerly written *Bederne*, was a college of vicars choral, belonging to the cathedral. Though in Goodramgate, it also extended to Aldwark and St. Andrewgate, and consequently was not within the close, yet is always classed with that district, on account of it's connexion. This college being originally the exclusive residence of the vicars choral, clearly owes it's name to that circumstance; *Bede*, though now obsolete, being formerly used very commonly for the verb to *pray*; and *Erne*, implying a solitary place, or detached dwelling. Other modes of derivation have been suggested, particularly alluding to it's being the site of the Roman palace, or of the baths connected to the palace; but, though the residence of the Roman emperors did stand here, as already described, the derivations drawn from this source are all very unlikely, and deserve little attention.

The vicars choral were formerly thirty-six in number, according to the number of the prebendal stalls in the cathedral, one of whom was chosen by the rest, as *custos*, to preside over them. Besides attending to the daily office in the choir, it was their duty to perform the offices of the dead, in the several chapels and oratories, at certain hours, day and night. The ancient rule was for each canon to have his own vicar, in priest's orders, to officiate for him, he paying to the vicar, out of his profit's, the annual sum of *forty shillings*; and the vicar was to be entitled to the canon's choral habit, in case of the death of the employer.

The Bedern is of very ancient date, and appears, by an inquisition taken in the year 1275, the fourth of Edward the first, to have been given "to God, St. Peter, and the vicars serving God, in pure and perpetual alms, by *William de Lanum*, canon of the church; but the major part thereof, was of the common of the land of Ulphus, with another certain part of the see of the archbishop, and by him eleemosynated to them."

The college of the vicars choral was first obtained in the year 1252, by archbishop Walter de Grey; and the ordinance was confirmed by King Henry the third, in a royal charter, dated October 15th 1269.

In the ancient statute-book of this college, are many ordinances and regulations, which we can not detail here: one of them, issued by the chapter, in 1353, commands that no vicar choral from thenceforth shall "keep any *woman* to serve him, within the *Bederne*; and the sub-chanter do acquaint he vicars, that they warn all their *women* servants to depart their service, on the penalty of *twenty shillings*, payable to the fabric of the church for every one not observing the ordinance."

The whole college and site of the Bedern was sold, in the second year of Edward the sixth, to Thomas Goulding and others, for £1924. 10s. 1d.; but, it appears that this sale was afterwards disannulled; for, in the sixth year of the same reign, "it was ordained and decreed, by the chancellor and surveyor-general of the court of augmentations, that the dean and chapter of York, for themselves and for the sub-chanter and vicars choral, shall from thenceforth have and enjoy the said house called the *Bederne*, and all the possessions belonging to it, except the chantries and obit's to them anciently assured, without any interruptions or molestation of the said court, &c.; so it was adjudged that this their college, was appendant to the cathedral church, and not within the statute of dissolved free colleges, chantries, &c."

Thus preserved, it has ever since remained in the possession of the vicars-choral, but their chief means of support, the chantries and obit's, being dissolved, their numbers are greatly diminished. The Bedern is consequently no longer their exclusive habitation; but the several dwellings are let out on leases; and this once splendid seat of Roman grandeur and imperial honour, is now, in many instances, little better

than the sad receptacle of poverty and wretchedness. Mr Drake, however, was incorrect in saying that the old collegiate hall, where the vicars usually dined in common, was taken down; for the author has personally surveyed the premises; and though he found the hall converted into dwellings, he was much gratified by noticing the ancient outer walls of the edifice, with the evident remains of Gothic windows, and other vestiges of former days.

The old records, leases, &c., of the vicars-choral, were, till very lately, deposited in a room near the collegiate hall; but the situation being considered not very eligible for them, the dean and chapter granted leave for their removal, into part of the outer-building, near the cathedral, opposite the archbishop's prerogative court, which was formerly occupied by the Minster Library.

(William Hargrove - 1818)

BEDERN CHAPEL

There is a very ancient chapel in Bedern, which was founded in the year 1348, by Thomas de Otteley, and William de Cotingham; and was dedicated to the Holy Trinity, the Virgin Mary, and St. Katherine.

The building is yet nearly entire, and till within the last two years, it was very remarkable for its rich windows of painted glass, which were six in number - three in front, three behind. It is, however, with some regret we observe the beautiful glass in the former has lately been substituted by common small squares, by which much of the antique appearance of the chapel has been destroyed. The glass was removed with intent to enrich a new-erected church in the country, but the dean having heard of the affair, very properly prevented its leaving York; and it is now deposited in one of the vestries in the cathedral.

About sixteen years ago, divine service was performed here at nine o'clock on the mornings of each Wednesday and Friday in Lent; the bell which was then rung for the service, and occasionally tolled in cases of death, yet remains; but it is never used now, the clerical duties there, being at present confined to the christening of children, and the churching of women.

A Sunday school is now taught in the chapel, which is nearly six yards wide, and about twice the length. There is an old font on the left of the entrance, but the altar table stands at the upper end of it; and though Drake says it was of handsome marble, the present one is merely a slab of free stone placed on a wooden frame - the ornamental work against the wall near it, is, however, curious, being of oak singularly carved.

When the Bedern was in its prosperity, there were gates to inclose the whole, opening into Goodramgate; and a porter's lodge stood on the site of one of the small houses nearly adjoining.

The revenues of the vicars-choral connected with this place, have varied according to the fluctuation of times and circumstances.

(William Hargrove - 1818)

HOLGATE'S FREE SCHOOL – There is yet a *free school* in this part of the close of the cathedral. It was erected and endowed by archbishop Holgate, who fixed an annual salary of twelve pounds on the master of it, above all other sums he might obtain, in the situation as a teacher. He also ordained that Thomas Swan, the first school-master, and his successors, should be a *body-corporate* for ever, and have a common seal for the affairs of the said school. Each successive archbishop of York, for ever was to be patron; but, should he not present within *twenty* days, the power was to devolve on the lord mayor and aldermen. Should they also neglect to present within the same length of time, the patronage is left to the archdeacon of York, and twelve of the most substantial housekeepers in the parish. The original deed, signed Robert Holgate, is kept amongst the city records, and is dated 1546; but the unfortunate situation of the present schoolmaster, prevents his fulfilling the benevolent design of this establishment.

(William Hargrove - 1818)

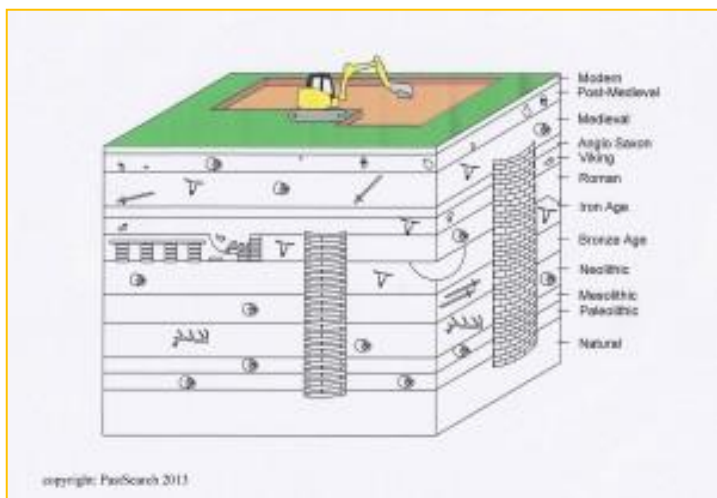
HOSM Archaeology Club

The Archaeology Club meets on the first Monday of each month at the Coffee Shop, The Courtyard, Holme on Spalding Moor, from 7.00pm.

There is a small fee of £2.00 to cover costs.

5 August 2013 – Unfortunately after so many days of sunshine, the weather decided to change, therefore we were unable to return to All Saint's Church to practice our drawing skills.

Instead we met back at the Coffee shop and learnt about surveying and stratigraphy.



2013 Programme

- 2 September** Richard Campbell
A look at Worked Flint
- 7 October** John Carrot
PRS
Environmental Sampling
- 4 November** Ian Panter
Principal Conservator, YAT
- 2 December** Christmas Past

Picture This



Stonegate Arcade

Opened in 1981, it was an under-covered area of shops behind Stonegate and Blake Streets. In 2002, however, work started to replace this shopping area with apartments.

Do You Know Where This Is In York?



Answer in Issue 10's Picture This

What's been in the News through August

How Milk Drinkers Conquered Europe http://archaeology.org	Dozens of Roman Skeletons Discovered www.bbc.co.uk	Miniature Pyramids Found in Sudan http://archaeology.org
Neolithic Engraved Stone Discovered at the Ness of Brodgar www.pasthorizonspr.com	Medieval Boat Discovered in Norfolk Marshland www.itv.com	Warrior's Decapitated Remains Unearthed in Mexico http://archaeology.org
Dig Reveals Full Extent of Convicts' Mass Grave on Spike Island www.irishe Examiner.com	Hunt for Buried Gold Causes Suburban Landslide http://news.sky.com	Florence: US Tourist Breaks 14th Century Statue http://news.sky.com
Maori Chief's Mummified Head to Return to NZ after 150 Years in UK www.theguardian.com	Battlefield Saga Set for High Court www.yorkshirepost.co.uk	Archaeologists Find Treasures at Ancient Russian Burial Site www.panarmenian.net
Castle's Stone Work Exposed by Dig www.bbc.co.uk	Uncovering Church's Chilling Skeletons Mystery www.itv.com	'Bedlam' Graveyard Unearthed Beneath London www.dailymail.co.uk
Giant Maya Frieze Found in Guatemala http://news.nationalgeographic.com	New Evidence of La Tène Culture http://archaeology.org	Drought Unearths Roman Discoveries www.bbc.co.uk
Tomb Opened in Mona Lisa Quest www.bbc.co.uk	Roman and Medieval Relics in Parson Drove www.wisbechstandard.co.uk	Huge Old Columns Found Underground in Ancient City of Laodicea www.hurriyetdailynews.com
Skeleton Found in Limerick City www.irishtimes.com	Archaeology Techniques Gives Insight into Day Before Death www.heritagedaily.com	Laois Bog Body Said to be World's Oldest www.irishtimes.com
38 Types of Large Animals in Egypt 6,000 Years Ago http://archaeology.org	Roman Horseshoes Found on Remains of Road, London http://horsetalk.co.nz	Humans Lived on Thames 'in 7,000 BC' www.bbc.co.uk
Tomb of a Powerful Moche Priestess-Queen Found http://nationalgeographic.com	Neanderthals Independently Invented Bone Tools http://archaeology.org	Archaeologists Find Commodus' Mini-Colosseum http://archaeology.org
Scientists Solve Mystery of Bone Jumbled Medieval Crypt www.dailymail.co.uk	Oldest Gaming Tokens Found in Turkey http://news.discovery.com	North America's Oldest Petroglyphs http://archaeology.org
The Gladiatorial Eagle, Part 1 www.heritagedaily.com	Tomb of Vulture Lord http://archaeology.org	Location of Battle of Bosworth Found http://archaeology.org

What's been in the News through August (cont)

Parliament Street Fountain May Never be Switched on Again www.yorkpress.co.uk	Bones Beneath Bath Abbey www.bbc.co.uk	Roman Villa Mosaic Dig to Begin www.bbc.co.uk
Palaeolithic Stone Tools from Across Europe http://archaeology.org	Rudder Raised from Seabed After 400 Years www.heritagedaily.com	Faroe Islands were colonised before the Vikings www.heritagedaily.com
Massive Complex of Building Discovered Outside Rome http://archaeology.org	Archaeologists Race to Save Gaza's Ancient Ruins – http://phys.org	Medicinal and Ritualistic Uses for Chocolate in Mesoamerica www.heritagedaily.com
Earliest Iron Artefacts Made from Meteorite www.timeslive.co.za	Mud-Brick Wall that Assyrians Built http://archaeology.org	Six Feline Sculptures Found in Maya City http://archaeology.org
Large Tunnel Underneath Hadrian's Villa http://archaeology.org	Archaeologists Uncover Lost Roman Outpost www.heritagedaily.com	2000 Year Old Ancient Skeleton Mask Discovered in Turkey www.hurriyetdailynews.com
Tomb Find Confirms Powerful Women Ruled Peru Long Ago http://phys.org	'Alien' Gargoyle on Ancient Abbey www.bbc.co.uk	1,100 Year Old Pala Dynasty Temple Unearthed www.dhakatribune.com
Revealing the Mysteries of Kosovo's Roman Ruins www.euronews.com	Mosaics Uncovered at Roman Villa www.bbc.co.uk	Roman Writing Tablet – Birthday Party Invitation http://archaeology.org
Siberian Ring Decorated Bear's Claw http://archaeology.org	Iron Age Tunic Taws Out of Snow www.bbc.co.uk	Why Belfast Said No to the Slave Trade www.bbc.co.uk
10,400 Year Old Settlement in Bolivia www.sci-news.com	Historical Roman Baths Come to Light www.hurriyetdailynews.com	Human Skull Dating 5,000 Years Found in Worcestershire www.cotswoldjournal.co.uk
Longhouse Found at Loch Buidhe www.northern-times.co.uk	Ancient Monastic Find Could be Next 'Clonmochnoise' www.independent.ie	More Than 100 Skeletons Found at Old Media College www.thisisgloucestershire.co.uk
Mummies Set in Fire as Looters Raid Egyptian Museum www.channel4.com	Iron Age Loch Village Discovered http://archaeology.org	Hoard of Roman Coins Unearthed Near Kington www.herefordtimes.com

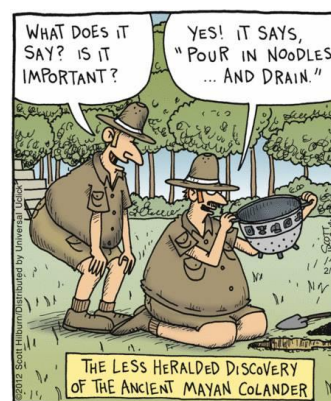
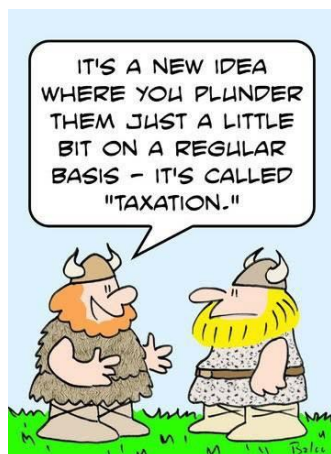
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Dates For Your Diary

2 Sept	HOSM Archaeology Club – Richard Campbell, A look at Worked Flints, 7.00pm. £2.	2 Oct	ERAS Field Study Group.
4 Sept	ERAS Field Study Group.	5 Oct	Basic Archaeology Workshop – What did the Vikings Leave (for us to find) - The Potter Man, HOSM Industrial Estate, 1.00-4.00pm, £17. Booking Required.
5 Sept	Potter Man Studio Open Evening – 6.00-9.00pm	7 Oct	HOSM Archaeology Club – John Carrot – Environmental Sampling, 7.00pm. £2.
7 Sept	Basic Archaeology Workshop – Archaeology Along the A63 - The Potter Man, HOSM Industrial Estate, 1.00-4.00pm, £10. Booking Required.	21 Oct	HOSM History Club – TBC, Blacksmiths Arms, 7.00pm. £2.
14 Sept	Heritage Day – Southburn Archaeological Museum, 10am – 4.00pm.		
14 Sept	Heritage Day – HOSM Village Hall, 10am – 1.00pm.		
16 Sept	HOSM History Club – TBC, Blacksmiths Arms, 7.00pm. £2.		
21 & 22 Sept	Selby Little Fest – Arts and Music, 12pm – 4.30pm		

Cartoons

(originally shared through Facebook)



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These workshops may include activity sheets, model making, hands-on artefacts and replicas.

They will also relate to the archaeological evidence of the area closest to the venue possible.

Karen Adams has worked in North Yorkshire and the East Riding area for over 20 years and CRB checked.

For more details of Presentations and Workshops

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Workshop 4 – What did the Vikings Leave (for us to Find)

Saturday 5 October 2013 – 1.00-3.00pm
Price £10.00

Find out what evidence of the Viking occupation has been revealed by archaeologists, particularly in the Yorkshire area. How does each new site and discovery help us to understand how they lived, fought, travelled, constructed buildings, trade and leisure.

Powerpoint presentation, website links, handouts provided.

Refreshments included.

Workshop 6 – Trials and Executions at York

Saturday 2 November 2013 – 1.00-3.00pm
Price £10.00

Discover where the gallows of York once stood, and find out about some of the criminals whose trials took place in this city, and those found guilty – their executions.

Some you will have heard of, such as Dick Turpin, others, although perhaps know at the time, their fame did not last through history quite so well, such as Eugene Aram.

Powerpoint presentation, website links, handouts provided.

Refreshments included.

Workshop 5 – Illuminated Manuscripts (make your own)

Saturday 7 December 2013 – 1.00-4.00pm
Price £17.00

Some of the documents which have survived through time, have been decorated with hand painted images and lettering, such as the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles.

Find out who created these manuscripts and create your own illuminated page.

Powerpoint presentation, website links, handouts and equipment provided.

Refreshments and equipment included.

Each of these Workshops will be held at The Potter Man Studio, Unit 1a, Holme Industrial Estate, Holme on Spalding Moor, YO43 4BB

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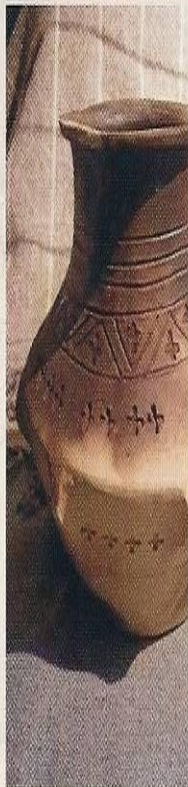


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