



PastSearch Newsletter



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2014 Round Up

2014 was the second year for the PastSearch as an independent archaeological contracting service, with the continuation of a site at Bubwith and new sites at Burland, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Goodmanham, Ellerton and Pollington.

Karen also worked with AOC at Brough and on their Community Archaeology Project at the Guildhall in York.

The Community Archaeology Project with the HOSM Local History Society got under way with the digging of nine test pits and one test trench around the village. These have provided new information of soil depths as well as new finds of pottery, iron-work and a cobbled surface. It was not possible to complete all of the test pits during 2014, and therefore the remaining ones will be dug in 2015. PastSearch also attended a number of events, exhibiting results from these test pits.

New For 2015

A new programme of history/archaeology talks will begin in January (see advert p.9), to be held at the Social Club, Holme-on-Spalding Moor. Everyone is welcome to join Karen from 1.00pm with a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits. The programme will include talks about York, Yorkshire and the East Riding, and whenever possible there will be artefacts to look at.

Karen has also been asked to lead the Swanland U3A Archaeology Group from January.

New Year's Eve/Day Traditions

Around the world we celebrate the end of the year with parties and fireworks leading up to the midnight countdown. In London Big Ben chimes out, in New York the Times Square Ball drops, fireworks light up Sydney Bridge in Australia, and Hogmany is celebrated in Scotland.

Auld Lang Syne



Auld Lang Syne – A Scottish poem written in the 1700's, and associated with Robert Burns. Originally a Scottish tradition it is now sung around the world, particularly in English speaking countries, as midnight is indicated.

Fire Festivals –

- Up Helly Ae – Shetlands
- Stonehaven Fireball Festival – Scotland
- Comrie Flambeaux Procession – Scotland
- Allendale Tar Barrel Festival – Northumberland

First Footing – Traditionally the first dark-haired male to enter through the front door of the home on the 1st January (usually as close after the stroke of midnight as possible). He will bring gifts, usually of coal, drink, coins, bread, salt and greenery

He would take with him a pan of dust of fire ashes to signify the passing of the old year.



New Year's Resolutions – How long this tradition has been in practice is not known, however Samuel Pepys on 31st December 1661 wrote:

"I have newly taken a solemn oath about abstaining from plays and wine, which I am resolved to keep according to the letter of the oath which I keep by me."

Did he keep it – or like most of us lapsed within a few days/weeks ?

Calennig – The Welsh tradition of New Year gift giving, consisting of an apple with three twig legs stuck with dry fruit, cloves and a spry of evergreen stuck into the top. A decoration given to friends and family and displayed on the window sill or shelf for good luck to the house.

Lost Buildings of York



Google maps

THOMPSON'S HOSPITAL, Castlegate: "It is a neat small building, repaired and new fronted about three years ago, at which time, the following inscription was renewed over the entrance:

"THIS HOSPITAL WAS FOUNDED BY SIR HENRY THOMPSON, OF MIDDLETHORP, SOMETIME LORD MAYOR OF THIS CITY; AND DAME ANNE, HIS WIFE; FOR THE RELIEF OF SIX POOR MEN. ANNO CHRISTI. 1700".

On searching the will of the said donor, which is dated August 24, 1892, the writer observed that he was a native of York, having been born in Coppergate; and that he had bequeathed two small houses to be converted into one dwelling, or hospital, for charitable purposes; to be supported out of the produce, or rents, of certain freehold and copyhold lands, which are situate near the Barracks, erected a few years since.

The income was to be disposed of, as expressed in the following extract – In the endowment of "An hospital for six poor men, who shall be paid yearly out of the said rents, *three pounds* each, at two payments in the year; or so much proportionably as the said rents amount clear to, deducting the necessary charges of keeping the said hospital in repair. The lord mayor, and three senior aldermen for the time being, to be supervisors and electors of the said six poor men, willing that choice be made of such inhabitants in the parish of St. Mary, in Castlegate;, as are fit objects of charity; but, if enough such be not therein found, then at their direction to choose elsewhere, still giving a preference to the said poor parishioners." (The said donor also bequeathed twenty-six shillings per annum, for ever, to be distributed in bread at the adjoining church, to the value of sixpence per week.)

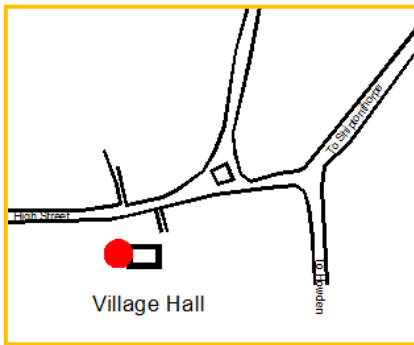
The subjects of this charity, have each of them two small rooms; and the lands have so much increased in value, that they now receive, from the original endowment, *ten pounds* per annum each, in half-yearly payments; and the property whence their income arises, being partly freehold, they have a right to vote for a coroner, and for representatives of the county in parliament. The inhabitants of this hospital, likewise have the privilege of being supplied with water gratis, from the Waterworks of the city.

In addition to the before-mentioned *ten pounds* per annum, the poor men at this hospital, have each an annuity from the interest of £200, left by Mr. John Girdler, a merchant of York, who died on the 25th April, 1793. The principal is vested in the hands of the corporation of York, and one pound ten shillings, being paid yearly to them, from this source, their total annual income in money, is *eleven pounds and ten shillings*.

W.Hargrove – 1818

HOSM Local History Society (Archaeology Club)

The venue has been changed to the Social Club, next door to the Village Hall, High Street.



Meetings are now being held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.00pm, (except September's meeting which will be on the 4th Monday of the month).

2015 Programme

19 January – Andrew Sefton – William Watson, the Sundial Maker

16 February – Tony Stephens – 1839 Model Village of North Duffield

16 March – Ron Christian – York Castle

20 April – Phil Gilbank – Marmaduke Langdale, the Ghost of Holme

18 May – Susan Butler – Bygone Times

15 June – Chris Rock – Battle of Stamford Bridge

20 July – Trip

17 August – AGM

21 September – Chris Cade – Arthur Walker's Great War

19 October – Phil Judkin – More Deadly than the Male; Unusual Jobs done by Women in Wartime

16 November – Yorkshire Film Archive

December - TBC

Picture This



Lime Kiln

This lime kiln was found on the site where Redfearne's Glass Factory once stood in Fishergate, York. Today Novotel and a housing estate occupy the site and the kiln removed.

This kiln would have been used to produce quick lime, which could then be made into a lime mortar. It dates from c. 1540 when the Gilbertine Priory, which had occupied this site, was being demolished.

Do You Know What This Is?



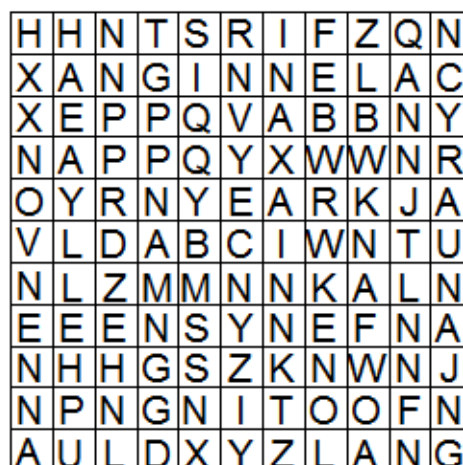
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Just For Fun



This is Colin the digging hamster, he is hiding on one of the pages in this newsletter, can you find him?

New Year Word Search



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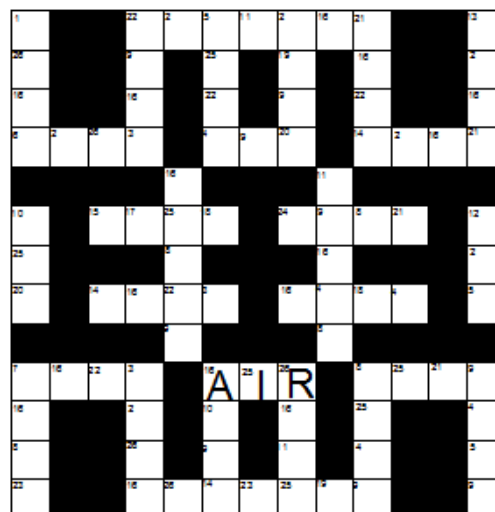
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Alphabet Code Breaker



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Dates For Your Diary

7 Jan	ERAS Field Study Group - Cancelled	4 Feb	ERAS Field Study Group
12 Jan	PastSearch – Karen Adams – York through the eyes of the historian (see advert p.9)	9 Feb	PastSearch – Karen Adams – Archaeology Along the A63 (see advert p.9)
		14-22 Feb	Jorvik Viking Festival
18 Jan	HOSM Local History Society – Andrew Sefton – William Watson, the Sundial Maker	16 Feb	HOSM Local History Society – Tony Stephens – Model Village of Norht Duffield 1839
20 Jan	North Duffield CLHS – Sam Stones – Conservation at Wressle Castle.	17 Feb	North Duffield CLHS – Dr. Mark Whyman – Iron Age Transhumance between the Wolds & Vale of York.
21 Jan	ERAS – Dr Malcolm Lillie – Skeletal Remains from Turkey & the Ukraine, Hull University, 7.30pm	18 Feb	ERAS – Ian Roberts – Investigating Prehistoric & Roman Landscapes in E. Yorkshire, Hull University, 7.30pm

If you have an event you would like to include in Dates For Your Diary, or would like to submit an article regarding the history/archaeology in your area, please send to Karen at

pastsearch@hotmail.com

Just For Fun Answers



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What's Been in the News

These articles were shared on Facebook during the last month. To see similar articles as they come into the news follow PastSearch on Facebook.

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Discovery of the Mount Owen Claw www.theepochtimes.com	Opulent Clothing Unearthed in Ming Dynasty Tomb www.livescience.com	Viking Women Colonized Lands Too www.livescience.com
Viking Feasting Hall Identified in Sweden www.heritagedaily.com	Aztec Death Whistle www.ancient-origins.net	Danish Bronze Age Glass Beads Traced Back to Egypt www.archaeology.org
The Hydraulic Telegraph of Aeneas www.ancient-origins.net	News from Egypt's Karnak Temple & Ramesseum www.archaeology.org	Pharaoh Amenhotep III Returned to Splendour in Luxor www.ancient-origins.net
Intriguing Discoveries from Million-Mummy Necropolis Site Revealed www.ancient-origins.net	Racton Man's Bronze Dagger is 4,200 Years Old www.archaeology.org	Plans for 1,100 homes & New School Unveiled in York www.yorkpress.co.uk
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York Viking Treasure Back on Display After Conservation www.bbc.co.uk	Hero of Alexandria and his Magical Jugs www.ancient-origins.net	The Great Serpent Mound of Ohio www.ancient-origins.net
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PastSearch offers archaeological services including desk-based assessments, written scheme of investigations, watching briefs and monitored evaluations, working in the North Yorkshire and East Riding.

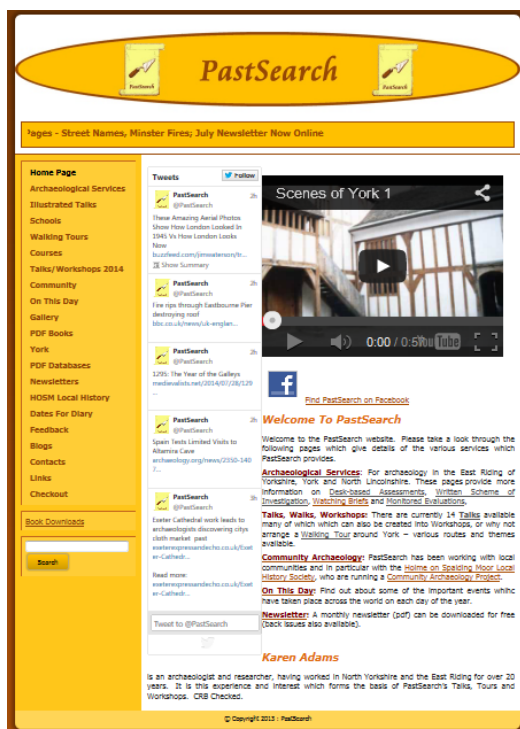
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Presentations

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Eboracum to York

From Roman occupation to our modern city, take a trip through time, and view the changing faces of York.



Walking Around the Walls

Take a trip around the city walls, without leaving your seat.



Day in the Life of an Archaeologist

Find out the procedures that take place on site and in post-ex.

Or a talk can be created for your group

Education

PastSearch offers workshops which can be booked as a single activity or as a course.

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.

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Afternoon History/Archaeology Talks

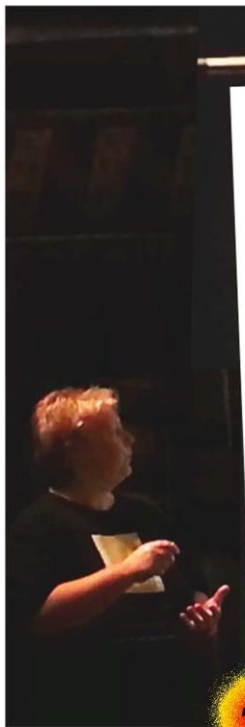


***at
The Social Club,***

***next to Village Hall, High Street,
Holme-on-Spalding Moor***



***Join Karen Adams for these talks
with a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits***



2015

**12 Jan – York through the Eyes of
the historians**

9 Feb – Archaeology along the A63

**9 Mar – Clues above the eye line
around York**

**13 April - Finding old bottles on
archaeological sites**

1.00pm **£2.00**



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