



PastSearch Newsletter



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Wishing all our readers a Merry Christmas
We'll be back with more news in 2016

November Round Up

Monitored a site at North Cave, which revealed walls from former buildings, probably dating from the 19th century.

Reports for sites at Ellerton, Welham Bridge have been completed whilst those for South Cave and another at Ellerton are in process of being written.

This month's talk at HOSM Social Club took a look at Moated Sites, particularly those which are known around the HOSM area.

Snippets from Arthur's Guide to York

YORKSHIRE PHILOSOPHICAL GROUNDS (part 2):



At the end of the gardens are the ruins of St. Mary's Abbey, founded in 1056 by Siward, Earl of Northumbria, and dedicated to St. Olave. In 1078 Stephen, a monk driven from Whitby and Lastingham, came to the Abbey and added to it, when the Normans changed the name to St. Mary's, St. Olave being a saint in the Saxon calendar; a church near, however, still retains the name of St. Olave's. From the strictness of the Benedictine rule, the monastery declined, and in 1132 a company of monks after a scene of violence, founded the Fountains Abbey, near Ripon. It was surrendered to the crown in 1510, since which time it has been

greatly destroyed, the stone having been taken away to repair the castle and various churches, and make lime. Turning the corner we come to the REFECTORY where the monks used to dine, near which also stood the chapter-house and cloisters. These parts of the building near the palisading were built in the time of Rufus. The chief remains are the north wall with eight windows of various tracery. Under the second window is a panelled arcade, through an opening of which may be seen the tomb of Etty, artist.



The Hospitium, or great hall of the monastery, stands near the river in the N.W. corner of the grounds. It is now used as the Museum of Antiquities, and contains a collection of tessellated pavements, curious Roman graves, coffins, urns &c., with Egyptian, Roman, and British antiquities well deserving attention.



The Museum, opened 2nd February 1830 is of Grecian architecture, designed by W. Wilkins, R.A., and contains one of the best collections of natural history, and geological specimens in the provinces. There are large specimens of the earliest tapestry woven in England, once belonging to Sir Horace Walpole, and dating from Elizabeth's time, 1578. There is a splendid and perfect skeleton of the extinct *Dinornis* of New Zealand, also a valuable collection of skeletons of birds, prepared by Mr. Allis, of York, and another of British birds, presented by W.R. Read Esq. One room contains some splendid fossils of antediluvian monsters,

a specimen of *Ichthyosaurus*, discovered in Whitby lias, and two splendid *Plesiosaurs*. It contains also bones of hyenas, &c, found in the famous Kirkdale cave. Many specimens shown were found near Whitby, Scarborough, and Redcar. A great collection of coins, both Romans British and Saxon, can be seen on application to the Curator.

Arthur's Guide to York 1889

The Aztec Calendar Stone



Also known as the “Sun Stone” and “Stone of the Five Eras”, the Aztec Calendar Stone was discovered on 17 December 1790, during repairs at Mexico City Cathedral, having been buried, it is believed during the Spanish Conquest.

A date corresponding to the year 1479 is visible on the surface, and this is believed to be the year in which it was sculpted.

It weighs about 24 tons and measures 3.60m (11.8') diameter and 1.2m (3.9') thick.

The Aztecs used two calendars The Xiuhpohualli and the Tonalpohualli.

The Xiuhpohualli: had a 365 day year, however, there were 18 months, each 20 days long, that is 4 weeks having 5 days each. Five extra days were added at the end of the year to equal 365 (these were apparently considered unlucky). Each year was also divided into four seasons.

The Tonalpohualli: This is considered the sacred calendar. It consist of 260 days, which are divided into 20 periods of 13 days, each period is assigned to one of the Aztec gods.

Every 52 years, these two calendars would align. It was thought that this alignment could bring disaster to the world, therefore the 12 day New Fire Festival.

The Carvings:



Central Area: Here is the face of the god Tonatiuh holding a human heart in each clawed hand, and his tongue is represented by a sacrificial knife.

Outer Area: There are four squares surrounding the central area, which have been interpreted as four previous suns or eras, when the world and humanity had been destroyed, to then be recreated.

The top right square: represents **Jaguar** the day on which the first era ended, having lasted 676 years, due to the appearance of monsters that devoured all of humanity.



The top left square: Wind, the date on which, after 364 years, hurricane winds destroyed the earth, and humans were turned into monkeys.

The bottom left square: Rain, this era lasted 312 years, before being destroyed by a rain of fire, which transformed humanity into turkeys.



The bottom right square: represents **Water** an era that lasted 676 years and ended when the world was flooded and all the humans were turned into fish.

There are also three additional dates: **Flint**, **Rain**, and **Monkey**, plus carvings for a ruler possibly that of Moctazuma.

Sources: <http://archaeology.about.com/od/aterms/a/Aztec-Calendar-Stone.htm>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aztec_calendar_stone - Include photo
<http://www.aztec-history.com/aztec-calendar-stone.html>

In This Month in History (December)

Here is at least one event for each day of this month from around the world. For more details of these and other events, links can be found at

<http://pastsearch-archaeo-history.co.uk/on-this-day/>

Date	Year	Country	Event
1	1763	York	A hurricane was experienced in York, the weather vane and part of the Minster's battlement blown down, several houses were also damaged.
2	1409	Germany	University of Leipzig opened.
3	1854	Australia	Uprising over mining licences at Ballarat, Victoria, 20+ killed.
4	1937	UK	The Dandy Comic first published.
5	1766	GB	Christies first sale in London.
6	1768	GB	First edition of Encyclopædia Britannica published.
7	1687 1941	York USA	Father Lawson was granted possession of King's Manor. Pearl Harbour, Hawaii attacked by Japanese (WWII).
8	1659	York	High winds damaged Minster and many houses.
9	1988	Ireland	Michael Hughes Bridge, Sligo opened.
10	1799	France	Adopted the metre as official unit of length.
11	1993	Malaysia	Highland Towers collapse, near Kuala Lumpur, 48 killed.
12	1911	India	Delhi became capital.
13	1643	England	Battle of Alton (English Civil War).
14	1911	South Pole	Roald Amundsen's team became first to reach here.
15	1906	UK	Great Northern, Piccadilly and Brompton Railway, London opened.
16	1914	UK	Hartlepool & Scarborough bombarded by German battleships (WWI).
17	1835	USA	Great fire of New York.
18	1642	NZ	Abel Tasman first European to land in NZ.
19	1932	UK	The BBC World Service began broadcasting as the BBC Empire Service.
20	1606	England	The Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery departed with settlers of Jamestown, Virginia, America
21	1872	UK	Challenger Expedition started from Plymouth.
22	1965	UK	70mph speed limit applied on rural roads and Motorways.
23	1970	USA	North Tower of World Trade Centre, Manhattan New York City topped out.
24	1777	Christmas Island	Discovered by James Cook.
25	1013 1066	England England	Sweyn Forkbeard became king. William I the Conqueror became king.
26	1870	Italy/France	Fréjus Rail Tunnel completed.
27	1831	UK	Charles Darwin started voyage on HMS Beagle from Plymouth.
28	1065	England	Westminster Abbey consecrated.
29	1940	UK	London Air Raid, 200 killed (WWII).
30	1919	UK	Lincoln's Inn, London, admitted first female bar students.
31	1907	USA	New Year's Eve Ball used for first time in Longacre Square (Times Square), New York

HOSM Local History Society (Archaeology Club)



Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Social Club, next door to the Village Hall, High Street.

Start time 7.00pm

Price £2.00

Last Month's Talk – 16 November

Steven Morley from Yorkshire Film Archive showed a number of excerpts from films/videos showing how the East Riding has changed, included footage of WWI, the Queens visit to Hull in 1941, Hull Fair and Hornsea Pottery.

To see these and many other films go to www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com

Future Meetings

14 Dec – Karen Adams – Children's Toys Found in Archaeology.

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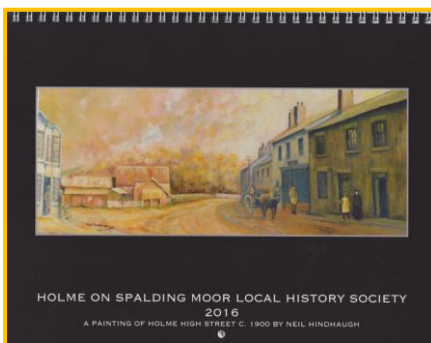
18 January - Waggoner's Memorial, Sledmere – *Dorothy Nott*

15 February - The Breweries and Inns of Pocklington – *Andrew Sefton*

21 March - Cromwell's Head – *Russell Marwood*

18 April - Mayors, Markets and Meanders in York – *Ron Christian*

HOSM Local History Society 2016 Calendar



HOSM Local History Society have produced a calendar for the second year running which has a variety of photographs of the village from past years, and also includes an interpretation of the High Street in the early 1900's by local artist Neil Hindhaugh (£8.95 + p&p).

There are also blank greetings cards available, again with Neil's interpretation of the High Street (DL size £1.50 per card + p&p)

If you would like to purchase calendars or cards please contact Neil at: neilhindaugh@msn.com

Picture This



Burnby Gardens, Pocklington

This picture shows part of the main lake where over 100 varieties of water lilies are grown (sorry not on the day this photo was taken).

The gardens and Museum are dedicated to the life of Major Percy Marlborough Stewart, who made 8 world tours between 1906 & 1926, bringing back with him many artefacts.

Do You Know Where This Is?



Answer in Issue 37

Just For Fun



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

Xmas Word Search

M	E	R	R	Y	A	B	D	N	N	S
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CARDS
MERRY CHRISTMAS
MINCE PIE
MISTLETOE
PRESENTS
SANTA
XMAS TREE

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Dates for Your Diary

2 Dec	ERAS Field Study Group	6 Jan	ERAS Field Study Group
8 Dec	Dr. Gill Chitty – Heritage at Risk, Tempest Anderson Hall, 7.30pm	11 Jan	PastSearch – Karen Adams Eboracum to York, 1.00pm (see advert p.11)
14 Dec	PastSearch – Karen Adams – Children's Toys Found in Archaeology, 1.00pm	18 Jan	HOSM Local History Society – Dorothy Nott – Waggoner's Memorial, Sledmere, 7.00pm
14 Dec	HOSM Local History Society – Karen Adams – Children's Toys Found in Archaeology, 7.00pm	19 Jan	North Duffield Local History Society – Eva Lambert – The Abbot's Staith and Warehouse, Selby, 7.00pm
16 Dec	ERAS Lecture – David MacLeod – Historic England over Yorkshire, University of Hull, 7.30pm	20 Jan	ERAS Lecture – David Cook – Early Fabric of Beverley to AD1700, University of Hull, 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



Find Colin on page 9

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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.

Archaeologists Unearth Ancient Tomb of Chinese Emperor and 7 Nobles Full of Riches



Read more at: <http://www.ancient-origins.net/news-history-archaeology/archaeologists-unearth-ancient-tomb-chinese-emperor-and-7-nobles-full-020609#ixzz3qgllnr6>

New Scans Show There Might Be a Hidden Room in King Tut's Tomb

“For years, archaeologists have searched Egypt’s Valley of the Kings for Nefertiti’s tomb. Now, new scans of King Tutankhamun's burial chamber support a recent theory that the boy-king’s tomb was originally meant for ancient Egypt’s most famous queen—and that her remains could lie just beyond King Tut’s.”

Read more at:
<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/new-scans-show-there-might-be-hidden-room-king-tuts-tomb-180957248/#9YTrEUdYv4fkysm3.99>

Refurb planned at Bettys Tea Rooms

YORK'S famous Bettys Tea Rooms are to close for almost three weeks in January for a major refurbishment - although customers will still be able to use the Oak Room downstairs.

Read more at:
www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/13934682.Refurb_planned_at_Bettys_Tea_Rooms/

A 2,000-Year-Old Greek Fortress Has Been Unearthed in Jerusalem



“For more than a decade, archeologists have been excavating a site in Jerusalem known as the Givati Parking Lot. This week they have finally confirmed what they discovered: A citadel and tower that solve "one of the great archaeological riddles in the history of Jerusalem." The site is believed to be a famous, 2,000-year-old Greek fortress, known as Acra, which played a key role in the Jewish revolts that inspired Hanukkah.”

Read more at:
<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/2000-year-old-greek-stronghold-jerusalem-past-has-been-unearthed-180957164/#8L06TlISpIfYiyG4.99>

Pop-up archaeology lab to open in York



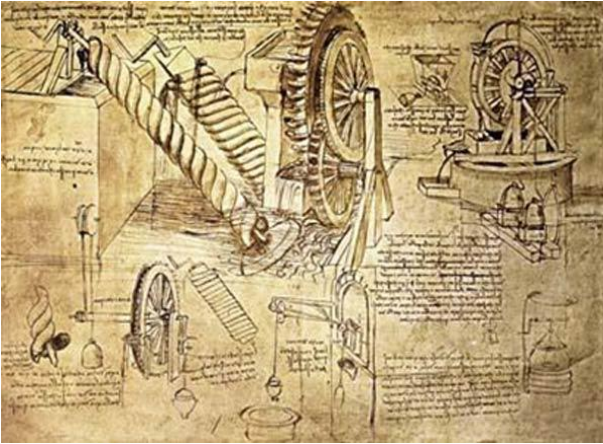
A FORMER leather specialist shop in York city centre is to be turned into a pop-up archaeology laboratory in the New Year.

Local residents and visitors will be able to see archaeologists' high tech methods of recording and interpreting sites, and analysing objects in detail, such as laser scanning, digital 3D modelling and microscopes.

Read more at:
www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14099688.Pop_up_archaeology_lab_to_open_in_York/

What's Been in the News (cont)

More than fifty ancient Greek inventions brought to life through incredible reconstructions



“A new museum dedicated to the advanced technological inventions of ancient Greek scientist Archimedes, has just opened up in Ancient Olympia, Greece.”

Read more at:

<http://www.ancient-origins.net/news-general/more-fifty-ancient-greek-inventions-brought-life-through-incredible-reconstructions#ixzz3qaxTOyCa>

Demolition well under way at Reynard's Garage in Piccadilly



“WORK has started to demolish a former garage in York.

Councillors voted to demolish Reynards Garage, in Piccadilly, back in September, despite pleas from the civic trust.

The garage was built in the 1920s and has been derelict for some time, leading to warnings from council staff about the poor condition of the building.”

Read more at:

www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14097796.PHOTOS_Demolition_well_under_way_at_former_plane_factory_in_York_city_centre/?ref=fbpg

Ancient fossil forest unearthed in Arctic Norway

“UK researchers have unearthed ancient fossil forests, thought to be partly responsible for one of the most dramatic shifts in Earth's climate in the past 400 million years.

The fossil forests, with tree stumps preserved in place, were found in Svalbard, a Norwegian archipelago situated in the Arctic Ocean. They were identified and described by Dr Chris Berry of Cardiff University's School of Earth and Ocean Science.”

Read more at:

www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/11/151119103544.htm?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook

Bid to turn historic York Red Tower into cafe wins cash boost



“AN AMBITIOUS project to restore an historic tower has received a £10,000 cash boost.

Plans to turn York's 15th Century Red Tower into a community kitchen, cafe and a space for activities were given a push in the right direction with the awarding of a Government grant.

The project, led by grassroots network The Incredible Movement (TIM) in York in partnership with City of York Council, is aiming to acquire the building on Foss Islands Road on a long lease from the council and transform the unused site.”

Read more at:

www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14106371.Bid_to_turn_York_tower_into_cafe_wins_cash_boost/

Archaeological Services

Free no obligation estimates available on request

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.

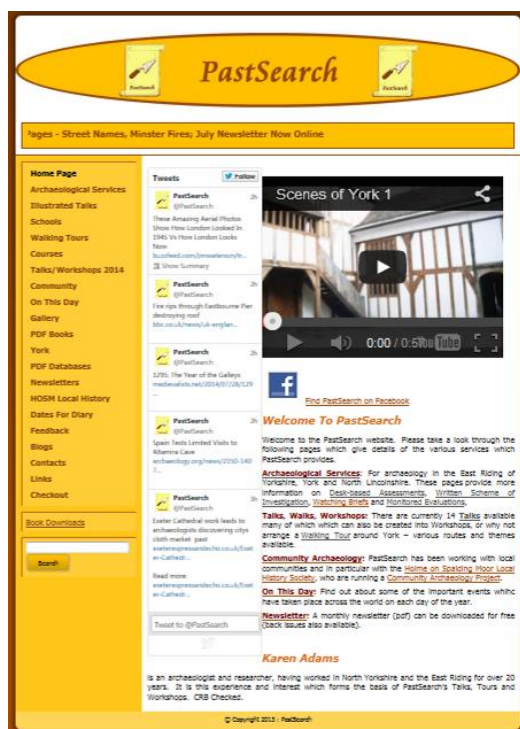
With nearly 30 years of local knowledge, *PastSearch* aims to provide a reliable and flexible service regarding small and medium sized projects, including private and commercial developments. We also aim to keep costs to the client at a reasonable rate whilst maintaining professional standards.

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For a price list and more information please email: archaeology-pastsearch@hotmail.co.uk or ring Karen on 07811 877 469.

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Presentations

Here are just three of the presentations on offer from *PastSearch*.



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.

For more details of
Presentations and Workshops
Go to

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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***



2016

11 Jan - Eboracum to York

8 Feb - Castles

14 Mar - Iron Age Settlements

11 Apr - Petuaria to Brough

1.00pm **£2.00**



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