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February Round Up



Whilst monitoring at a site in Arglam, a mill stone was uncovered, having been used as a garden feature, made of sandstone.



This month's talk at HOSM Social Club we looked at some of the castles, remains of which can still be found in East Yorkshire. These included Wressle, Cawood and Skipsea.

Latest Phone Scam

"FRAUDSTERS are claiming to be City of York Council in a new cold-calling scam in the city.

Victims have contacted City of York Council to report the callers, who claim to be phoning from the authority about an accident the victim has been involved in, and said some of the calls have been abusive.

A spokeswoman for the authority said the scammers are using technology to make the incoming call number appear to be 01904 551555, the contact number for the council's noise patrol team, and calls have been received in places such as Wakefield and Stroud.

Councillor David Carr, the council's executive member for housing and safer communities, said: "I would like to thank those who have informed us of these calls. Residents concerned about the validity of a call shouldn't give out any information and hang up. I'd like to reassure residents that our noise patrol team never cold call residents and we ask that residents report potential scams by calling 0345 4040506."

From York Press 16 Feb 2016

http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14278255.WARNING__Fake_council_workers_targeting_York_residents/?ref=mr&lp=16

Snippets from Arthur's Guide to York



BOOTHAM BAR, “which is the north gate into the city. The arch is Norman, built on the site of the Roman gateway. It suffered much in the Civil Wars from the Parliamentary canon, and was afterwards restored with the arms of the Commonwealth. The barbican was taken down in 1832, the portcullis still remains.”

Arthur's Guide to York c.1989

“Bootham Bar is the only bar to stand on the site of one of the original Roman gateways and was the principle entrance into the City from Scotland and the North West. It played a prominent part during the wars with Scotland.

Parts of the present structure date from the 12th century but some of the stone is almost certainly reused stone from the early Roman gate which had formerly stood on the site. The upper two storeys were added in the 14th century but have been subject to much adaption particularly in 1889 when a way through was provided for the public to gain access to the walls.

There are two outer bartizans, and unlike on any of the other Bars, also two inner bartizans. These were added during the 19th century reconstruction of the inner facade, presumably for aesthetic reasons.

The barbican was removed in 1832 when St. Leonard's Place was formed and at this time the Bar itself was saved from complete demolition as the result of a public outcry by the citizens of York.

Restoration work was carried out to the Bar in 1951 but substantial cracking and settlement began to occur in the 1960's and in 1969 the whole structure was underpinned by means of the insertion of 106 needle piles through the lower part of the structure.

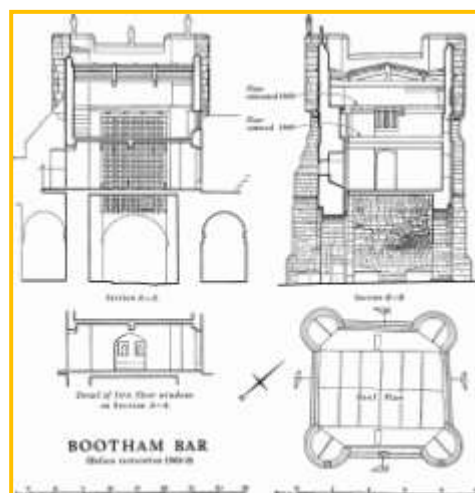
At this time also a system of stainless steel tie bars was incorporated within the walls to encircle the building at two floor levels. Both this and the system of piling are thought to have been used for the first time on any ancient monument in this country.

In the mid 1970's further serious cracking began to develop in the upper are of the Bar. A vibration study carried out suggested that the damage was being caused largely by sustained traffic vibration. The bartizans and parapets were subsequently reconstructed with further ring beam incorporated around the Bar at roof level, completed in 1978.”

The Bars & Walls, A Survey – City of York, R D Waterman. 1980



J Mullholland c. 1835



<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/rchme/york/vol2/pp108-138>

St David's Day & St. Patrick's Day

In March there are two saint's days which are celebrated here is a little information about each.



St. David's Day (1st March – Wales): St. David, patron saint of Wales, was a native of Wales. Although uncertain when he was born, tradition says he died 1st March 589 or 601, hence the date chosen to commemorate him.

It is thought he was born at Henvynyw in Cardiganshire, around 500AD and he became a teacher and preacher, founding monasteries and churches Wales, South-West England and Brittany. St David's Cathedral today stands on the monastic site he founded in the Glyn Rhosyn valley, Pembrokeshire.

One miracle associated with St. David occurred at Llanddewi Brefi whilst preaching to a large crowd. At the spot where he stood, the ground rose to form a small hill, and a white dove settled on his shoulder.

Monks at St. David's monasteries had to pull ploughs themselves, drink water and eat bread with salt and herbs, refraining from meat and beer, and the evenings were to be spent in prayer, reading and writing.

Local tradition also says that during a battle against the Saxons, David advised the Welsh to wear a leek in their hat or armour, so as to be distinguished from the Saxons. Therefore there leek is still worn on St David's Day.

Reference Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_David%27s_Cathedral <http://www.stdavidscathedral.org.uk/>



St. Patrick's Day (17th March – Ireland): Again the actual dates for St. Patrick are uncertain, however, tradition says he died on 17th March 461. Believed to have been born in Roman Britain c.385, his father was a deacon, and his grandfather a priest in the Christian church. He was kidnapped by Irish raiders at the age of 16 and taken back to Gaelic Ireland, where he spent six years as a shepherd. In his *Declaration* Patrick says God told him to flee to the coast where a ship would take him home. When he returned home he became a priest.

He later returned to Ireland to convert the Pagans to Christianity, spend many years in particular in the north.

The legend of him driving snakes out of Ireland is thought to be symbolic for efforts to drive out paganism, as it is understood that Ireland has never had any snakes.

It is said that St. Patrick used the Shamrock as an illustration of the Holy Trinity, hence the wearing of a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day.

The colour green has been associated with Ireland since the 1600's, particularly since the green harp flag was used by the Irish Catholic Confederation.

Blue can also be worn on St Patricks Day, as the Order of St Patrick adopted the colour in 1783.

Until the early 20th century St Patrick's Day crosses were also worn, made from paper, a Celtic Christian cross with coloured silk/ribbon and a rosette of green silk in the centre.

Reference Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Patrick%27s_Day

In This Month in History (March)

Below, 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	1873	USA	First practical typewriter produced by E Remington and Sons, Ilion, New York.
2	1791	France	Semaphore machine unveiled in Paris.
3	1938	UK	Mallard locomotive built in Doncaster.
4	1675 1913	England York	John Flamsteed appointed first Astronomer Royal. Women's Suffrage demonstration held in Central Hall of Exhibition Buildings.
5	1850	Wales	Britannia Bridge across Menai Strait opened.
6	1834	Canada	York became Toronto.
7	2009	USA	Kepler space observatory launched.
8	1911	Denmark	International Women's Day launched in Copenhagen by Clara Zetkin.
9	1500	Portugal	Fleet of Pedro Alvares Cabral left Lisbon for the Indies.
10	1876	USA	Alexander Graham Bell made first successful telephone call in Boston.
11	1864	UK	Dale Dyke Dam collapsed at Low Bradfield, Sheffield, causing flooding, 250 killed.
12	1913	Australia	New capital officially named Canberra, although still under construction.
13	1988	Japan	Seikan Tunnel opened.
14	1489	Cyprus	Queen Catherine Cornaro sold her kingdom to Venice.
15	44 BC	Roman Republic	Julius Caesar murdered.
16	1190	York	150 Jews massacred at York Castle (Clifford's Tower).
17	1959	Tibet	14 th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso fled to India.
18	978	England	Saint Edward the Martyr assassinated, aged about 16.
19	1918	USA	Time zones established.
20	1616	England	Sir Walter Raleigh freed from Tower of London after 13 years imprisonment.
21	867	York	King Osbert and King Ella were killed in battle against the Danes.
22	1765	GB/America	Stamp Act introduced to be levied on American Colonies.
23	1848	NZ	First Scottish settlers for Dunedin arrived at Port Chalmers on ship John Wickliffe. Otago province founded.
24	1707	GB	Acts of Union signed.
25	1807	British Empire	Slave Trade Act became law, abolishing slave trade.
26	1931	Switzerland	SwissAir Founded.
27	1306	Scotland	Coronation of Robert the Bruce at Scone Abbey, Perthshire.
28	1566	Malta	Foundation stone of Valletta laid by Jean Parisot de Valette.
29	1461	England	Battle of Towton (War of Roses).
30	1841	Greece	National Bank of Greece founded in Athens.
31	1889	France	Eiffel Tower officially opened.

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 – 15 February

Thanks to Andrew Sefton for an excellent talk on the Breweries and Inns of Pocklington. Also very interesting to see how the beck once ran above ground through the town and used by these breweries.

Future Meetings

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

16 May – The Woman who didn't Exist – *Clive & Kath Richardson*

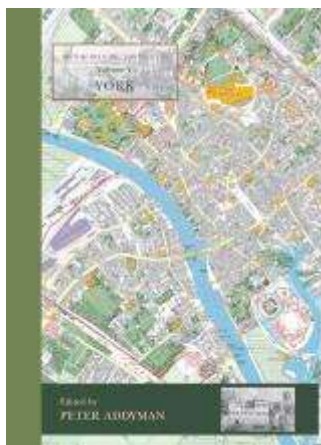
20 June – A Trip Around Beverley – *Paul Schofield*



18 July – Meeting at the Old School

Book Review

British Historic Towns Atlas, Vol 5, York – Edited by Peter Addyman



Ok this one is a little on the expensive side but if you are interested in the development of York and particularly through the archaeological work which has taken place over the past four decades, this is worth getting.

The A3 size 'wallet' contains a book (106 pages) with separate fold out plans of the city centre from Roman period to present, and images. Also included is a CD which has PDF versions of the maps.

If you have a history/archaeology or local interest book that you think everyone else should be reading please write a review and send to pastsearch@hotmail.com

Picture This



Waterways Museum Goole

Located at the Dutch River Side, this is one of the boats which can be explored at the museum, there are also boat trips and an exhibition of the use of the River Ouse in Goole.

For more info:

<http://www.waterwaysmuseum.org.uk/>

Do You Know Where This Is?



Answer in Issue 40

Just For Fun



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

Spot the Difference



Can you find the 5 differences between these two pictures of Walmgate Bar, York?

Answers on page 7

Dates for Your Diary

2 Mar	ERAS Field Study Group	1-2 Apr	Roman Finds Group – Finds from Roman York, Brigantia & Beyond. York University.
14 Mar	PastSearch – Karen Adams – Iron Age Settlements, 1.00pm (see advert p.12)	6 April	ERAS Field Study Group
15 Mar	North Duffield Local History Society – Ron Christian – Old York, 7.00pm	11 April	PastSearch – Karen Adams – Petuaria to Brough, 1.00pm (see advert p.12)
16 Mar	ERAS Lecture – Richard Lamb – Lead Smelting in Yorkshire Dales, University of Hull, 7.30pm	18 April	HOSM Local History Society – Ron Christian – Mayors, Markets & Meanders in York, 7.00pm
21 Mar	HOSM Local History Society – Russell Marwood – Cromwell's Head 7.00pm	19 April	North Duffield Local History Society – Lyn Hawthorne – Conservation of Escrick Park Estate, 7.00pm
		20 April	ERAS Lecture – Malcolm Lillie – Skeletal Remains from Turkey & the Ukraine, 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

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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.

York Railway Institute fighting possible demolition



“YORK Railway Institute is today launching a campaign to protect its sports facilities which could be knocked down to make way for the city centre 'teardrop' development.

RI president Frank Paterson said the club's buildings in Queen Street are under threat from the York Central plans, which might involve demolishing the Queen Street bridge.”

Read more at:

http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14248187.York_Railway_Institute_fighting_possible_demolition/

The astounding Bronze Age microscopic gold work from around Stonehenge



“Archaeologists have revealed the process utilized by highly-skilled craftsmen to create the magnificent gold artifacts that were found around Stonehenge.”

Read more at:

<http://www.ancient-origins.net/news-history-archaeology/archaeologists-reveal-bronze-age-microscopic-gold-work-around-1020400#ixzz3zH5AqJvC>

Archaeologists uncover underground church with scenes of the damned in Turkey



“An underground Orthodox church carved into rock in Turkey with scenes of Jesus rising into the sky and the killing of bad souls has been discovered—the first of its kind with such paintings, says the mayor of the town where the church was unearthed.”

Read more at:

<http://www.ancient-origins.net/news-history-archaeology/archaeologists-uncover-underground-church-scenes-damned-turkey-005311#ixzz3zSbRLoS6>

Lasers reveal 'lost' Roman roads



“Since 1998 the Environment Agency has used lasers to scan and map the English landscape from above to help with work such as flood modelling and tracking changing coastlines. But these LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) data are also publically available and have been used to help with everything from building virtual worlds to managing forests.”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/lasers-reveal-lost-roman-roads>

What's Been in the News (cont)

Badger Uncovers Bronze Age Burial Site Including Human Remains Near Stonehenge



"Objects dating from 2,200 to 2,000 BC were uncovered by the animal, including a bronze saw, a copper chisel, an archer's wrist guard and cremated human remains."

Read more at:

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2016/02/09/badger-uncovers-bronze-age-burial-stonehenge_n_9192810.html

Remains of 'extraordinary' Roman arcade found in Colchester



"Ruins of the 120-metre-long Roman arcade - the largest of its kind in Britain - discovered in Colchester beneath land intended for new apartments."

Read more at:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/earth/environment/archaeology/12150373/Remains-of-extraordinary-Roman-arcade-found-in-Colchester.html>

How 43 Giant, Crumbling Presidential Heads Ended Up in a Virginia Field



"In Croaker, Virginia stands a sight that would make just about anyone stop in their tracks. 43 ghostly effigies of presidents past crowd together in the tall grass. Some of the 18-to-20-foot busts have crumbling noses. Tear-like stains fall from the eyes of others."

Read more at:

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/what-43-decaying-president-heads-looks-180958129/#uLF5F7Q1JEpmi4sx.99>

Photographer captures remarkable images of disused RAF base near York



Read more at:

<http://www.yorkmix.com/life/history/raf-church-fenton-as-youve-never-seen-it/>

What's Been in the News (cont)

Ancient 30-foot well found under York office



“REPAIR workers at a flood-hit security company in York have discovered a 30-foot well.

Eboracum Security's offices in Franklin's Yard off Fossgate, was badly damaged during the recent flooding, and work has begun to repair the floor and walls in the building.”

Read more at:

http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14277507.Ancient_30_foot_well_found_under_York_office/

Bronze Age wheel at 'British Pompeii' Must Farm an 'unprecedented find'



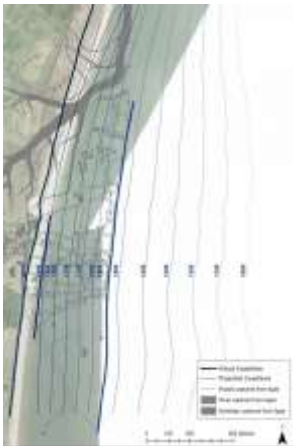
“A complete Bronze Age wheel believed to be the largest and earliest of its kind found in the UK has been unearthed.

The 3,000-year-old artefact was found at a site dubbed "Britain's Pompeii", at Must Farm in Cambridgeshire.”

Read more at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-35598578>

How climate change destroyed Britain's 'Atlantis'



“Professor David Sear from the University of Southampton took sonar readings of the ruins of an old city destroyed by climate change off the coast of Dunwich, England.”

Read more at:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2016/02/23/how-climate-change-destroyed-britains-atlantis/?hpid=hp_no-name_morning-mix-story-c-duplicate%3Ahomepage%2Fstory

Humber fort that defended estuary from German attack listed for sale



“For anyone in search of sea views and an ambitious fix-up project, a historic first world war fort may just tick the box.

Certainly neighbours will not be a problem for the buyer of Haile Sand fort, located in the Humber off the coast near Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire. Indeed, the new owner will require a boat to reach it.”

Read more at:

<http://www.theguardian.com/money/2016/feb/2/2/haile-sand-fort-humber-coast-for-sale-renovation>

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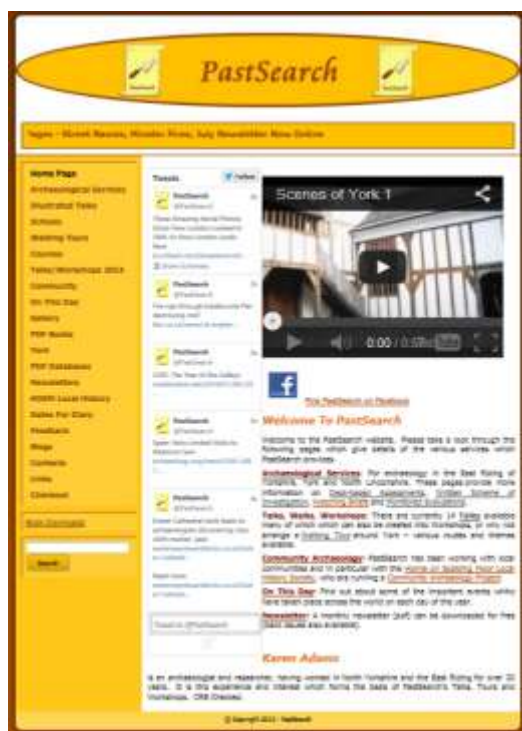
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The Romans
The Vikings
The Normans
The Medieval Period
Archaeology Along the A63
York Trials and Executions
Lendal Bridge
Clues Above the Eyleine
Clues at Foot Level
York Historians
Bottles
Toys
Moated Sites
Castles
Petuaria to Brough

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 30 years and CRB checked.

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



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8 Feb - Castles

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11 Apr - Petuaria to Brough

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