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March Round Up

It's been a quite month for site work, but this has allowed time for getting other jobs done such as archiving and creating new talks.



This month's talk at HOSM Social Club we looked at some of the Iron Age settlements which have been discovered in the East Yorkshire, including Wetwang, Melton, North Cave, and the most recently reported activity in Pocklington (see also Press Release p.5).

St George's Day – 23 April



St. George was born between 275 and 281. According to legend, he was a Roman soldier, becoming an Tribunus (officer), his father had also served in the Roman army.

On 24 February 303 Emperor Diocletian issued an edict that all Christian soldiers should be arrested. George objected this edict and proclaimed himself a Christian. Diocletian tried to persuade George to convert with gifts of money, land and slaves, and have him make an offering to the Roman gods. George, however, refused and was he was sentenced to execution.

Before his execution, George gave away his wealth to the poor. He was tortured and then beheaded on 23 April 303.

St. George and the Dragon was a legend brought back to England with the Crusaders, and of Eastern Orthodox origin.

Reference: Wikipedia.

Snippets from Arthur's Guide to York

THE MINSTER: originated from the small wooden church erected by Edwin of Northumbria for Paulinus. Immediately after, as Bede tells, the same King began a larger building in stone on the same site. This was destroyed by fire at the time of the invasion in 1068, when Archbishop Thomas, the first Norman Archbishop, rebuilt it (1070-1100). This building also was destroyed by fire in 1137, and rebuilt by Archbishop Roger (1154-1181). The present Cathedral began under Archbishop Walter-de-Grey (1215-1255), and the work was continued by Roger Romanus, Archbishop Thoresby and others, till completed in 1472, when it was consecrated by Archbishop Neville, from which time the fabric has remained about the same as we see it. It has twice suffered by fire during the present century. Jonathan Martin, a person proved to be insane, concealed himself and fired it on the 2nd February, 1829, when by a national subscription it was restored at a cost of £65,000. Eight years after this, by the carelessness of some workmen, it was again fired and cost £23,000 to restore. Since then, chiefly by the exertions and cost of the Hon. and Rev, Augustus Duncombe, the late Dean, many improvements have been made, and old property pulled down to open out the view of the buildings, which resulted in the handsome Duncombe Street.

Daily service is held in the Minster – morning, from 10 till 11; evening, 4.30 till 5; also 7.15 in the Nave during winter Sunday evenings.

The total length of the building is 519 ft.; length of Transept, 249 ft.; breadth of Nave, 139½ ft.; Choir, 129 ft.; Chapter House, 99 ft.; height of Central Tower, 199 ft.; Western Towers, 201 ft.; Windows West, height 54¼ ft., breadth, 25¼ ft.; Five Sisters, height, 53½ ft., breadth of each 5 ft.; East Window, height 76¾ ft., breadth 31¾ ft. This is said to be the largest glazed window in the world.

In the height of the roofs, nave and choir, York is the first of English Cathedrals, while the dignity and massive grandeur of the whole building delights the most indifferent spectator. The West Front is allowed to be more architecturally perfect in its composition and detail than any other English Cathedral. The lower part is in the Decorated English style, the higher in the Perpendicular. The lower has three divisions separated by buttresses enriched with niches and pannellings. The great West Entrance consists of a deeply recessed arch of exquisite mouldings, and figures showing the history of Adam and Eve. The lower part, including the doorway and windows, are grand examples of early decorated Work, being completed about 1350, while the Western Towers were not completed till a century later. As Decorated Work these West Windows stand unrivalled.

The SOUTH SIDE, though chaste, is not without splendid decorations. The SOUTH TRANSEPT (1227) opposite Stonegate, is the principal entrance, though inferior to the west entrance: its great feature is the magnificent rose window measuring 30 ft. in diameter. The small buildings are the Vestry and Record Room, which form part of the CHANTRY CHAPEL belonging to the fourteenth century. Proceeding on to the great East Window, in the frieze which you see under it are seventeen busts, the first that of Edward III., the last Archbishop Thorseby. To the north stands the octagonal CHAPTER HOUSE, with magnificent decorated windows and buttresses, showing the best marks of that style. Enter the gate, you are within the Minster garden, containing the Library, the DEAN's residence and the house of the Canon Residentiary. The Library is open every Monday and Wednesday from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M., every Saturday from 2 to 4 P.M. Past the Chapter House is the window of the FIVE SISTERS, opposite which are the ruins of the house once occupied by CARDINAL WOLSEY. Leaving the garden, enter the Minster by the south door, opposite you is the Five Sisters, to which you pass under the great Lantern, The SCREEN, CHOIR and ORGAN on your right hand, the NAVE and AISLES on your left. Decorations and monuments will meet you on every side. Parts to be seen – the great East Window (1405-1408) by John Thornton Coventry; the South Aisle and Vestries, in which will be found many interesting relics; the LADY CHAPEL (1398-1405); the North Aisle; the CRYPT, one of the most interesting parts of the Cathedral; Record Room, Treasury and Vestry; the Choir, Organ, Screen and Chancel, North Transept and Chapter House, then the Nave and its Aisles, and the South Transept. One of the vergers will show visitors over the building at a charge of sixpence.

The CENTRAL TOWER (1400-1444) is ascended by 273 steps, the view from which is exquisitely grand. Immediately under you stand the Exhibition, the Training College, the City with the Castle and church towers and spires; looking towards the west, the Museum Gardens, the silver Ouse, the crystal crowned Railway Station; to the north the York Wolds, anciently the Forest of Galtres, and the Hambledon Hills; to the south, Bishopthorpe Palace, the windings of the Ouse, and a hundred other objects.

Arthur's Guide to York c.1989

Clay Tablet with Linear B Script Found in Knossos



A Linear B tablet from Knossos recording precious metal vessels in the shape of bull's heads and cups, around 1375-1350 BC.
(Sir Arthur Evans.ashmus)

A large cache of clay tablets were discovered during excavations at Knossos, Crete by Sir Arthur Evans on 5 April 1900. On them was a form of writing known as Linear B.

They measured 4.5cm (1.8") to 19.5 (7.7") long and 1.2cm (0.47") to 7.2cm (2.8") wide, scored with horizontal lines, along which the characters were written. Unfortunately some had been damaged by rainfall and discarded by workmen, not recognising their importance.

Over the following years excavations continued at Knossos, along with the work of deciphering this newly discovered script.

In 1909 'Scripta Minoa' was published, outlining the differences of Linear A and Linear B scripts.

The Ashmolean Museum is in the process of digitising the Archives of Sir Arthur Evan's Knossos Excavations, including photographs, drawing and diaries from 1900-1931. Also purchases made by him during his time as the Keeper of the Museum (1884-1908). The website (see references below) currently lists many of these items, but they hope to make it fully interactive and searchable.

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(Wikipedia)

Linear B is descended from Linear A, and is thought to be dated as early as 1450BC, predating the Greek alphabet by several centuries.

Other examples have also been found at Pylos, Thebes, Cydonia and Mycenae.

There are approx. 87 syllabic signs and over 100 ideographic signs (the table on the left shows some of these)

References: <http://sirarthurevans.ashmus.ox.ac.uk/collection/linearb/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linear_B#Discovery_and_decipherment

In This Month in History (April)

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	1871	UK	First part of Brill Tramway opened in Buckinghamshire.
2	1962	UK	First official “Panda Crossing” opened outside Waterloo Station, London.
3	1860	USA	First successful pony-express from St Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California began.
4	2008	York	Minster became first cathedral to have a carillon of bells.
5	1722	Easter Island	Discovered by Jacob Roggeveen.
6	1957	Greece	Olympic Airways founded.
7	1739 1827	York UK	John Palmer <i>alias</i> Richard Turpin was executed at Tyburn Gallows. First Friction Match sold by inventor John Walker.
8	1904	USA	Longacre Square renamed Times Square in Midtown Manhattan, New York.
9	1605 1769	Finland York	Oulu founded by Charles IX of Sweden. The “York Theatre” was opened as “The Theatre Royal”.
10	1912	UK	Titanic left Southampton on her maiden voyage.
11	1775	Germany	Last execution for witchcraft.
12	627	York	Edwin and his two sons, Osfrid and Edrid, baptised at the site of the Minster.
13	1613 1885	America York	Samuel Argall captured Pocahontas in Passapatanzy, Virginia, as ransom for English prisoners. Statue of George Leeman, Leeman Road, unveiled.
14	1775	America	Society for the Relief of Free Negroes Unlawfully Held in Bondage established in Philadelphia.
15	1775	North Atlantic	RMS Titanic sank, 1,517 killed.
16	73	Israel	Jewish fortress, Masada, fell to Romans (Great Jewish Revolt).
17	1897	USA	UFO incident in Aurora, Texas.
18	1738	Spain	Royal Academy of History founded in Madrid.
19	1855	UK	Napoleon III visited the Guildhall, London.
20	1964	UK	BBC2 launched.
21	753BC	Rome	Founded by Romulus and Remus (traditional date).
22	1644	York	Siege of York started, it lasted until 1 July.
23	1343	Estonia	St. George’s Night Uprising began.
24	1885	USA	Annie Oakley hired as part of Buffalo Bill’s Wild West.
25	1859	Egypt	Work on Suez Canal started.
26	1865	USA	John Wilkes Booth killed by Union Cavalry Troopers.
27	1570	England	Elizabeth I excommunicated by Pope Pius V.
28	1789	South Pacific	Mutiny on the Bounty.
29	1942	York	Baedeker Blitz – German bombers hit York (WWII).
30	1900	USA	Jonathan Luther ‘Casey’ Jones died in train crash.

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 – 21 March



Thanks to Russell Marwood & Gary for their talk on the 'Strange Case of Oliver Cromwell's Head', and describing the equipment used during the English Civil War.

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

Press Release

A photographer visited the Archaeology Talks meeting on 14 March 2016, submitted this little article on the Goole Times.



Local archaeology enthusiasts were transported back in time on Monday, March 14 when a lady from an East Yorkshire-based business gave a talk on local Iron Age settlements in Holme-on-Spalding-Moor.

Karen Adams, of 'PastSearch,' spoke to the audience about historic sites in the village, along with others in Melton, North Cave, Pocklington, Welham Bridge and more.

Her 70-minute talk covered Iron Age industry, transport, farming and burials amongst other subjects, and featured a range of slides showing examples of covered pottery, weaving, glass beads and weapons.

The talk was attended by people from across

the region, including Goole, Gilberdyke and as far as York.

PastSearch is a local archaeology business which covers York, the East Riding of Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire.

Karen, who created PastSearch, is originally from York, and created the business after moving to East Yorkshire in 2001.

For more information on PastSearch, you can visit their website at pastsearch-archaeo-history.co.uk.

Pictured is Karen Adams (centre, front) with the audience at her talk in Holme-on-Spalding-Moor. (17-03-78 GT)

Picture This



King's Square

This photograph shows Holy Trinity (Christ) Church which stood in King's Square.

Originally of 13thC date, it had been reduced several times during the course of its history, and almost totally rebuilt in 19thC, until it was removed completely in 1937.

In 2013, during the repaving programme an archaeological excavation revealed parts of the early foundations.

Do You Know What This Is?



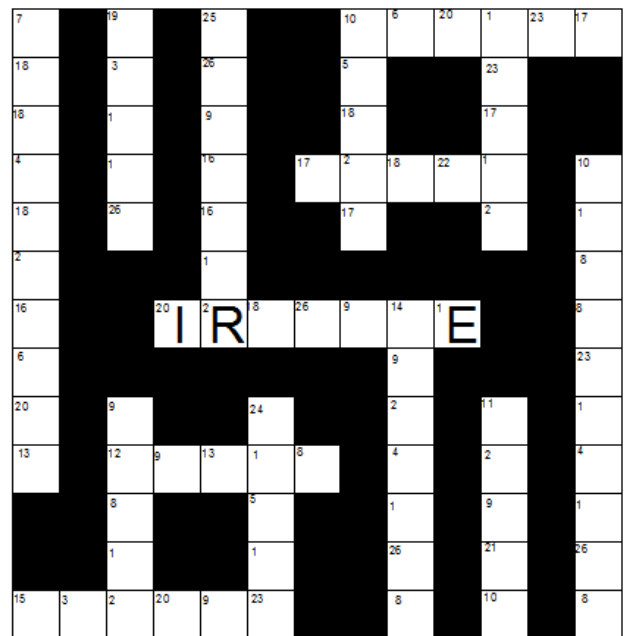
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Just For Fun



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

Alphabet Cracker



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Dates for Your Diary

1-30 Apr	World War I Painting Exhibition – York Art Gallery.	1-31 May	World War I Painting Exhibition – York Art Gallery.
6 April	ERAS Field Study Group	4 May	ERAS Field Study Group
11 April	PastSearch – Karen Adams – Petuaria to Brough, 1.00pm (see advert p.11)		PastSearch – Karen Adams – Petuaria to Brough, 1.00pm (see advert p.12)
18 April	HOSM Local History Society – Ron Christian – Mayors, Markets & Meanders in York, 7.00pm	16 May	HOSM Local History Society – Clive & Kath Richardson – The Woman Who Didn't Exist, 7.00pm
19 April	North Duffield Local History Society – Lyn Hawthorne – Conservation of Escrick Park Estate, 7.00pm	17 May	Yorkshire Philosophical Society - Excavations on the site of Former All Saints Church, Peaseholme, York
20 April	ERAS Lecture – Malcolm Lillie – Skeletal Remains from Turkey & the Ukraine, University of Hull, 7.30pm	28 May	Southburn Museum – Open Day, 10.00am-4.00pm

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.

Joan of Arc ring returns to France after auction sale



“A medieval ring said to have belonged to Joan of Arc, the French heroine who fought the English during the 15th Century, has returned to France after nearly 600 years in England.”

Read more at: www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-35728604

New Piece of a 2,200-Year-Old Roman Puzzle Emerges, Bringing Together Ancient Map of Rome



“One ancient map – the Forma Urbis Romae – has been a mystery for years, serving as a complex jigsaw as researchers continue to uncover various pieces of the puzzle, including a recently discovered fragment that has just been reunited with the other existing pieces.”

Read more at: www.ancient-origins.net/news-history-archaeology/new-piece-2200-year-old-roman-puzzle-emerges-bringing-together-ancient-map-020760#sthash.lqloAkNb.dpuf

The Magical Tale of Mother Shipton: A Cave of Stories and Secrets



“According to legend, one of the most famous mystical women of England was born in a cave in Knaresborough, Yorkshire. The place of her birth continues to be the famous site of stories connected with witches.”

Read more at: <http://www.ancient-origins.net/unexplained-phenomena/magical-tale-mother-shipton-cave-stories-and-secrets-005528#sthash.WIKmWOxl.dpuf>

Amazing virtual tour reveals every corner of historic York Mansion House – even the Lord Mayor's bathroom!



“A remarkable virtual tour of York Mansion House has just gone live. And it gives everyone an “access all areas” pass to all the rooms visitors never see”

Read more at: <http://www.yorkmix.com/life/history/amazing-virtual-tour-reveals-every-corner-of-historic-york-mansion-house-even-the-lord-mayors-bathroom/>

What's Been in the News (cont)

Pioneering Women in Archaeology



A look at some of the women from the early days of Archaeology.

Read more at:

<http://digventures.com/2015/03/pioneering-women-in-archaeology/>

Galloway Viking treasure pot's contents revealed after more than 1,000 years



“Conservators have released images of the contents of a pot of Viking treasure more than 1,000 years after it was buried in a field in Galloway.

Items inside include six silver Anglo-Saxon disc brooches, a gold ingot and Byzantium silk.”

Read more at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-35871538>

Major Iron Age discovery made during housing development at Pocklington



“ONE of the largest and most significant Iron Age discoveries of recent times has been made during a housing development in Pocklington.

The Iron Age settlement, which dates back as far as 800 BC to 00 AD, was discovered on the site of David Wilson Homes' Pavilion Square scheme.

Items found during an archaeological dig include a sword, a shield and 10 spears, along with more than 360 amber and glass beads, brooches and ancient pots.”

Read more at:

http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14348954.Major_Iron_Age_discovery_made_during_housing_development_at_Pocklington/

Ancient finds to stay in town?



“Important Iron Age discoveries unearthed during an archaeological dig in Pocklington could go on display in the town.

A total of 160 skeletons, along with a sword and jewellery, have been uncovered during the dig at the recently discovered burial site on Burnby Lane.”

Read more at:

www.pocklingtonpost.co.uk/news/local/ancient-finds-to-stay-in-town-1-7765584#ixzz42CPaERVk

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.

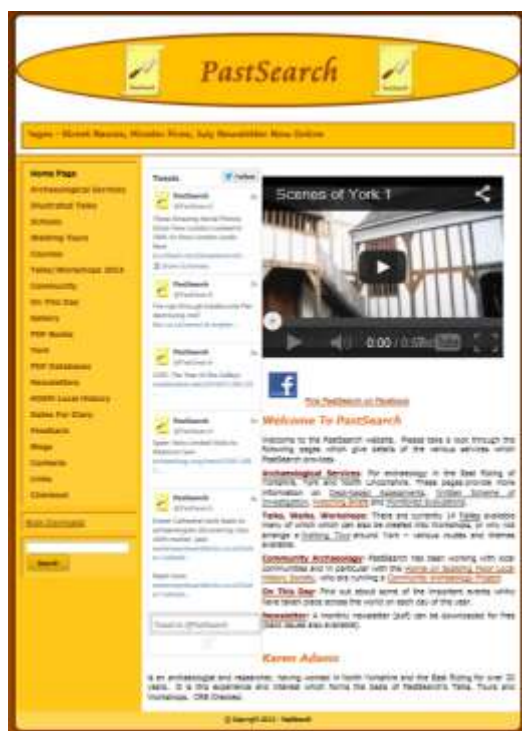
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Presentations

There are now 19 presentations available:

Eboracum to York
Walking Around the Walls
Day in the Life of an Archaeologist
The Iron Age
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.

**For more details of
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Afternoon History/Archaeology Talks



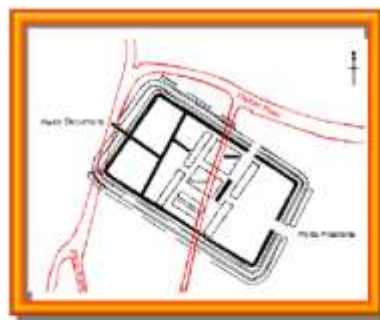
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9 May – The Archaeologist

13 June – Fires of York Minster

11 July – Archaeological Festival
– PastSearch 2015 Sites

8 Aug – Clifford's Tower

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