



PastSearch Newsletter



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July Round Up

Fairly quite this month for site work, just one at Skerne, just outside Driffield, a ditch was encountered, possible of Roman date.

Reports writing continues and archive research for the Desk-Based Assessment in Cottingham area.

This month's talk at HOSM Social Club, was a round-up of 2017 sites undertaken by PastSearch, a total of 10, from Sheriff Hutton, York, Goodmanham area, Seaton Ross, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Newland and Hull. (*This talk is now available as a bookable presentation*).

PastSearch Talks at HOSM Social Club

Unfortunately, due to archaeological site and report writing commitments, the PastSearch Talks given by Karen Adams at HOSM Social Club each month, will not continue after August 2018.

It is hoped that mini workshops and courses can be arranged in 2019. The monthly newsletter will still be produced and emailed to all on the mailing list.

Thank you to everyone who has attended these talks over the past three years.

Thank you also to HOSM Social Club for the use of their venue and to Ann and Elizabeth for their assistance in preparing refreshments for the attendees.

If you have any suggestions for these workshops, please contact Karen at pastsearch@hotmail.com

Notice about workshops and courses will be sent out again via email.

I look forward to seeing you again in 2019.

Historical Account of Navigable River, Canals and Railways of Great Britain

ADUR RIVER

47 George III. Cap. 117, Royal Assent 13th August, 1807

The Adur River rises about four miles from Horsham Sussex, at a distance of thirty-six miles from the Metropolis, and takes a south-easterly course by West Grinstead, and the Baybridge Canal, to Brines Bridge, to which place it was rendered navigable for barges drawing 4 feet water, by an act, entitled, '*An Act for improving the Navigation of a certain part of the River Adur, and for the better draining the Lowlands lying in the Levels above Beeding-bridge, and below Mock-bridge ad Bines-bridge, all in the county of Sussex.*'

From the Baybridge Canal, at Bines-bridge, the river takes a southerly course, passing about a mile to the east of the town of Steyning, from thence to New Shoreham; when, passing to the south of the town, it takes an easterly course running parallel with the shore of the English Channel, until it falls into the same at Shoreham Harbour, a distance of about fourteen miles from Bines-bridge.

This river was a very imperfect tideway navigation, previous to the passing of this act, but it is now made navigable for barges drawing 4 feet, although the act only authorizes the trustees, for carrying the same into execution, to make it a 3 feet navigation. Seventy-nine trustees, together with the commissioners of sewers of the Rape of Bramber, were appointed to carry the act into execution. The qualification was the possession of a clear annual rental of £50, or a personal estate of £1,000.

The funds for carrying on the works for the improvement of this navigation and drainage, were raised by an assessment of two shillings per acre on all lands lying in the level above Beeding-bridge, during the years 1807, 1808, and 1809, under the authority of an act of the 23rd of Henry VIII. and after that sum as the trustees and commissioners shall deem necessary. They are also empowered to borrow money on security of the tolls, rates, &c.

TONNAGE RATES

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Between Shoreham Bridge and Beeding Bridge, all goods, Wares or Merchandize.....	1/4 per Ton.	
Between Shoreham Bridge and the End of the Navigation at Binesbridge, for Chalk, Dung, Mould, Soil, Compost or other Articles (except Lime) to be used for the manuring of Land.....	1/2 ditto,	per Mile.
For all other Goods, Wares, Commodities or Merchandize...	1 ditto,	ditto.
<i>The River is free of Toll from Shoreham Harbour to Shoreham Bridge.</i>		

Navigable Rivers, Canals, and Railways of Great Britain, J. Priestley 1831

References used:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aberdeenshire_Canal

Google Earth

Foundation Stone of Royal Greenwich Observatory Laid

In 1675 Charles II appointed a Royal Commission to consider investigating astronomy. One member of this Royal Commission was Sir Christopher Wren, best known as an architect but had also been a professor of astronomy at Oxford. On 4 March they reported to the king and recommended that an observatory be built and an astronomer be appointed. Charles II called for immediate action and John Flamsteed was appointed 'astronomical observator'.

Christopher Wren suggested using the ruins of Greenwich Castle for the site of the observatory, it had the advantage of solid foundations from the old castle and was located on high ground in a Royal Park. He was also to design the building.

At 3.14pm on 10 August 1675 the foundation stone was laid by John Flamsteed, and on 10 July 1676 the building was ready for him to move into with his two servants to begin observations. The total cost for construction was only £520, recycled materials being used.

John Flamsteed lived in the house for 40 years, making over 50,000 observations of the moon and stars from a nearby building. The house was to become known as Flamsteed House and was extended and further buildings were added to the site for new and bigger equipment.

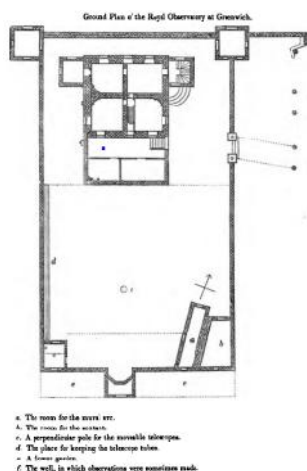
In 1818 the Royal Observatory transferred to the Royal Admiralty and extended further again.



Wikipedia – Greenwich Observatory illustrated on Doppelmayr's map c. 1730.



Wikipedia – Flamsteed House in 1824



"The next thing to be thought of was a place to fix in. Several proposed; as Hyde Park and Chelsea College. I went to view the ruins of this latter, and judged it my serve the turn: and the better, because it was near the Court. Sir Jonas rather inclined to Hyde Park: but, Sir Christopher Wren mentioning Greenwich Hill, it was resolved on. The King allowed 520l. in money; with bricks from Tilbury Fort, where there was a spare stock; and some wood, iron and lead from a gatehouse demolished in the Tower; and encouraged us further with a promise of affording what more should be requisite. In July following, I removed to Greenwich, to have an eye upon the workmen. The foundation was laid August 10, 1675; and the work carried on so well that the roof was laid, and the building covered, by Christmas."

Rev. John Flamsteed.

References used:

<http://www.rmg.co.uk/about/history/royal-observatory/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Observatory,_Greenwich

Bailey, F., 1835 – An Account of the Rev. John Flamsteed, The First Astronomer Royal Compiled from his Own Manuscripts and Other Authentic Documents, Never Before Published

This Month in History (August)

Below, is at least one event for each day of this month from around the world.

Links for more information about each of these events can be found by visiting the relevant page on the *PastSearch* website.

You can also find out about other events which have happened in history for each day of the year.

Start your search by using this link: <http://pastsearch-archaeo-history.co.uk/on-this-day/>

Date	Year	Country	Event
1	1774	GB	Joseph Priestley discovered Oxygen gas.
2	1990	Kuwait	Gulf War began.
3	1778	Italy	Theatre La Scala opened.
4	1947	Japan	Supreme Court established.
5	1583	Canada	First English colony established by Sir Humphrey Gilbert (St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador).
6	1845	Russia	Geographical Society founded in Saint Petersburg.
7	117	Roman Empire	Emperor Trajan died of Stroke, aged 63.
8	2000	USA	Submarine HL Hunley raised after 136 years on ocean floor.
9	1945	Japan	US dropped atomic bomb on Nagasaki, 39,000 killed (WWII).
10	1793	France	Musée du Louvre officially opened.
11	1858	Switzerland	Charles Barrington, Christian Almer and Peter Bohren, first to climb the Eiger.
12	1851	USA	Isaac Singer granted patent for sewing machine.
13	1521	Aztec Empire	Spanish Conquest ended.
14	1947	Pakistan	Independence from UK.
15	1947	India	Independence from UK.
16	1819	UK	Cavalry charged at public meeting, St. Peter's Field, Manchester, 17 killed.
17	1807	York	Roman Vault discovered by workmen near Micklegate Bar.
18	1917	Greece	Great Fire in Thessaloniki.
19	1561	Scotland	Mary Queen of Scots returned from France.
20	1882	Russia	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture first performed in Moscow.
21	1911	France	Mona Lisa stolen from Louvre by Vincenzo Peruggia.
22	1485	England	Battle of Bosworth Field (War of the Roses).
23	1921	UK	Airship R38 crashed in Humber Estuary, 45 killed.
24	1857	USA	Economic panic started.
25	1755	York	Grandstand at racecourse, designed by John Carr, opened.
26	1883	Indonesia	Eruption of Krakatoa began.
27	1927	Canada	The Famous Five petitioned against British North American Act.
28	1789	GB	Enceladus (Saturn Moon) discovered by William Herschel.
29	2005	USA	Hurricane Katrina hit.
30	1945	Hong Kong	Liberated by British forces (WWII).
31	1314	Norway	Oslo replaced Bergen as capital.

British Monarchs – Harold II



Name: King Harold II

Born: c.1020

Parents: Godwin, Earl of Wessex, and Gytha of Denmark

House of: Wessex

Ascended to the throne: January 5, 1066

Crowned: January 6, 1066 at Westminster Abbey, aged c.43

Married: (1) Eadgyth (Swan-neck), Daughter of Earl of Mercia (2) Ealdyth widow of Gruffydd ap Llywelyn

Children: 1 or 2 sons and several illegitimate children

Died: October 14, 1066 at Senlac Abbey, Sussex, of wounds following the Battle of Hastings

Buried at: Pevensey reburied Waltham Abbey

Reigned for: 9 months, and 8 days

Succeeded by: Edgar the Æthling, and then Edward the Confessor's 2nd cousin William of Normandy

On the death of Edward the Confessor, Harold Godwinson was elected king and crowned Harold II. However William of Normandy claimed that he had been promised the English throne and on hearing that Harold had been crowned king, prepared to invade England to claim the throne.

Meanwhile, however, Harold's brother Tostig had joined the king of Norway, Harald Hardrada, in invading Northumbria. The battles of Fulford (20 September 1066) and Stamford Bridge (25 September 1066) were fought.

Only three days later William had landed at Pevensey, Sussex, and now Harold and his army had to quickly march south to face this new challenger. The Battle of Hastings took place on 14 October 1066 and Harold's army, most likely exhausted from the previous fighting and long march, was defeated and Harold himself killed in the battle.

Harold II was the last Anglo-Saxon king of England, 15 year-old Edgar the Aethling was elected as the next Anglo-Saxon King. However, he was not crowned, and 'reigned' from 15 October to 10 December 1066 when William entered London and declared himself king. Edgar being forced to submit to William of Normandy at Berkhamstead Castle in Hertfordshire.

References used:

<https://www.britroyals.com/kings.asp?id=harold2>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harold_Godwinson

HOSM Local History Society



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

2018

20 Aug – HOSM Community Archaeology Project Update – *Karen Adams & AGM*

17 Sept – Enigma – *Phil Judkins*

Last Month's Talk – 16 June

The group visited Bielby church.

Picture This



Rose Theatre

The temporary theatre and 'Shakespeare Village' at the base of Clifford's Tower, where a number of Shakespeare's plays can be seen until 2 September 2018.

Do You Know Where This Is?



Answer in Issue 69

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



There are 5 difference in these photos of Cawood Castle, taken in 1987, can you spot them?

Answers on page 7

Dates for Your Diary

1-31 Aug	Shakespear's Village & Rose Theatre performances.	1-2 Sept	Shakespear's Village & Rose Theatre performances.
13 Aug	PastSearch – Karen Adams – The Forest of Galtres, 1.00pm (see advert p.12)	15 Sept	Southburn Archaeological Museum Open Day. 10am-4pm
20 Aug	HOSM History Society – Community Archaeology Project Update – Karen Adams, and AGM	17 Sept	HOSM History Society – Enigma – Phil Judkins

If you have an event you would like to include in Dates for Your Diary, please send to Karen at pastsearch@hotmail.com

Just For Fun Answers



Find Colin on page 3



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.

Glen Garage to close after 70 years in business



"ONE of York's best known garages is to close next month after 70 years in business."

Read more at:

www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/16354093.glen-garage-to-close-after-70-years-in-business/

Construction on Rome's Newest Subway Line Is Revealing a Trove of Ancient Treasures



"Archaeologists have unearthed 2,000-year-old barracks, a military commander's home and thousands of artifacts."

Read more at:

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/construction-romes-newest-subway-line-revealing-trove-ancient-treasures-180969729/#szow0wi06IXaHBQg.99>

Iron Age village found near roundabout on York ring road



"A prehistoric settlement believed to date back 2,500 years has been unearthed on the ring road in York."

City of York Council and York Archaeological Trust made the find during works at Wetherby Road roundabout."

Read more at:

www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-york-north-yorkshire-44903157?SThisFB

Shipwrecks at Tankerton and Camber Sands to be protected



"An "incredible" Tudor shipwreck, found on Kent mudflats by a local history and archaeology group, will be protected."

Read more at:

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-44838683

Visit the PastSearch Website



Have you visited the *PastSearch Website*?

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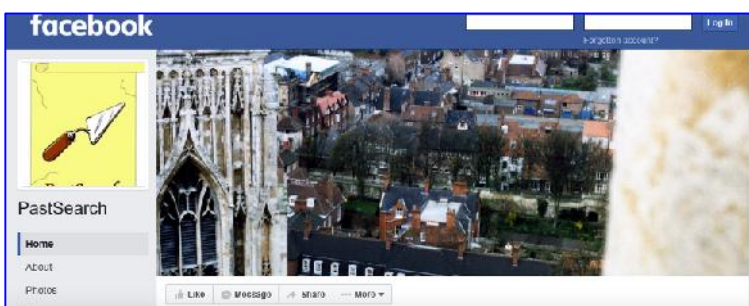
There are also reports, newsletters and other pdf files to download for free.

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Archaeological Services

The screenshot shows the 'PastSearch' website. At the top, a yellow banner contains the 'PastSearch' logo, which consists of a stylized pickaxe and the word 'PastSearch'. Below the banner, a yellow bar says 'Download the latest Newsletter for FREE!'. On the left, a vertical navigation menu lists: Home Page, About, PDF Books, Archaeological Services (with sub-items: Estimates, WSI, DBA, Watching Brief, Trial Trenches, Evaluation), PDF Databases, Illustrated Talks, Videos, Archaeological Reports, Courses, Schools, Walking Tours, Community, Events, York, Downloads, Newsletters, On This Day, HOSM History Society, Gallery, and Dates For Diary. The main content area is titled 'Archaeological Services' and features three photographs of archaeological sites. Below the photos, it states 'Free no obligation estimates available on request'. The text describes PastSearch as an independent business based in Holme-upon-Spalding Moor, offering services for small and medium-sized projects. It lists services from 'Desk-based Assessments (DBA's)' to 'Monitoring Sites, Analysis and Report Production'. It also mentions that only time spent on the project will be charged. At the bottom, four sample reports are shown: 'DESK-BASED ASSESSMENT', 'Written Scheme of Investigation', 'Watching Brief Report', and 'Monitored Evaluation Report'. A footer note says 'For more information please contact Karen Adams'.

<http://pastsearch-archaeo-history.co.uk/archaeological-services/>

PastSearch offers archaeological services including Heritage Statements, Written Scheme of Investigations, Watching Briefs and Evaluations, working in the North Yorkshire and East Riding.

With 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.

CAD Illustration service also available.

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

Presentations, Workshops and Walking Tours

<http://pastsearch-archaeo-history.co.uk/illustrated-talks/>



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Life of an Archaeologist
The Iron Age
The Medieval Period
The Normans
The Romans
The Vikings
Walk Around York Walls
York Historians

19th C Lendal, York
Castles of East Yorkshire
Clifford's Tower
Iron Age Settlements in E. York
Maps of E. Yorks
Moated Sites of E. Yorks
Petruaria to Brough
Roman York
Stratigraphy & Archaeological Dating Methods
Toys Found in Archaeology
Welham Bridge
York Railway

New for 2017

There are currently 27 illustrated talks available which can be booked by groups and societies, and the list keeps growing!!

Workshops are also available and can be adapted to suit your group's needs.

Alternatively if your group would like to explore areas of York on foot, tours can also be individually created.

For more information please email: pastsearch@hotmail.com
or ring **Karen** on 07811 877 469.

Afternoon History/Archaeology Talks

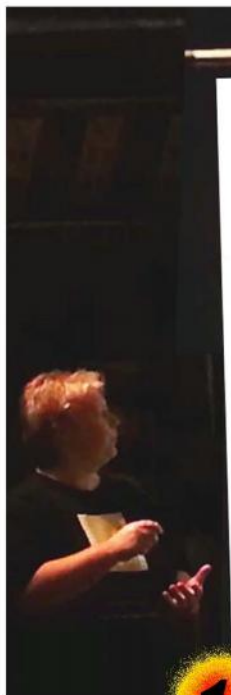


at
The Social Club,

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



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



2018

14 May - Coins
(postponed from Dec 2017)

**11 June - A1079 - Pocklington to
Market Weighton**

9 July - 2017 Site Review
(National Archaeology Week)

13 August - Forest Of Galtres

1.00pm

£2.00



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