



PastSearch Newsletter



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June Round Up

The better weather has now allowed work to start on a number of sites, in particular this month went out to Brough where evidence of a previous building has been revealed. There is still some site work to be concluded before the report can be written. However a site on the A1079 has been completed and the report started.

This month's talk at HOSM Social Club we looked at the Fires of York Minster, the first being in 741 but we particularly concentrated on the Fire of 1829 which was caused by Jonathan Martin and caused considerable damage to the Choir. (*This talk is now available as a bookable presentation*).

Eboracum Roman Festival

Between 1-5 June York hosted the Eboracum Roman Festival, with a number of lectures and exhibitions.

These are just a few of the photographs taken in the Museum Gardens on the 4th June, which included displays by a Roman Legion, an area of the gardens had also become a camp where civilian Romans told visitors about life in Eboracum along with various replica artefacts, including weapons. There was also the opportunity to handle birds of prey.



Snippets from Arthur's Guide to York

OLD ROMAN DOCKS: “at the Foss Islands (the fillings up of the docks) near the RED TOWER, where several hundred Roman galleys used to moor. It was about a mile long; the new railway cuts the widest part of it.”
Arthur's Guide to York c. 1898



I am trying to find out more information about this, certainly I hadn't come across this claim before, perhaps it is a Victorian assumption.

The artist's impression to the left does not show a dock and the recently published map of Archaeological Roman York (below left) also gives no indication of a Roman Dock.

Excavations in the area, do not appear to have encountered remains of boats or wharfs of the Roman period, evidence around this area is of pottery/brick manufacturing.



The damming of this part of the river Foss, to create a Fish Pond or Pool appears to originate in the 11th century.



This map of 1855 does not show the railway mentioned by Arthur, however by the 1910 OS map it has been added (below left), so we can now see the area concerned.



If anyone has found any evidence to support this Victorian claim, during research, please email me at pastsearch@hotmail.com

References: British Historic Towns Atlas, Vol 5, York – edited by P. Addyman
The Former Foss Island Filling Station – YAT Report
Foss Islands Retail Park – YAT Report
Council Depot, Foss Islands Road – YAT Report

Sliced Bread Sold for First Time

7 July 1928

On this day sliced bread was sold for first time by Chillicothe Baking Company, Missouri, USA.



Otto Frederick Rohwedder invented the machine which could slice bread. He was a jeweler and originally came up with the idea in 1912. He was so convinced that this was a great idea and would be very successful that he sold three stores to finance this new venture.

The first version of the machine would hold the bread slices together with metal hat pins, which would often fall out. In 1917 there was a fire at the factory and this prototype was destroyed along with the blueprints.



Otto found new investors and in 1927 a new version of the bread slicing machine, which also wrapped the loaf.

Although many bakers were uncertain about this new way of selling bread, Frank Bench sold the first “Sliced Kleen Maid Bread” at his shop at Chillicothe, Missouri on the 7th July 1928.

By 1930 Wonder Bread and other major companies were selling sliced bread, having purchased Rohwedder’s machine, and by 1933 80% of bread sold in USA was sliced.

In 1943 sliced bread was banned in America, due to costs during WWII, however this ban only lasted for two months.

Sliced bread appears to have been introduced to the UK in 1930 and in 1961 a new process of making bread was developed at the Chorleywood Flour Milling and Bakery Research Association laboratories, meaning the average loaf in UK was now 40% softer and the cost had been reduced, whereas the shelf life doubled.

References: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-13670278>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-2358285/The-greatest-thing---A-look-history-sliced-bread-jeweler-inventor-celebrates-85th-anniversary.html>

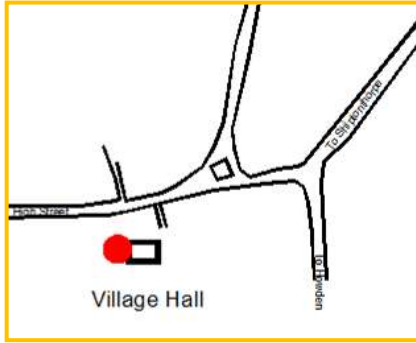
In This Month in History (July)

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	1858	UK	Joint reading of Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace's papers of evolution at Linnean Society, London.
2	1937	Pacific Ocean	Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan disappear whilst attempting first equatorial round the world flight.
3	1938	UK	World speed record for steam railway locomotive set by the Mallard at 126 miles/hour (203 km/h).
4	1817	USA	Construction of Erie Canal began in Rome, New York.
5	328	Roman Empire	Official opening of Constantine's Bridge.
6	1942	Netherlands	Anne Frank and family went into hiding in Amsterdam.
7	1845	York	The York to Scarborough railway line was opened with 35 carriages drawn by The Hudson & The Lion.
8	1948	USA	Female recruits accepted in to US Air Force programme Women in the Air Force (WAF).
9	1357	Czech Republic	Foundation stone of Charles Bridge laid, Prague.
10	1925	USA	Trial of John T Scopes began in Dayton, Tennessee accused of teaching evolution.
11	1897	Norway	Salomon August Andrée, Knut Frænkel and Nils Strinberg left Spitsbergen to attempt to reach the North Pole by balloon.
12	1971	Australia	Australian Aboriginal Flag flown for first time.
13	1919	UK	Airship R34 landed at Pulham aerodrome Norfolk, having completed first return journey across Atlantic in 182 hours.
14	1865	Italy/Switzerland	First ascent of the Matterhorn by Edward Whymper and party.
15	1799	Egypt	Rosetta Stone discovered by Pierre-François Bouchard.
16	1661	Sweden	First Banknotes of Europe issued by Stockholms Banco.
17	1938	USA	Douglas Corrigan took off from Brooklyn to fly "wrong way" to Ireland.
18	64	Roman Empire	Great Fire of Rome.
19	1919	UK	Ex-servicemen rioted and burnt down Luton Town Hall.
20	1967	York	York Glaziers' Trust established.
21	1904	Belgium	Louis Rigolly became first man to break 100mph barrier on land in Ostend.
22	1793	Canada	Alexander Mackenzie became the first recorded person to complete transcontinental crossing.
23	1927	India	First station of Indian Broadcasting Company goes on air in Bombay.
24	1911	Peru	Machu Picchu re-discovered by Hiram Bingham III.
25	1795	GB	Building of Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Wales started.
26	1745	GB	First recorded women's cricket match played near Guildford.
27	1888	York	Prince Albert Victor given Freedom of the City. He also opened Naburn Lock.
28	1540	England	Thomas Cromwell executed for treason.
29	1836	France	Arc de Triomphe opened.
30	1916	USA	Black Tom Island explosion, Jersey City, New Jersey.
31	1856	NZ	Christchurch is chartered as a city.

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

Last Month's Talk – 20 June



Paul Schofield took us on a trip through Beverley, from the area around the Minster to the North Bar, looking at the history and how the town has changed.

Future Meetings

18 July – Meeting at the Old School

15 Aug – AGM

19 Sept – Meet the Butler – *Chris Cade*

17 October – Centenary of 76 Squadron o *Phil Judkin*

Out and About With Col

In June, York Minster hosted the Mystery Plays and although didn't actually go to see them, Col did make a visit to see some of the set. Here are some of the photographs.



Picture This



Cess Pit

This stone-lined cess pit was encountered during an excavation in High Street, Hull in 2004.

The archaeologist who cleaned it out was rewarded with the discovery of a complete medieval 'chamber pot'. Obviously the person who lost it, at the time of emptying, decided to buy a new one, rather than trying to retrieve it !!

Do You Know What This Is?



Answer in Issue 44

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 five differences between these two photographs taken of Raindale Mill, York Castle Museum (2015).

Answers on page 7

Dates for Your Diary

1-31 July	Jorvik: Life & Death – Theatre Royal.	1-31 Aug	World War I Painting Exhibition – York Art Gallery.
1-31 July	Jorvik: Home & Abroad – St Mary's Church.	3 Aug	ERAS Field Studies Meeting.
1-31 July	World War I Painting Exhibition – York Art Gallery.	8 Aug	PastSearch – Karen Adams – Clifford's Tower, 1.00pm (see advert p.12)
6 July	ERAS Field Studies Meeting.	18 Jul	HOSM Local History Society – AGML, 7.00pm
11 July	PastSearch – Karen Adams – Archaeological Festival - Sites of 2015, 1.00pm (see advert p.12)		
18 Jul	HOSM Local History Society – Meeting at Old School, 7.00pm		

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.

Asphalt patches removed from York's historic Stonegate



“NEW stone flags are being laid in York's Stonegate to replace controversial asphalt patches which sparked a storm of protest.

City of York Council is carrying out the work, just a month after dozens of damaged flags were taken up in the famous street and replaced by a patchwork of black asphalt.”

Read more at:

www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14551264.Asphalt_patches_removed_from_York_s_historic_Stonegate/

Enormous Monument Over 2,000 Years Old Discovered in Petra



“Archaeologists in Jordan have made an incredible find at the World Heritage site of Petra. A massive ceremonial platform measuring 184ft (56m) by 161ft (49m), which ‘has no parallels’ in the ancient city, was discovered just half a mile from the city center using high-tech satellite scanners.

Read more at: www.ancient-origins.net/news-history-archaeology/breaking-news-enormous-monument-over-2000-years-old-discovered-petra-006059

Pompeii of the East: 4,000 year-old victims of Chinese earthquake captured in their final moments



“The victims of an earthquake that struck the Chinese community of Lajia in Qinghai Province on the Upper Yellow River have been put on display by the Lajia Ruins Museum. It's a scene that the China People Daily says brings tears to the eyes of visitors as victims are seen huddling together in terror, while women are embracing young children in an attempt to protect them.

Read more at: www.ancient-origins.net/news-history-archaeology/pompeii-east-4000-year-old-victims-chinese-earthquake-captured-their-final-020485?nopaging=1

“Bog Butter” Unearthed in Ireland’s County Meath



“COUNTY MEATH, IRELAND—A lump of waxy “bog butter” thought to be about 2,000 years old was unearthed 12 feet below the surface in Emlagh Bog by a turf cutter last week.”

Read more at: www.archaeology.org/news/4526-160609-ireland-bog-butter

What's Been in the News (cont)

A Brief History of Children Sent Through the Mail



“In the early days of the parcel post, some parents took advantage of the mail in unexpected ways”

Read more at:

www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/brief-history-children-sent-through-mail-180959372/#IDDaaZwBzK2RcR60.99

Fit for a War God



“Archaeologists from the French National Center for Scientific Research working in a large building at the site of Mudhmar East near the city of Adam in Oman have made an “exceptional find.””

Read More at:

www.archaeology.org/issues/221-1607/trenches/4544-trenches-oman-bronze-weapons

The Graveyard of the Lost: Why Hundreds of Children were Buried in an Old Irish Ring Fort



“Inside the ring fort at Tullycrine in West Clare, Ireland, visitors can see the graves of hundreds of children dating from a period in Irish history when those who had not been baptized were banned from being buried in consecrated ground.”

Read more at:

www.ancient-origins.net/news-history-archaeology/graveyard-lost-why-hundreds-children-were-buried-old-irish-ring-fort-003755?nopaging=1

100 Silver Pieces Found in Roman-Era 'Hoard' in Scotland



“More than 170 years ago, Scottish labourers clearing a rocky field with dynamite discovered three beautiful silver artifacts: a hand pin, a chain and a spiral bangle. But instead of looking for more treasures, they followed orders to turn the field into farmland, squashing hopes of archaeologists for years to come.”

Read more at:

www.livescience.com/55058-gaulcross-hoard-scotland.html

The day York Power Station exploded...



“At about 4.24am on Thursday, 27 October 1949, the many residents on the eastern side of York who were rudely awakened from their slumbers might well have wondered if they had just experienced a nightmare about the Blitz.”

Read more at:

www.yorkpress.co.uk/features/history/14562674.HISTORY-The-day-York-Power-Station-exploded/

York church at risk of collapse - £20,500 grant secured



“A MEDIEVAL York church at risk of severe damage has received a £20,500 grant to secure its future.

The money will be spent on the North Aisle Renewal project at St Denys Church, in Walmgate, after builders found it was at risk of collapse.”

Read more at:

www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14564943.York-church-at-risk-of-collapse-20-500-grant-secured/

Jewellery crafted by 'lost' ancient people of Scotland unearthed: 1,500-year-old trove of silver discovered at Roman-era stone circle



“A team led by Dr Gordon Noble, senior lecturer in the department of archaeology at Aberdeen University, reported the findings in a study published in the journal Antiquity. The researchers were surprised when they discovered more than 100 silver items.”

Read more at:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3664282/Jewellery-crafted-Scottish-barbarians-unearthed-1500-year-old-trove-100-silver-pieces-discovered-Roman-era-stone-circle.html#ixzz4CwUclBtc>

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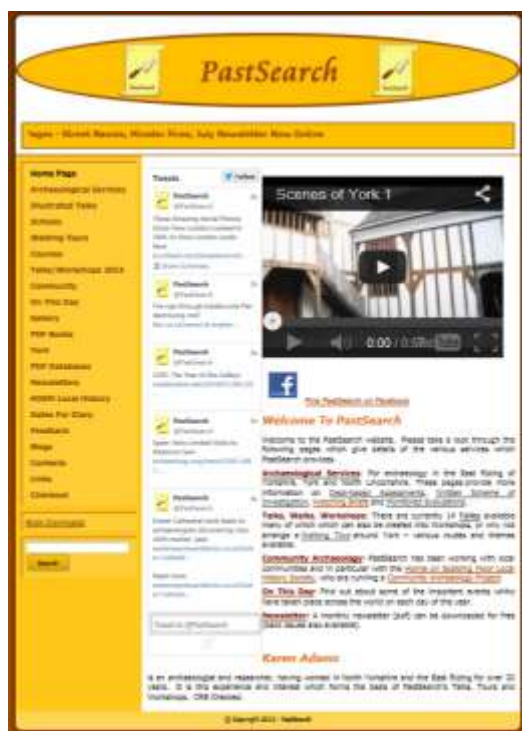
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The Romans
The Vikings
The Normans
The Medieval Period
Archaeology Along the A63
York Trials and Executions
Lendal Bridge
Clues Above the Eyleine
Clues at Foot Level
York Historians
Bottles
Toys
Moated Sites
Castles
Petuaria to Brough

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.

**For more details of
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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

9 May – The Archaeologist

13 June – Fires of York Minster

11 July – Archaeological Festival
– PastSearch 2015 Sites

8 Aug – Clifford's Tower

1.00pm

£2.00



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