



PastSearch Newsletter



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November Round Up

The third site this year in Beverley started this month, Roman material is being collected, although no features at the moment, will be returning in December, hopefully more to be found then.

Also made a return visit to a site on Tadcaster Road in York, this is also producing some Roman material, and a possible surface. Further visits will also be made in December.

This month's talk at HOSM Social Club, we looked at the history and archaeology in the Welham Bridge area which included log boats, iron production, moated sites and monks guiding travellers through marshland. *(This talk is now available as a bookable presentation).*

Snippets from Arthur's Guide to York

ST. GEORGE'S FIELD – a pleasure ground opened in 1733, but spoiled now by the Skeldergate Bridge and new public baths built upon it.

Arthur's Guide to York c. 1898

“When St. George's Guild was incorporated in 1447 it was given possession of the chapel near Castle Mills, 'long desolate' for want of resident chaplains and greater income. The chapel had belonged to the Knights Templar and stood on meadow land, adjoining their mills, which Henry III had granted them in 1232. After the suppression of the Templars in 1312 the chapel came into the hands of the Crown and appointments of chaplains were made until 1437. In 1358 it was found that land called La Holm, lying between the Castle and the Ouse and clearly the meadow granted to the Templars in 1232, rightfully belonged to the king's free chapel of St. George; it had been appropriated and used for boat-building, archery, wrestling, and games, but was now returned to the chapel. The Templars had erected other buildings adjoining the chapel and these were used by the king's armourers and smiths in the 1330's.

After the Dissolution the property of the guild was bought by the city and the former chapel and other buildings subsequently let. In 1566 the corporation decided that 'the mansion house called St. George's Chapel' should be taken down and the stone used for the repair of Ouse Bridge; the tiles, timber, and other materials were to be kept by the chamberlains. If this order were carried out, St. George's House had certainly been rebuilt by 1569 when it became a workhouse; it was converted into a house of correction in 1576 and still so used in 1598. The house was let by the corporation during the 18th century. In the later 19th century a timber building was still standing and was known as Jersey House—perhaps a corruption of the original name. It was taken down in 1856.

St. George's Close (the former La Holm) had apparently been acquired by the city earlier than the chapel: the first of numerous 16th-century leases of it was granted in 1542. It was used as a source of sand, as cattle pasture, and as a place in which to walk and shoot and where cloths might be bleached. In the 18th century it was leased together with the house. St. George's Field remained as an open space in 1959; it included the riverside New Walk, an avenue of elm trees planted in the early 18th century.”

British History Online

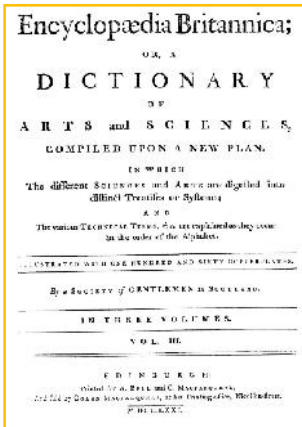


1853



1910

First Edition of Encyclopædia Britannica Published



Encyclopædia Britannica was founded by Colin Macfarquhar and Andrew Bell in Edinburgh, Scotland, most of the articles being written by William Smellie. Firstly being sold as an unbound subscription format, over 3 year. There were 100 parts, sold weekly, the first appeared on sale on 6 December 1768 for 6d. or 8d on finer paper.

Colin Macfarquhar (1745?-2 April 1793) – Scottish bookseller and printer.

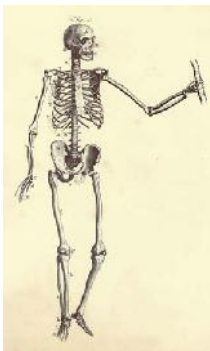


Andrew Bell (1726-1809) – Scottish engraver and printer, produced almost all the copperplate engravings for the 1st-4th editions.



William Smellie (1740-1795) – Scottish master printer, naturalist and antiquary, also considered as a precursor to Darwin having written Philosophy of Natural History.

Some of the illustrations from the first edition



References used:
<https://en.wikipedia.org>
<https://www.britannica.com>

This Month in History (December)

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

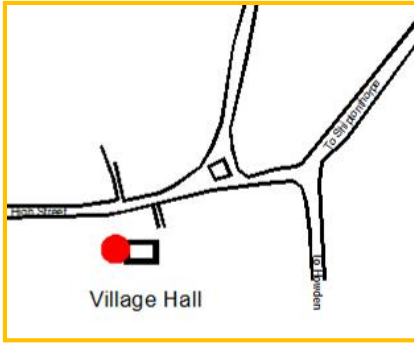
Links for more information about each of these events can be found by visiting the relevant page on the *PastSearch* website.

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	1955	USA	Rosa Parks arrested in Montgomery, Alabama for refusing to give up seat on bus to a white man.
2	1697	England	St. Paul's Cathedral, London consecrated.
3	1834	Germany	First regular census taken.
4	1872	Atlantic Ocean	Mary Celeste found off Azores Islands.
5	1952	UK	A cold fog combined with air pollution (smog) descended on London, 12,000 killed in following weeks and months.
6	1917	Canada	Munitions ship explosion in Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1,900 killed (WWI).
7	1822	York	Yorkshire Philosophical Society founded by William Salmond, Anthony Thorpe & James Atkinson.
8	1956	Australia	XVI Summer Olympic Games Closing Ceremony in Melbourne.
9	1965	USA	Kecksburg UFO incident.
10	1868	UK	First traffic lights installed outside Palace of Westminster, London.
11	1792	France	Trial of Louis XVI began (French Revolutionary War).
12	1988	UK	Clapham Junction rail crash, 35 killed.
13	1577	England	Sir Francis Drake started round-the-world voyage from Plymouth.
14	1959	Cyprus	Archbishop Makarios III became President.
15	2001	Italy	Leaning Tower of Pisa reopened.
16	1903	India	Taj Mahal Palace & Tower Hotel opened.
17	1790	Mexico	Aztec Calendar Stone discovered.
18	1888	USA	Cliff Palace, Mesa Verde discovered.
19	1956	UK	Dr Bodkin Adams arrested for suspicious deaths of 160+ patients.
20	1955	Wales	Cardiff proclaimed capital city.
21	1620	America	Mayflower Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, Plymouth, Massachusetts.
22	1896	York	August Carlsen, last person to be executed in York.
23	1958	Japan	Tokyo Tower opened.
24	1818	Austria	Performance of "Silent Night" at church of St. Nikolaus, Oberndorf.
25	1914	Western Front	Christmas Truce (WWI).
26	1925	Turkey	Adopted Gregorian Calendar.
27	1836	UK	Avalanche in Lewes, Sussex, 8 killed.
28	1973	USA	Endangered Species Act passed.
29	1190	England	Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, assassinated in Canterbury Cathedral.
30	2011	Samoa & Tokelau	One day skipped due to change of time zone.
31	1759	Ireland	Arthur Guinness signed 9,000 year lease to brew Guinness.

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 – 21 November

Clive & Kath Richardson returned to give a fascinating presentation on 'The Fate of the Eight' which gives an account of the children of Margaret Burns, a sequel to 'The Woman Who Didn't Exist.'

Future Meetings

21 November – The Fate of the Eight – *Clive & Kath Richardson*

12 December – A look at some of the documents found during research at Hull Archives.

2017

16 January – The History of Kiplingcotes Races – *Guy Stephenson*

Double Rainbow Over York Minster



York Minster posted this photograph on their Facebook page.



This is the photograph I managed to take of the same double rainbow on 10 November 2016.

Picture This



Kirkham Priory

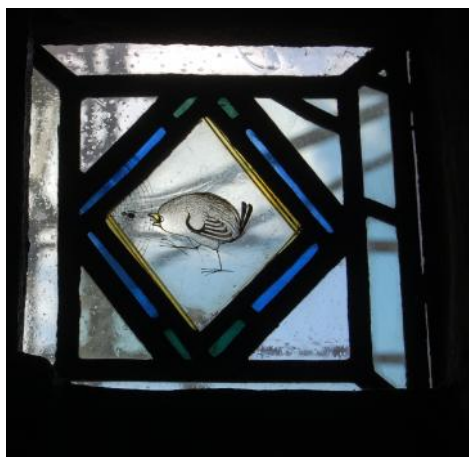
A property maintained by English Heritage, it was founded in 1120's by Walter Espec for the Augustinian order. During WWII the area was used to test vehicles for the D-Day landing.

In 1987 it was given Grade I Listing status.

For opening times visit:

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kirkham-priory/>

Do You Know Where This Is?



Answer in Issue 49

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 spot the 4 differences between these pictures of one of 2015 Ice Sculptures?

Answers on page 7

Dates for Your Diary

1-31 Dec	Theatre Royal – Jorvik: Life & Death Exhibition	1-21 Jan	Theatre Royal – Jorvik: Life & Death Exhibition
1-31 Dec	St. Mary's Church, Coppergate – Jorvik: Home & Abroad Exhibition	1-31 Jan	St. Mary's Church, Coppergate – Jorvik: Home & Abroad Exhibition
7 Dec	ERAS Field Studies Meeting.	4 Jan	ERAS Field Studies Meeting.
12 Dec	PastSearch – Karen Adams – 19 th Century Lendal, 1.00pm (see advert p.11)	9 Jan	PastSearch – Karen Adams – History & Archaeology of Market Weighton, 1.00pm (see advert p.12)
12 Dec	HOSM Local History Society. 7.00pm	16 Jan	HOSM Local History Society – Guy Stephenson – History of Kiplingcoates Races. 7.00pm
21 Dec	ERAS Lecture – Chris Casswell – Recent Excavations on the South Bank of the Humber, 7.30pm	18 Jan	ERAS Lecture – Paula Ware - Recent Discoveries: Iron Age Cemetery, Pocklington, 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.

First Ever Fossilized Dinosaur Brain Tissue Discovered in Sussex.



“Researchers have identified the first known example of fossilized brain tissue in a dinosaur from Sussex. The tissue resembles those seen in modern crocodiles and birds.”

Read more at:

<http://www.ancient-origins.net/news-history-archaeology/first-ever-fossilized-dinosaur-brain-tissue-discovered-sussex-england-021045>

Lifting the lid on life in York's Victorian workhouse



“SOME time in 1838, the family of a young York man applied to the York Poor Law Union for help.

Thomas Hughes was 28, his wife Frances 26. They had three children: William, aged five, John, aged two, and baby Thomas, aged just five weeks.”

Read more at:

[http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14841233.Lifting the lid on life in York s Victorian workhouse/?ref=mr&lp=16](http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14841233.Lifting_the_lid_on_life_in_York_s_Victorian_workhouse/?ref=mr&lp=16)

Europe's Oldest Polished Axe Found in Ireland



“The 9,000-year-old tool shows that Mesolithic people had sophisticated burial rituals and even cremated their dead.”

Read more at:

www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/europes-oldest-polished-axe-found-ireland-180961043/?utm_source=facebook.com&no-ist

Archaeologists discover a Viking toolbox



“It might sound incredulous, but the small lump of soil pictured above represents one of the most sensational discoveries made at Denmark’s fifth Viking ring fortress: Borgring.

The lump of soil was removed from the area around one of the fortress’ four gates and it contains the remains of a collection of tools, which probably once lay inside a Viking toolbox.”

Read more at:

<http://sciencenordic.com/archaeologists-discover-viking-toolbox>

What's Been in the News (Cont)

HAWAIIAN PETROGLYPHS REVEALED BY SHIFTING SANDS ON WAIANAE COAST; EXPERTS BELIEVE RARELY SEEN PANELS ARE 400+ YEARS OLD



“On a warm July evening, visitors Lonnie Watson and Mark Louviere from the Ft. Worth, Texas metro area did what they normally do during their frequent visits to Hawaii. They wandered out to the coastline to watch the setting sun. On this particular day they spotted something that they say has humbled and blessed them. Watson explained, “For some reason there was a beam of light...just a beam...it landed right on one of them and for some reason I just turned my head. I said, look, it was just a stroke of luck.””

Read more at:

<http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/blog/2016/08/08/nr16-155/>

Roman hoard to stay in York



“The Yorkshire Museum, in Museum Gardens, has acquired the hoard after hundreds of people from around the world donated to the appeal which was launched on July 25 this year to save the Wold Newton Hoard.”

Read more at:

www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14877109.They_ve_done_it_Roman_hoard_to_stay_in_York_Campaign_hits_target/

Recovered Bones May Have Been Earhart's



“NIKUMARORO, REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI—CNN reports that human remains discovered on the island of Nikumaroro in 1940 may have belonged to aviator Amelia Earhart, who disappeared in 1937. The skeleton, which British authorities had identified as male, was eventually lost, but researchers with the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR) obtained the original files of the examination, which include measurements of the bones. Forensic anthropologists determined that the measurements are consistent with a woman of Earhart's height and ethnic origin.”

Read more at:

<http://www.archaeology.org/news/4996-161104-amelia-earhart-arms>

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.

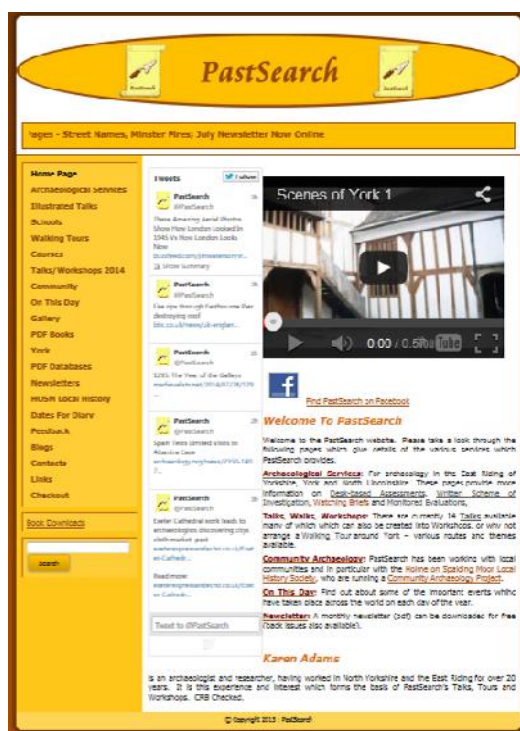
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Walking Around the Walls
Day in the Life of an Archaeologist
The Iron Age
The Romans
The Vikings
The Normans
The Medieval Period
Archaeology Along the A63
York Trials and Executions
Lendal Bridge
Clues Above the Eyleine
Clues at Foot Level
York Historians
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.

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19th Century Lendal, York



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1.00pm

£2.00



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9 Jan – Market Weighton

13 Feb – Fires of York Minster (Part II)

13 Mar – Pocklington

10 Apr – Viking York

1.00pm **£2.00**



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