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April Round Up



Following the trial trenches on a site in Brough further work has been carried out, more stone alignments were revealed, including a substantial foundation.



A site outside Drifffield was also monitored, however, only modern activity was encountered here!!

Report for a site in the Holme-on-Spalding Moor area has been completed, and other reports are in the process of being written.

There is at least one site starting in May, with others starting in June.

Festival of Archaeology 2019

The festival this year is running from 13 – 28 July, I am hoping to organise a talk/exhibition on one of the Saturday's. More details in June's Newsletter.

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

ARUN RIVER

6 George II. Cap. 12, Royal Assent -----1732.

33 George. Cap. 100, Royal Assent 30th April, 1793.

The navigation, to which the above acts apply, extends from Arundel Port, at the mouth of the Arun, to the town of Arundel, a distance only of five miles and three quarters: but the object of the first act, entitled, '*An Act for erecting Piers in, and for repairing and keeping in repair, the Harbour of Littlehampton, called Arundel Port, in the county of Sussex,*' was not so much the improvement of the navigation as for the harbour, and for the protection of shipping therein.

By this act, commissioners were appointed to cut a new channel, through the sea-breach, at Littlehampton, and other works therein specified, which are here passed over as not coming within the object of the present publication. Tolls were granted for the purpose of repaying the monies which were borrowed for carrying into execution the works designed.

When this was effected, and all arrears of interest paid off, one-half of the said duties were to be taken off, and the other half to be retained, for the purpose of preserving the harbour, and navigation of the river, to the town of Arundel.

In the preamble of the second act, entitled, '*An Act to explain and amend an Act mad in the sixth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, entitled, An Act for erecting Piers in, and for repairing and keeping in repair, the Harbour of Littlehampton, called Arundel Port, in the county of Sussex; and for empowering the Commissioners, acting under the said Act, to improve the Navigation of the river Arun, from the said Harbour, to the town of Arundel, in the said county,*' it is stated that the commissioners have repaid the sums of money, and interest, expended in constructing the harbour of Littlehampton, under the act of 6th George II. and that half the duties, therein granted, have consequently ceased. Under the last act, the same commissioners, as under the original act, are re-appointed to carry into effect the provisions of the same, and have the power to borrow any sum, not exceeding £2,000, with interest, on an assignment of the rates, tolls, or duties, authorized to be taken on the said navigation.

In lieu of the rates granted by the first act, the following are allowed under the act of 33rd George III. :-

TONNAGE RATES

	<i>d.</i>	
For Tan or Bark, which shall be imported, laid on board, landed or discharged out of any Ship or Vessel in the Port of Arundel.....	6	per Ton.
Spars or Ufer.....	4	per Dozen.
Pipe Staves.....	6	per Hundred.
Hogshead Staved.....	4	ditto.
Barrel Staves.....	2	ditto.
Flour and Meal.....	1½	per Quarter.
The other Duties, not being enumerated, are according to the Act of the 6 th George II.		

The tools and duties, after payment of the principal and interest of the money borrowed, are to be applied entirely to the keeping of the harbour and navigation in good preservation. Vessels belonging to the port of Arundel are exempt for the tolls or duties, in consideration of the inhabitants of that town and port having expended, on the harbour, &c. The sum of £28,300. It is worthy of remark that they are, on this account, by the above-mentioned act, made free of the harbours, ports, and havens of Dover, Rye, Ramsgate, and Sandwich. There is also a clause which reserves to the Duke of Norfolk, as water-bailiff of the River Arun, all the privileges here before mentioned.

Though the powers of the two preceding acts extend only to Arundel Bridge, yet there is a good tideway navigation to Houghton Bridge, a distance of seven miles and a half, whence the Arun River Navigation commences. There is no act of parliament relating to this portion of the river; it is free of toll. At Ford,

about half way between Arundel Harbour and the town of Arundel, the Portsmouth and Arundel Canal Commences, *Navigable Rivers, Canals, and Railways of Great Britain*, J. Priestley 1831



From the 1840s, use of the Arun river declined, due to competition from the railways, and changes in coastal shipping. Littlehampton grew in importance as a port and after years of resistance by the people of Arundel, the customs house was moved there in 1864.

References used:

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

<https://www.waterwayroutes.co.uk/blog/2017/03/vey-arun-canal-free-canal-maps/>

Artefact Corner

J W Tindell & Co Bottle:

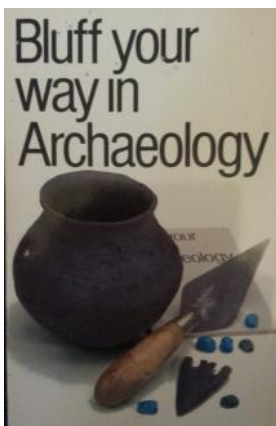


Found on a site in Holme-on-Spalding Moor.

John William Tindell is listed in the Bulmer's Gazetteer of 1892 as a bottler at premises in Waverley Street, Hull. Also listed at this address were brewers H & John George Smithson. By 1889 they had already bought The Blue Bell, Market Place. In 1899 Tindell erected a sign over the entrance in the form of a bell made of metal and coloured glass. Also in this year he was an ale and porter merchant and acted as an agent for the Smithson's Tower Brewery, Waverley Street. The Blue Bell was tied to them but occupied in 1899 by James Tunbridge and James Jenkins. In 1901 Smithson's Tower Brewery was taken over by Hull Brewery; however the Blue Bell passed to Allsopp & Sons.



Book Review



Bluff Your Way in Archaeology / The Bluffer's Guide to Archaeology – Paul Bahn.

This is a light hearted look at archaeology, and I think most archaeologists have read it at some time.

It originally came out in the late 1980's, prior to the full launch of commercial archaeology, so in some ways it is a little out-dated, however some quotes still ring true.

“Fundamental Law No.1: The most interesting part of the site will be under your spoil heap, or at least outside the area you choose to dig..”

“Popular visitors questions: ‘Found any gold then?’ ‘Would you like to come and dig my garden when you’ve finished?’

Lady Godiva's Procession Through Coventry First Recorded 31 May 1678



Statue by Sir William Reid Dick,
Broadgate Coventry

Lady Godiva, or rather Godgifu was the wife of Leofric, Earl of the Mercians, she died between 1066 and 1086, her name appearing in charters and even the Domesday Survey. However it is the legend of her riding naked through Coventry for which she is best remembered.

The earliest record of this famous ride is by Roger of Wendover, a monk who died at St. Albans Abbey 6 May 1236, his account in 'Flowers of History' is as follows:

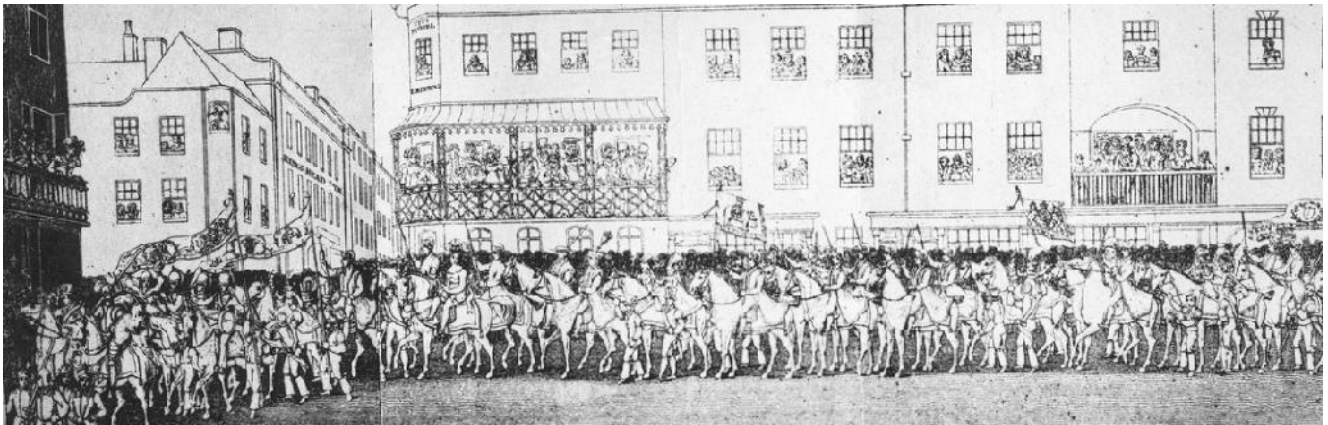
“The countess Godiva, who was a great lover of God’s mother, longing to free the town of Coventry from the oppression of a heavy toll, often with urgent prayers besought, her husband, that from regard to Jesus Christ and his mother, he would free the town from that service, and from all other heavy burdens; and when the earl sharply rebuked her for foolishly asking what was so much to his damage, and always forbade her evermore to speak to him on the subject; and while she, on the other hand, with a woman’s pertinacity, never ceased to exasperate her husband on that matter, he at last made her this answer: ‘Mount your horse, and ride naked before all the people, through the market of the

town from one end to the other, and on your return you shall have your request.’ On which Godiva replied: ‘But will you give me permission if I am willing to do it?’ ‘I will,’ said he. Whereupon the countess, beloved of God, loosed her hair and let down her tresses, which covered the whole of her body like a veil, and then mounting her horse and attended by two knights, she rode through the market -place without being seen, except her fair legs; and having completed the journey, she returned with gladness to her astonished husband, and obtained, of him what she had asked, for Earl Leofric freed the town of Coventry and its inhabitants from the aforesaid service, and confirmed what he had done by a charter.”

Edwin Sidney Hartland (1848-1927), author of works on folklore, in ‘The Science of Fairy Tales (1891) states that nobody “now asserts that Roger of Wendover’s narrative is to be taken seriously.” Particularly referring to the size of Coventry at the time of Godgifu and Leofric being too small to have a market on the scale contemplated by Roger of Wendover.

Hartland does tell us of the yearly procession in Coventry when “Godiva is represented by a girl dressed as nearly like the countess on her ride as the manners of the day have permitted.” Although when these processions began is unknown “the earliest mention of it seems to be ‘31 May 1678 being the great Fair at Coventry there was an extraordinary’ h ere the bottom of the page is reached; and in turning over the chronicler has omitted a word, for on the top of the next page we read:] ‘Divers of the Companies’ [i.e., the City Guilds] ‘set out each a follower, The Mayor Two, and the Sheriffs each one and 2 at the publick charge, there were divers Streamers with the Companies arms and Ja. Swinnertons Son represented Lady Godiva.’

This brief entry is by no means free from ambiguity. Perhaps all that we are warranted in inferring from it is that the annual procession was, that year, of unusual splendour. Whether, as has been conjectured, it was the first time Lady Godiva had ever made her appearance, there seems more doubt. Apart from any evidence, there is no improbability in supposing that she may have formed part of earlier processions; though it may be that during the period of Puritan ascendancy the show had been neglected and the lady in particular had been discountenanced. If this be so, however, it is difficult to account for the manner in which her figure is referred to by the writer, unless there were some personal reason connected with James Swinnerton, or his son, undiscoverable by us at this distance of time.”



Depiction of 1825 procession

A film of the 1902 procession, which was held on 9 September to commemorate the coronation of Edward VII, with London Hippodrome actress Vera Guedes as Lady Godiva can be viewed at



<https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-lady-godiva-procession-in-coventry-1902-1902-online>

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edwin_Sidney_Hartland
<https://archive.org/details/rogerofwendovers01roge/page/n10>
<https://archive.org/details/scienceoffairyta00hartiala/page/n8>

This Month in History (May)

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	1844	Hong Kong	Police force established.
2	1536	England	Anne Boleyn arrested and imprisoned.
3	752	Mayan Empire	Bird Jaguar IV became King.
4	1932	USA	Al Capone began prison sentence.
5	1494	Jamaica	Christopher Columbus landed, claimed it for Spain.
6	53BC	Parthian Empire/ Roman Republic	Battle of Carrhae.
7	1697	Sweden	Royal Castle, Stockholm destroyed by fire.
8	1984	Canada	Quebec National Assembly Shooting, 3 killed.
9	1874	India	Horse-drawn bus service started in Bombay.
10	1940	Iceland	Invasion began (WWII).
11	1660	YORK	Charles II was proclaimed king in York.
12	1364	Poland	Jagiellonian University founded in Kraków.
13	1568	Scotland	Battle of Langside (Marian Civil War).
14	1856	USA	34 camels delivered in Texas to establish US Camel Corp.
15	1957	Malden Island	UK tested its first hydrogen bomb.
16	2014	Kenya	Gikomba Bombings 12+ killed.
17	1792	USA	New York Stock Exchange formed.
18	1096	Germany	Worms Massacre (First Crusade).
19	1919	Ottoman Empire	Turkish War of Independence began.
20	1873	USA	Levi Strauss & Jacob Davis receive patent for blue jeans with copper rivets.
21	1554	England	Mary I granted Royal Charter to Derby School as a grammar school for boys.
22	1816	UK	Ely & Littleport Riots began.
23	1618	Europe	Thirty Years' War began.
24	1798	Ireland	United Irishmen began rebellion against British rule.
25	1914	UK	Home Rule Act passed for devolution in Ireland.
26	1647	America	Else Young, first person to be executed as a witch in Hartford, Connecticut.
27	1919	Portugal	The Curtiss NC-4 became first aircraft to fly across Atlantic Ocean.
28	1885	Canada	Battle of Frenchman's Butte (North-West Rebellion).
29	363	Roman Empire	Battle of Ctesiphon (Roman-Persian Wars).
30	1381	England	Peasants' Revolt began.
31	1279BC	Egypt	Ramesses II became Pharaoh.

British Monarchs – Edward I Longshanks



Name: King Edward I Longshanks

Born: June 17, 1239 at Westminster

Parents: Henry III and Eleanor of Provence

House of: Plantagenet

Ascended to the throne: November 20, 1272 aged 33 years

Crowned: August 19, 1274 at Westminster Abbey

Married: (1) Eleanor, Daughter of Ferdinand III of Castile, (2) Margaret, Daughter of Philip III of France

Children: Six sons including Edward II, and twelve daughters

Died: July 7, 1307 at Burgh-by-Sands, Nr Carlisle, Cumbria, aged 68 years, and 19 days

Buried at: Westminster Abbey

Reigned for: 34 years, 7 months, and 14 days

Succeeded by: his son Edward II

Edward had been in the Holy Land on the Ninth Crusade, and making his journey home, when he received the news that his father had died in 1272. He did not rush back, and it wasn't until 1274 that he was back in England, with his coronation on 19 August at Westminster Abbey.

He established English rule over all of Wales in 1282–84, and secured recognition of his overlordship from the Scottish king, although the Scots under Sir William Wallace and Robert (I) the Bruce fiercely resisted actual conquest. His reign saw Parliament move towards its modern form with the Model Parliament of 1295.

Edward also had a number of castles built, including the northern Welsh Conway castle, Caernarvon castle, Beaumaris castle, and Harlech castle. He was also responsible for building bastides to defend the English position in France.

References used:

<https://www.britroyals.com/kings.asp?id=edward1>

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

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

2019

20 May – Markenfield Hall – *Janet Senior*

17 June – East Riding Literary Heritage – *Paul Schofield*

Picture This



Hull

This site was dug in Hull in 2004 and revealed part of the former staith on the river Hull. Dating from the medieval period.

Where is this?



Answer in Issue 78

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



Answers on page 10

Dates for Your Diary

18 May	Southburn Archaeological Museum – Open Day. 10am-4pm	17 June	HOSM Local History Society – East Riding Literary Heritage – Paul Schofield. 7pm
20 May	HOSM Local History Society – Markenfield Hall – Janet Senior. 7pm		

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

Just For Fun Answers



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What's Been in the News

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Ancient sculptors made magnetic figures from rocks struck by lightning

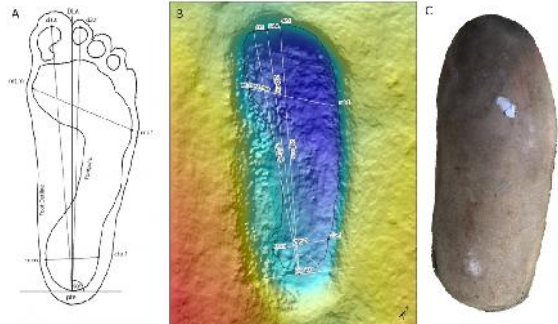


“Guatemalan ‘potbelly’ sculptures suggest people knew about magnetism more than 2,000 years ago”

Read more at:

<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/ancient-sculptures-guatemala-magnetic-rocks-struck-lightning>

Alaskan Child's Footprint Is Rare Evidence Of Prehistoric Subarctic Life



G. Smith / University of Alaska Fairbanks

“A single footprint found at the site of Swan Point, Alaska, may have been made by a tween wandering around his or her house, and archaeologists say this is rare evidence of day-to-day family activities in the prehistoric subarctic.”

Read more at:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kristinakilgroe/2019/04/26/alaskan-childs-footprint-is-rare-evidence-of-prehistoric-subarctic-life/#3c79b667b07a>

“Incredible” find made by archaeologists at elite Pictish power centre



“Archaeologists working at the site of Scotland’s largest Pictish fort have made an “incredible” discovery after unearthing part of the power centre’s defensive wall.”

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/heritage/incredible-find-made-by-archaeologists-at-elite-pictish-power-centre-1-4914589>

Viking Warriorress



Christer Åhlin, Swedish History Museum

“A richly furnished grave excavated in 1878 near the Viking town of Birka in eastern Sweden had long been assumed to hold a powerful male warrior..... More than a century later, several osteologists concluded—and genetic analysis confirmed—that this Viking warrior was actually female.”

Read more at:

<https://www.archaeology.org/issues/339-1905/trenches/7556-trenches-sweden-viking-female-warrior?fbclid=IwAR2miUQN4J2TbrluPilodVmkp4Tf500iU650I1BR1KbUQ4T0WvgKV6H2LRA>

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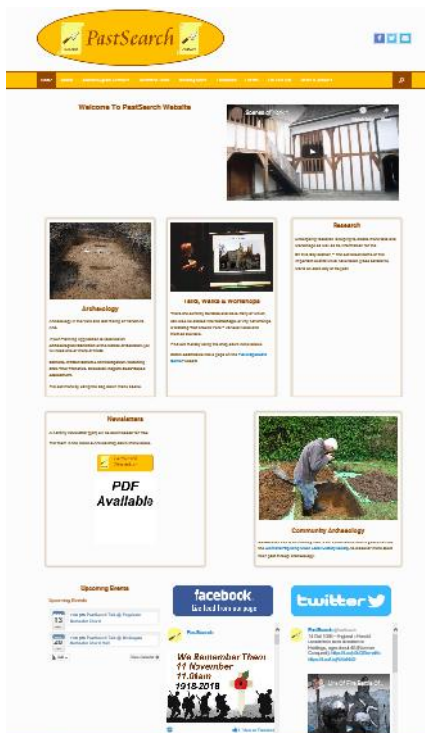
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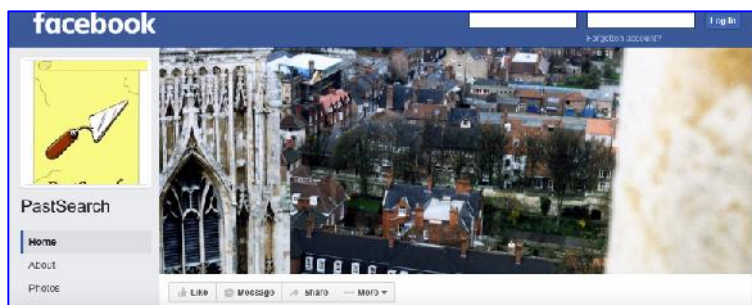
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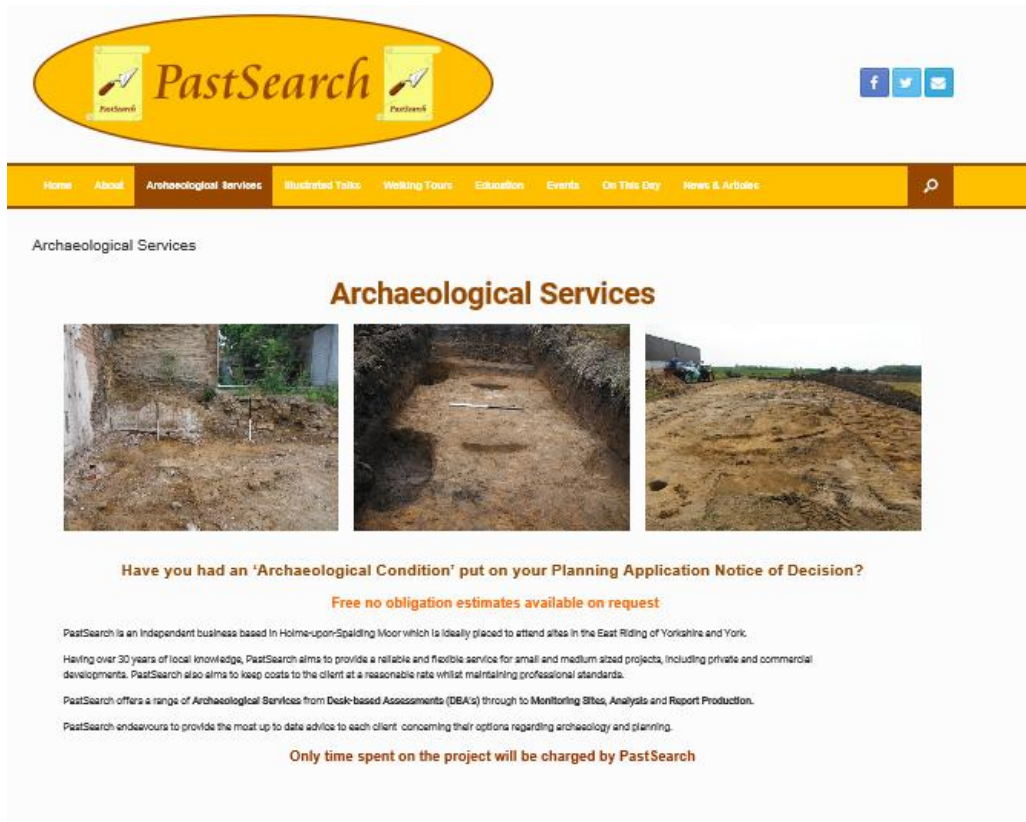


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<http://pastsearch-archaeo-history.co.uk/illustrated-talks/>

Archaeology Along the A63
Bottles
Castles of East Yorkshire
Clifford's Tower
Clues Above the Eyeline
Clues at Foot Level
Eboracum to York
Iron Age Settlements in E. York
Lendal Bridge
Life of an Archaeologist
Maps of E. Yorks
Moated Sites of E. Yorks
Petuarium to Brough
Roman York
Stratigraphy &
Archaeological Dating Methods
The Iron Age
The Medieval Period
The Normans
The Romans
The Vikings
Toys Found in Archaeology
Trials & Executions in York
Walk Around York Walls
Welham Bridge
York Historians
York Railway

19th C Blake Str
Asselby Area
Beverley Area
Coins
Fires of York Minster (in 3 Parts)
Market Weighton Area
Pocklington Area
Restoration of York City Walls
Viking York

New for 2019

The A1079 - York to Pocklington
The A1079 - Pocklington to
Market Weighton

The 1948 Plan for York
The Forest of Galtres

There are currently 39 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.

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