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July Round Up

Completed reports for Storwood and a Driffield site. There were no archaeological features at either site, only build-up and levelling layers. A small quantity of medieval to 19th/20th century pottery and brick fragments was collected from the topsoil of each site. This is consistent with domestic waste and agricultural activity.



Gave 'Forest of Galtres' talk to a large group at Galtres Centre, Eaingwold.

Also gave a talk at the HOSM Social club on the sites monitored by PastSearch in 2018, this was in conjunction with Festival of Archaeology 2019.



Bishops Palace Community Dig

A community dig at the side of the Bishop's Palace started in 2018, one trench was excavated by a team of volunteers.



Two more trenches were opened, beginning in April this year, revealing some lovely stonework.

Since mid July, I have been helping the volunteers and will now be able to give updates over the next few months until the end of the digging season.

You can also follow their progress on their Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/BishopsPalaceDigHowden/>

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

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE CANAL

32 Geo. III. C. 84, R. A. 11th June, 1792. 33 Geo. III. C. 21, R. A. 28th March, 1793.

38 Geo. III. C. 32, R. A. 26th May, 1798. 40 Geo. III. C. 24, R. A. 16th May, 1800.

45 Geo. III. C. 11, R. A. 18th March, 1805.

Part 2:

In the towns and suburbs of Manchester, several collateral cuts and basins, have been made from this canal to the various wharfs, quays, and manufactories; thus affording increased facilities to the trade of this populous and important town and neighbourhood; amongst which, we may enumerate one, a quarter of a mile in length, which proceeds from the west side of Great Ancoats Street, across Mill Street, to Kirby Street, and from which three collateral cuts proceed. A short distance further, on the line of the canal, there is another cut, nearly a quarter of, a mile in length, which crosses Pollard Street, to the back of the large factories which front into Great Ancoats Street. These short cuts are all on one level.

The canal and branches are made 31 feet wide at top and 15 at the bottom, and in depth 5 feet. The locks are 70 feet long and 7 feet wide.

TONNAGE RATES

	<i>d.</i>		
For Lime, Limestone, Dung, Manure, Clay, Sand and Gravel.....	½	per Ton.	per Mile
Coals, Cannel Coal, Stone, and other Minerals, not passing through Locks.....	1	ditto.	ditto.
On the same, passing through Locks.....	2½	ditto.	ditto.
On Timber, and other Goods, not passing through Locks.....	1	ditto.	ditto.
On the same, passing through Locks.....	1½	ditto.	ditto.

By the act of the 38th George III. cap., 32, the proprietors are allowed the following

RATES OF WHARFAGE

	<i>d.</i>	
For Coal, Lime, Limestone, Clay, Iron, Iron-stone, Timber, Stone, Brick, Tile, Slate, Flag Sand and Gravel.....	1	per Ton.
On all other Goods.....	3	ditto.
If such Goods remain for more than Three Days.....	½	ditto.
If more than Ten Days.....	1	ditto.

By the act, entitled, ‘An Act for amending the several Act passed for making, extending, finishing, and completing the Canal Navigation from Manchester, to or near Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham, and the several Cuts and other Works authorized to be made and done by the Company and Proprietors of the said Canal Navigation, and for granting to the said Company further and other Powers’ the proprietors are allowed the following.

ADDITIONAL RATES

	<i>d.</i>
For every boat, passing a Lock, laden with Lime or Limestone.....	2
For Wharfage of such Goods as shall not have paid the Company Two-pence, per Ton, Tonnage.....	1

In the preamble of the last act, relating to the navigation, entitled, '*An Act for enabling the Company of Proprietors of the Canal Navigation from Manchester, to or near Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham, more effectually to provide for the discharge of their Debts, and to complete the said Canal, and the Cuts and Works relating thereto,*' it is stated that the company have raised the overall sums of £60,000, and £30,000, which they were empowered to do under the act of 32nd George III.; also the further sum of £30,000, granted under the act of 33rd George III.; also the sum of £29,977, 17s. In part of the sum of £30,000, which they were empowered to raise, under the act of 38th George III.; also the further sum of £8,677, in part of the further sum of £20,000, granted under the powers of the act of 40th George III. It is further stated, that the company have expended all the monies they have been enabled to raise, amounting to £158, 654, 17s. and that they have contracted debts to a large amount. By this act, they are, therefore, empowered to raise a further sum of £40,000, over and above the several sums already granted, amounting to £170,000, to enable them to discharge such debts and complete their works. The last-mentioned sum of £40,000 to be raised by creating new and additional shares, or by calls, on original shareholders, of sums not exceeding £10 per share at each call.

The canal connects to towns of Manchester and Ashton-under-Lyne; and by the Huddersfield Canal, it has communication with that town, Saddleworth, and the populous clothing districts in that part of Yorkshire, and is a portion of one of the lines of inland navigation, which connects the Irish Sea with the German Ocean; on the one hand through the Huddersfield and Sir John Ramsden's Canals, the Calder and Hebble and Aire and Calder Navigations, to the port of Goole, and from thence by the Rivers Ouse and Humber to the port of Kingston-upon Hull; and on the other hand, by entering the Rochdale Canal, near its junction with the Duke of Bridgewater's Canal, and by that navigation to Runcorn, and from thence, by the River Mersey, to Liverpool.

The town of Manchester derives considerable advantage by the facility with which this canal and branches supply it with stone and coal at an easy rate; an immense quantity of the latter article, in addition to what is required for ordinary purposes, being in daily requisition for innumerable steam engines in use in the various manufactories



1855 OS map showing cut from Pollard Street

Artefact Corner

Rim of Mortarium – Tadcaster Road York Site:



Found in a build-up layer a mortarium rim having an upright bead and heavy collared flange. Buff exterior fabric with pink core. No grit on interior surface. General typological date 150-250AD. Possible import from Rhineland.

Mortaria were used by the Romans for pounding and mixing food.



This is how the complete vessel would have looked – note the potter's stamp, would have been lovely if this fragment had one.

Wikipedia

Book Review

Timeline of Kings and Queens – Gordon Kerr

Beginning in 800 you are taken chronologically through the years, noting important events which took place throughout Europe, concerning the monarchs at the time.

First entry is: #

800 Holy Roman Empire: Pope Leo III's coronation of Charles I the Great (Charlemagne), king of the Franks, founding father of both the French and German monarchies, as *Imperator Romanorum* (Emperor of the Romans), in St. Peter's church, Rome, marks the beginning of the Holy Roman Empire.



Patrick Cotter O'Brien



On 5 August 1781 O'Brien, the world's tallest man (the promotional literature said 8ft 7in, but in reality 8ft 3in) was at the Old White Swan, people were charged 1s to see him.



Patrick Cotter was born 19 January 1760 in Kinsale County Cork, Ireland. He became a bricklayer, and at the age of 18, he was spotted by a travelling show-man and persuaded to join the 'freak show'.

The Book of Day (published in 1869) says that at the age of 18, Cotter was "bought" from his father by an impresario, in a deal worth £50 a year for three years.

Patrick, however, felt undervalued and, arriving in Bristol, he refused to be exhibited without personal remuneration, on top of the food, clothes, and lodging stipulated in the contract. His "owner" had him thrown into a debtor's prison. Then benevolent third party intervened

to have the contract nullified. Patrick then went freelance, exhibiting himself "with such success that he earned £30 in three days".

The show travelled throughout England, and now Patrick took on his stage name of Patrick O'Brien, which was likely a way of pretending that he was a descendent of Brian Boru who, in legends of that time, was believed to have been the king of a race of Irish giants. He made his main residence in Bristol and given the nickname of 'the Bristol Giant.'

The coach, in which he travelled, had to be modified for his height.

One hand-bill advertised

"Just arrived in Town,
and to be seen in a commodious room,
at No. 11 Haymarket . . .

the celebrated Irish Giant, Mr O'Brien . . indisputably the tallest man ever shewn;
he is a lineal descendant of the old puissant King Brien Boreau, and has in person and appearance all the
similitude of that great and grand potentate.

It is remarkable of this family, that, however various the revolutions in point of fortune and affiance, the
lineal descendants thereof have been favoured by Providence with the original size and stature which have
been so peculiar to their family.

The gentleman alluded to measures near nine feet high.
Admittance, one shilling."

He retired in 1804, settling in Hotwells Road, Clifton, Bristol

Patrick Cotter O'Brien died at home on 8 September 1806, aged only 46, and the cause of death was directly linked with the strains of having a large body.

His coffin was 284cm in length and it was carried by 14 men to his grave at the Roman Catholic chapel in Trenchard Street, Bristol, at 6am. This early time was chosen hoping to avoid attracting a crowd, however, it is understood more than 2,000 people attended and police assistance was required to guard the chapel doors and prevent anyone getting crushed.

He had left £2000 - £3000 to his mother and had requested that his body be entombed behind 12 feet of rock to prevent exhumation by body-snatcher. However, his body was exhumed, in fact three times due to redevelopment of the gravesite in 1906, 1972 and 1986.

After the last exhumation the decision was made to cremate his remains after a church service in his honour. Although it is also said that one of his arms is at the Medical Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, London.

The memorial stone read "Here lie the remains of Mr Patrick Cotter O'Brien, a native of Kinsale, in the kingdom of Ireland. He was a man of gigantic stature, exceeding eight feet three inches in height, and proportionately large."



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<https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/an-irishman-s-diary-1.936834>

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	1834	British Empire	Slavery abolished (Slavery Abolition Act 1833).
2	338BC	Greece	Battle of Chaeronea.
3	1852	USA	First Harvard-Yale Ragatta held.
4	1701	Canada	Great Peace of Montreal signed.
5	2010	Chile	Copiapó mining accident, 33 trapped.
6	1538	Colombia	Bogotá founded by Gonzalo Jiménez de Quesada.
7	1879	UK	'Poor Man's Palace' opened in Manchester.
8	1579	Denmark	Construction of Uraniborg Observatory began on Ven.
9	1925	India	Train robbery in Kakori.
10	1628	Sweden	Warship Vasa sank in Stockholm harbour.
11	1942	USA	Hedy Lamarr and George Antheil received patent for Frequency-hopping spread spectrum communication system.
12	1332	Scotland	Battle of Dupplin Moor (Wars of Scottish Independence).
13	1964	UK	Peter Allan and Gwynne Evans became last people to be executed in UK.
14	1893	France	Foundation stone of Cologne Cathedral laid.
15	1248	Germany	Foundation stone of Cologne Cathedral laid.
16	1863	Dominican Republic	Dominican Restoration War began.
17	986	Bulgaria	Battle of the Gates of Trajan (Byzantin-Bulgarian Wars).
18	1612	England	Pendle Witch Trials began at Lancaster Assizes.
19	1886	YORK	Rev. Henry Ward Beecher in York & lectured at York Festival Court Room.
20	1926	Japan	Nippon Hōsō Kyōkai (NHK) public broadcasting company established.
21	1831	USA	Nat Turner's Slave Rebellion started.
22	1654	America	Jacob Barsimon became first known Jewish immigrant.
23	1305	England	William Wallace executed for high treason at Smithfield, London.
24	1991	Ukraine	Declared independence from USSR.
25	1875	UK	Captain Matthew Webb became first person to swim English Channel.
26	1685	YORK	A large porpoise was found in River Ouse at Clifton Ings.
27	413BC	Sicily	Luna eclipse observed.
28	1830	USA	Race between Tom Thumb locomotive & horse drawn train.
29	1728	Greenland	Nuuk founded by Claus Paarss.
30	1841	UK	Sir Robert Peel became Prime Minister (Conservative).
31	1798	Ireland	The Republic of Connaught established (Irish Rebellion).

British Monarchs – Richard II



Name: King Richard II

Born: January 6, 1367 at Bordeaux, France

Parents: Edward, the Black Prince, and Joan of Kent

House of: Plantagenet

Ascended to the throne: June 22, 1377 aged 10 years

Crowned: July 16, 1377 at Westminster Abbey

Married: (1) Anne of Bohemia, (2) Isabella, nine year old daughter of Charles VI of France

Children: None

Died: February 14, 1400 at Pontefract Castle, Yorkshire (starved to death), aged 33 years, 1 month, and 8 days

Buried at: Langley reburied Westminster

Reigned for: 22 years, 7 months, and 23 days

Succeeded by: his cousin Henry IV

Also known as Richard of Bordeaux, having been born there in 1367.

During his reign the Hundred Years War (1337-1453) continued and the Peasant's Revolt was in 1381, this was led by Watt Tyler regarding a Poll Tax of a shilling a head for the entire male population which was levied the year before.

Richard (Dick) Whittington became Lord Mayor of London in 1398.

In 1399 the exiled Henry Bolingbroke returned whilst Richard II was in Ireland, to claim his inheritance and seize the throne. When Richard returned in he surrendered to Henry at Flint Castle, promising to abdicate if his life were spared. I was initially imprisoned in the Tower of London and then at Pontefract Castle where he died 14 February 1400.

References used:

<https://www.britroyals.com/kings.asp?id=richard2>

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

Last Meeting – 15 July



Society members visited St. Edmunds church, Seaton Ross, shown around by David Raffaell

2019

19 Aug – History of HOSM Shops - Sheila Smith, and AGM

16 Sept – Amy Johnson – Michelle Beadle

Picture This



Pontefract Castle

Originally constructed in 1170, it was the site of many battles until its destruction during the Civil War.

They have been working on a major conservation project to preserve the historic ruins of the castle for the future.

For more information visit their website
<https://www.pontefractcastle.co.uk/>

Where is this?



Answer in Issue 81

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 Birdie



You might need your magnifying glass for this one – or if viewing on computer – zoom in.

In 2017, there was a display of birds of prey in the Museum Gardens, a couple of the owls decided they wanted a rest from the public and flew into the trees, can you find the barn owl?

Answer on page 10

Dates for Your Diary

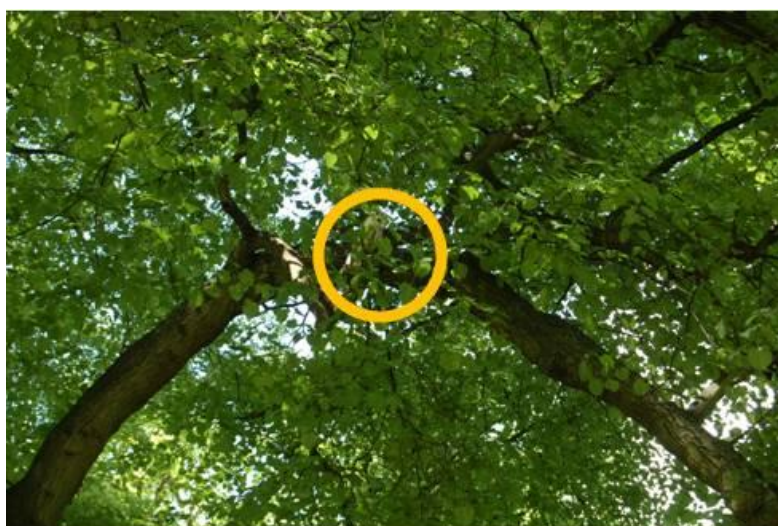
10-11 Aug	York Walls Festival – Fishergate Postern & Red Tower open.	7 Sept	Southburn Archaeology Museum Open Day. 10am-4pm
19 Aug	HOSM Local History Society – History of HOSM Shops - <i>Sheila Smith</i> , and AGM	15 Sept	Heritage Weekend – All Saints Church Open 2 – 4pm
25 Aug	Fishergate Postern Open Day. 10am – 4pm.	16 Sept	HOSM Local History Society – Amy Johnson – <i>Michelle Beadle</i>

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



Find Colin on page 14



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.

Hull's lost fortress lying hidden for 500 years could be opened up for all to see



Hull Daily Mail

“Specialist consultants have been hired to look at the feasibility of opening a major new visitor attraction in Hull.

City council leaders believe the story of the city's lost Tudor fortress has the potential to become a big draw for tourists.”

Read more at:

https://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/news/hull-east-yorkshire-news/fortress-hidden-500-years-hull-3012560?fbclid=IwAR0cULowzYYdp2IDY_uVzKFdTtFr2YoevvLpiRQHuo0P36HC8lcfJtGQpRQ

Landmark York restaurant closes after 32 years



“It has been a fixture in York since 1986.

But Russells of Coppergate has now closed for good, another victim of today's challenging trading conditions.”

Read more at:

<https://www.yorkmix.com/business/landmark-york-restaurant-closes-after-32-years/?fbclid=IwAR3Em0yC0qApMEkCWOyxHgq-beU545V7yZRd59VlkVKMp0rWq8yHM0AV5IE>

Bettys: Famous Yorkshire tearoom reaches its centenary



“A tearoom that has become a Yorkshire institution is celebrating its 100th birthday.

Bettys opened its doors in Harrogate in the aftermath of the World War One and has been serving tea and cakes ever since.”

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-york-north-yorkshire-49005038>

Lifeboat of Titanic Survivors Were Guided by One Woman's 'Flashlight' Cane



Guernsey's

“As the sinking Titanic took on freezing water near Newfoundland in 1912, a lifeboat of survivors used the battery-operated light on a woman's cane to illuminate the way to safety. That cane — made with some of the world's first synthetic plastic — is now hitting the auction block at a minimum price of \$100,000.”

Read more at:

<https://www.livescience.com/65987-walking-stick-titanic-shipwreck-auction.html?fbclid=IwAR1RPrzBYrviGmLyxsrdv8u1uw3GB033OS5LLJF41HZbCAsFoZ9qRS2Xbig>

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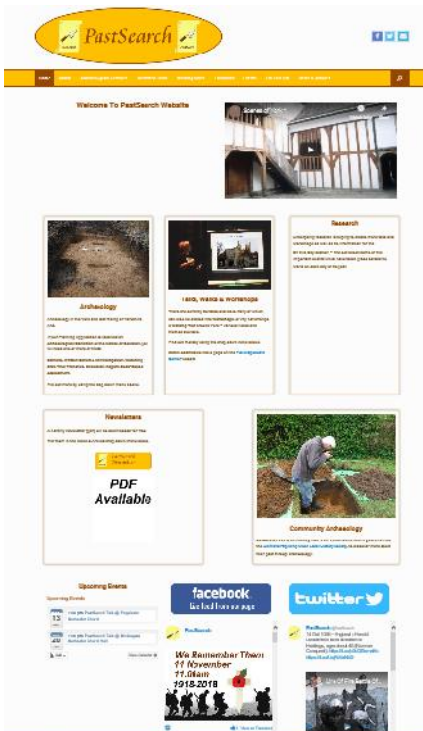
Have you visited the *PastSearch Website*?

Here you will find information on the archaeological services, talks and workshops available from *PastSearch*.

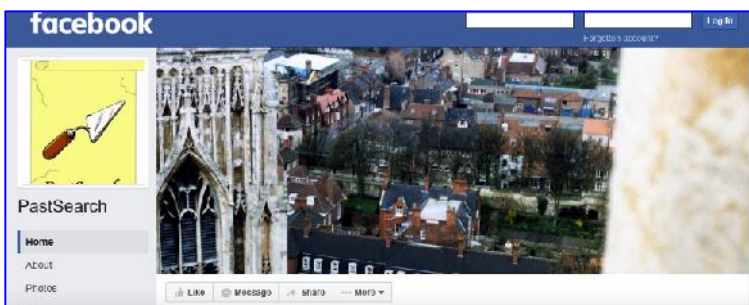
There are also reports, newsletters and other pdf files to download for free.

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Presentations, Workshops and Walking Tours

There are currently 40 Illustrated Talks available which can be booked by groups and societies, and the list keeps growing!!



York Minster Fires



The Rowntree Family & York



Lendal Bridge, York

1948 Plan for York
 19th century Blake Street York
 A1079 – York to Pocklington
 A1079 – Pocklington to Market Weighton
 Archaeology Along the A63
 Asselby Area
 Beverley Area
 Bottles
 Castles of East Yorkshire
 Clifford's Tower
 Clues above the Eye-line
 Clues at Foot Level
 Coins
 Eboracum to York
 Fires of York Minster (in 3 parts)
 Forest of Galtres
 Iron Age Settlements in East Yorkshire
 Lendal Bridge
 Life of an Archaeologist
 Maps of East Yorkshire
 Market Weighton Area
 Moated Sites of East Yorkshire
 Petuaria to Brough
 Pocklington Area
 Restoration of York Walls
 Roman York
 Rowntree Family & York
 Stratigraphy & Archaeological Dating
 Methods
 The Iron Age
 The Medieval Period
 The Romans
 The Vikings
 Toys Found in Archaeology
 Trials & Executions at York
 Viking York
 Walk around York Walls
 Welham Bridge
 York Through Eyes of Historians
 York Railway



The Forest of Galtres



The 1948 Plan for York



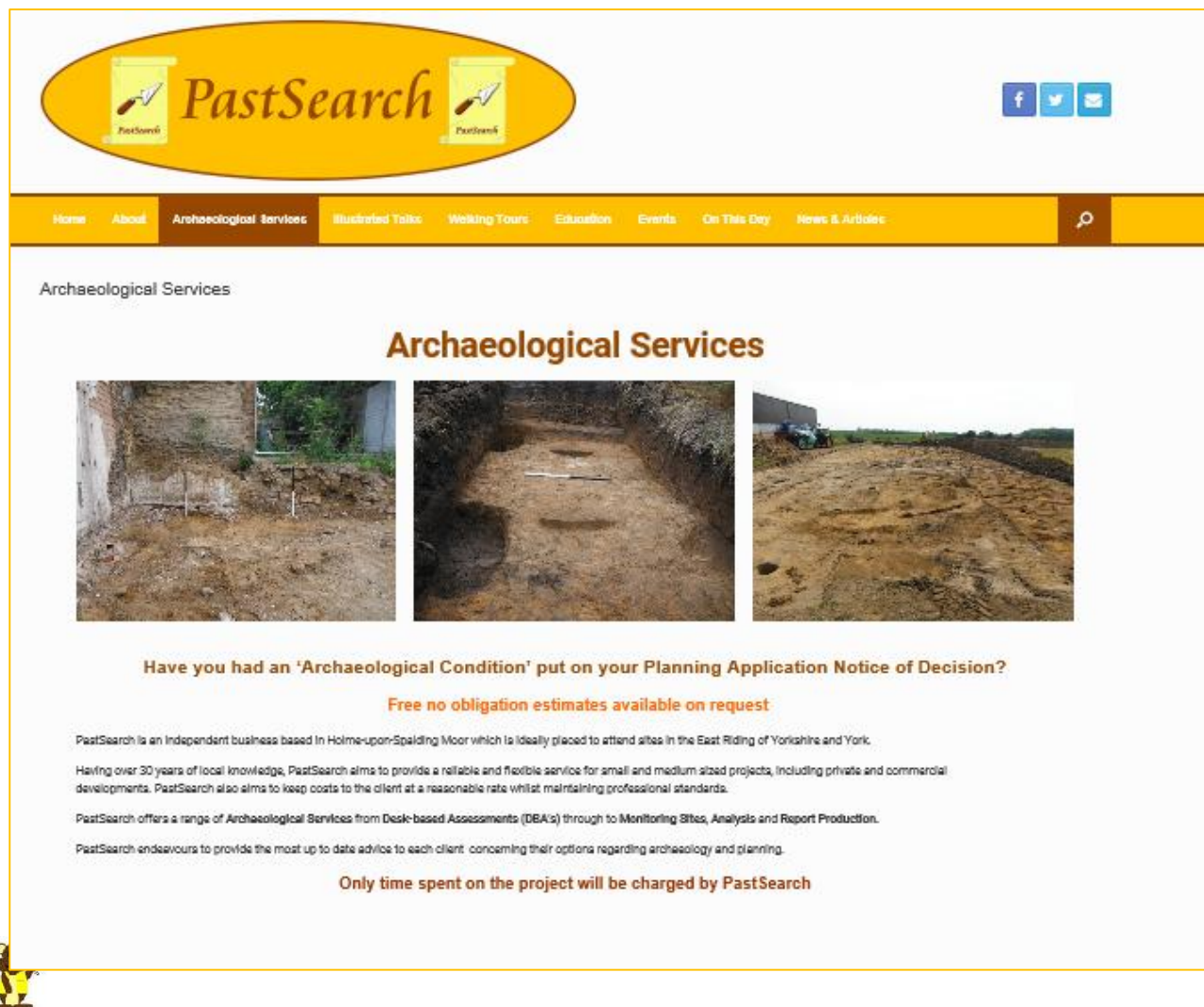
Restoration of York City Walls

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

Each Talk is £50 (travelling expenses may be charged in some cases)

You can book your talk at: pastsearch@hotmail.com
 or ring **Karen** on 07811 877 469.

Archaeological Services



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Have you had an 'Archaeological Condition' put on your Planning Application Notice of Decision?

Free no obligation estimates available on request

PastSearch is an independent business based in Holme-upon-Spalding Moor which is ideally placed to attend sites in the East Riding of Yorkshire and York.

Having over 30 years of local knowledge, PastSearch aims to provide a reliable and flexible service for small and medium sized projects, including private and commercial developments. PastSearch also aims to keep costs to the client at a reasonable rate whilst maintaining professional standards.

PastSearch offers a range of Archaeological Services from Desk-based Assessments (DBA's) through to Monitoring Sites, Analysis and Report Production.

PastSearch endeavours to provide the most up to date advice to each client concerning their options regarding archaeology and planning.

Only time spent on the project will be charged by PastSearch

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

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