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January Round Up

2023 has begun with giving talks for several groups: For Mirthy gave 'Clues above the Eyeline' talk, for Howden Probus 'The Rowntree Family'. Also 'Trials & Executions' talk to Drifffield U3A and Holme-on-Spalding Moor History Society, there were a few criminals from each of these are to be discussed.

Zoom talks for January were the first two parts of Charles Brunton Knights Walk 1, which has been taken from his 1950's book 'This is York'. We followed in its footsteps from the Mansion House, along Stonegate, Petergate, through Bootham Bar and up to Clifton.

Part three is scheduled for 6 January, when we will conclude this walk along Marygate, by the river Ouse, into Lendal and finishing back at the Mansion House.

There also plenty of Heygo sessions throughout January – mainly looking at the events of various days through the month but also looking at the York Panorama frieze in York Central Library.

All the above talks can be booked for groups, either at their venues or via Zoom: you can find out more details at: <https://pastsearch-archaeo-history.co.uk/illustrated-talks/>

York: The Story of its Walls, Bars and Castles

T P Cooper (1904)

The Stuarts (Part 1): No mention of the defences of York has been found in the records of the early part of this period, and this may be accounted for on the grounds, as Camden observes, that “fortified places” had “grown in disrepute.” The city gates would, according to custom, still be regularly closed at sunset and opened at dawn. When James I was on his way southwards, he was received at Micklegate Bar on the 16th April, 1603; and, after the usual obsequious civic welcome of royalty. The lord mayor delivered into the King’s hands the keys of the city gates and posterns.



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Prior to 1625 there were Mure-Masters, or Murengers, whose duties were to inspect and superintend the repairs of the city walls. These officials were discontinued in the first year of the reign of Charles I, and the City Steward was appointed in their stead.



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Charles, by a Charter dated 19th July, 1631, conformed all former charters, and inserted in his new grant of privileges a special clause in aid of mural repairs, “because the walls of the said city are at present in great decay and not capable of being supported or repaired but by a Taxation of the Inhabitants of the said city for repairing the same, furthermore we will and by theses presents for us our heirs and successors we grant to the beforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the said city of York and their successors that the Mayor, Recorder, Sheriffs, and those who have been Sheriffs of the said city or the major part of them for the time being may and shall have full power and authority from time to time hereafter whenever and as often as to them shall seem necessary for ever hereafter to assess and tax all the inhabitants and residents within the city of York beforesaid as well within the liberties of Saint Peter as elsewhere within the present liberties and precincts of the same city in any reasonable sums of money according to their sound Discretions and the Qualities of the persons to and for the amending and repairing the walls of the said city and the stone Bridges and wharf called the King’s Staith and if it so happens that any inhabitant or resident within the liberties of precincts of the said city refuse to pay any sum of money so laid upon them for the reason and in the form aforesaid that they the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said city and their successors for the time being by any officer appointed and authorised for that purpose by them and shall be at liberty to detain the goods and chattels of the person do refusing which are found within the said city and the precincts and the liberties of the same for the sum of money so laid or imposed upon him and expose them for sale to any person for best price that can be got and pay to the Mayor and Commonalty for the time being so much out of the sale of the said goods as was assessed upon him towards amending and repairing the Walls, Bridges and Wharf aforesaid restoring the remainder to the owner of the goods and chattels aforesaid.”



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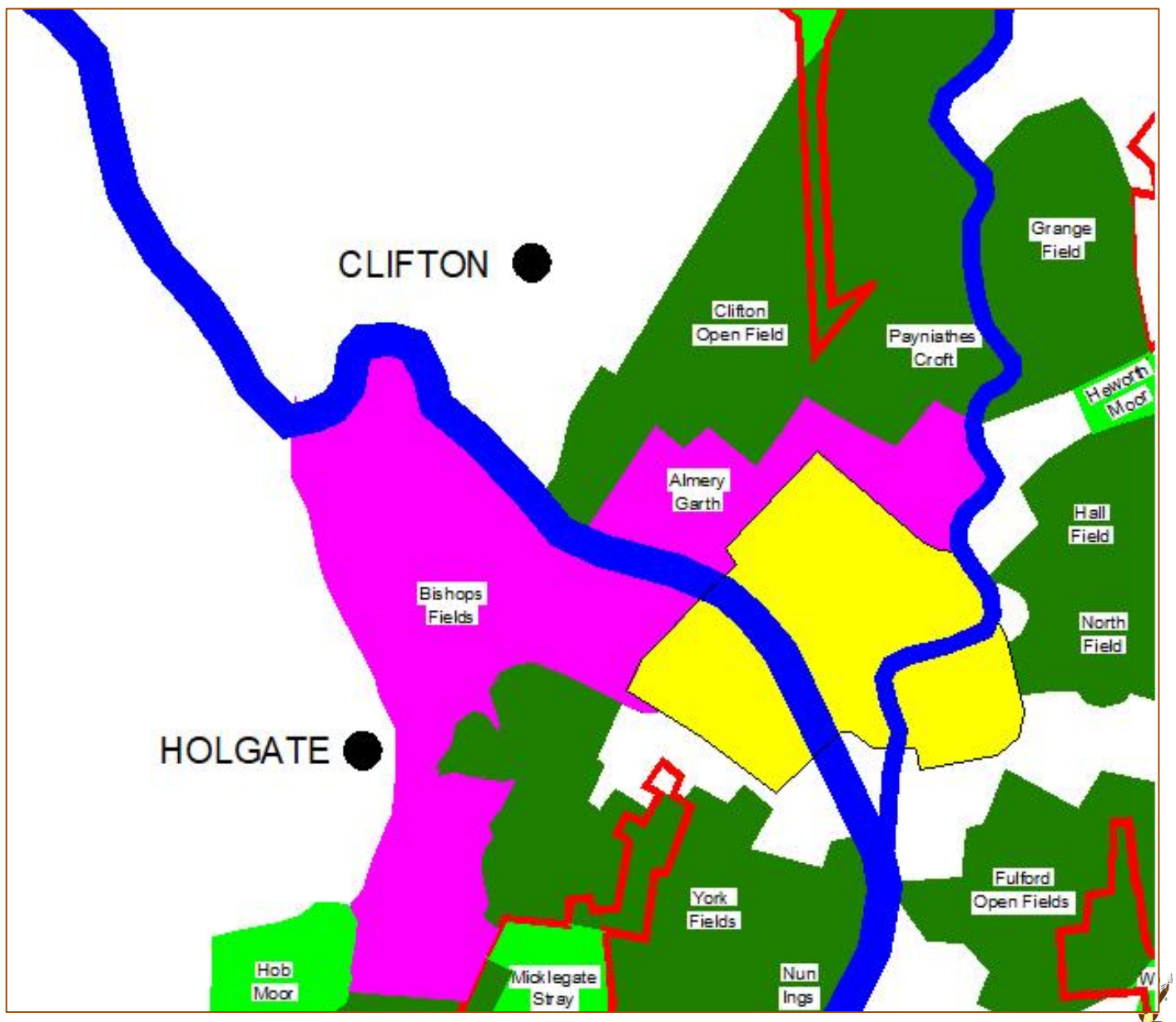
The year 1640 witnessed the commencement of the momentous political struggles which culminated in the Great Civil War. Charles, by his ill-advised resistance to the will of Parliament, divided his subjects into violent factions. He came to York, and was welcomed with the customary greetings, on the 23rd August. The King, fearful of impending danger, and “for his greater security at York, rode about the city accompanied with the Marquis of Hamilton, several general officers, some aldermen and citizens, with pickaxes, spades and shovels marked out several intrenchments and fortifications.”



On 7th of September, the royal army, under Sir Jacob Astley, arrived before the city, encamping in Clifton Fields on the left bank of the Ouse, and in Bishop's Fields on the opposite side of the river, and a bridge of boats was utilised for communication. Also "there came into York at this time fifty odd pieces of ordnance great and small, six score and twelve wagons laden with powder, match and shot, with several other carriages full of pickaxes, spades and shovels, all from the King's Magazine at Hull. Many of the cannon were planted before the camp, where several ramparts and bulwarks were thrown up. The rest of the cannon and carriages stood in Almonry-yard. There was a court of guard kept at every bar and every postern in the city, day and night, for the space of nine weeks; for

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notwithstanding the open pretences of the Scotch, the King had been secretly informed that they intended to surprise him in York; and therefore it behoved him to make these preparations to receive them."



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Alexander Selkirk rescued from Joan Fernández Island



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This statue, standing on the site where Alexander Selkirk's house once stood in Main Street, Lower Largo Fife, Scotland, shows him looking like a castaway similar to the fictional character of Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Dafoe – was he influenced by Alexander's story?

Alexander was the son of a shoemaker and tanner in Lower Largo, Fife, Scotland, born in 1676. He was often getting into trouble, being quarrelsome and unruly.

He became a buccaneer and by September 1704 found himself on the ship 'Cinque Ports', captained by Thomas Stradling, which had been brought to an island, known to the Spanish as Más a Tierra, which was located in the uninhabited Juan Fernández archipelago, 670 km (420 miles) off the coast of Chile, for a mid-expedition restocking of fresh water and supplies.

Alexander did not believe that the 'Cinque Ports' was seaworthy and thought repairs should be made before continuing any further. When he declared that he would rather stay on Juan Fernández than continue in a dangerously leaky ship, Captain Stradling took him up on the offer and landed Selkirk on the island with a musket, a hatchet, a knife, a cooking pot, a Bible, bedding and some clothes.

Alexander tried to apologise and return to the ship but Stradling refused to let him back on board.



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He was to spend four years and four months on the island alone, initially staying on the shoreline, eating spiny lobsters. Eventually he moved inland where he found feral goats which had been introduced by earlier sailors, also wild turnips and other vegetation, and he built two huts on a mountainside.

Eventually he was rescued on 2 February 1709 by the ships 'Duke' captained by Woodes Rogers, and the 'Duchess'. Physician Thomas Dover led the landing party. Alexander was made second mate on the 'Duke' and he returned to privateering, arriving back in England on 1 October 1711. In

1717 he enlisted in the Royal Navy and served as an officer on HMS Weymouth. As the ship sailed down the coast of West Africa, men began to contract yellow fever from the swarms of mosquitoes that followed them. Selkirk became sick with the disease in early December. He died on 13 December 1721, along with shipmate William King. Both were buried at sea.

What became of Captain Stradling and the crew of the 'Cinque Ports'? As Alexander Selkirk and thought the ship later foundered off the coast of what is now Colombia. Stradling and some of his crew survived the loss of their ship but were forced to surrender to the Spanish. They were taken to Lima, Peru, where they were imprisoned.

References used:

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

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-real-robinson-crusoe-74877644/>

This Month in History (February)

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	1829	YORK	York Minster Fire, caused by Jonathan Martin.
2	1461	England	Battle of Mortimer's Cross, Hertfordshire (War of the Roses).
3	1995	USA	Eileen Collins first female to pilot Space Shuttle.
4	1899	Philippines	Philippine-American War began.
5	2000	Chechnya	Novye Aldi Massacre (Second Chechen War).
6	1778	France	Treaty of Alliance and Treaty of Amity and Commerce signed in Paris (American Revolutionary War).
7	1813	Guinea	Action of 7 February (Napoleonic Wars).
8	1150	Germany	Battle of Flochberg.
9	474	Byzantine Empire	Zeno became co-emperor.
10	1552	England	Shrewsbury School founded.
11	1903	Austria	Anton Bruckner's 'Symphony No. 9 in D minor' premiered in Vienna.
12	2011	YORK	Art in Yorkshire programme launched.
13	1668	Iberian Peninsula	Portuguese Restoration War ended.
14	1130	ROME	Cardinal Gregorio Papareschi became Pope Innocent II; a group of cardinals elect antiPope Anacletus II.
15	1965	Canada	The red and white maple leaf design adopted for new flag.
16	1141	Hungary/Croatia	Géza II crowned King, aged 11.
17	1339	England	Eighteenth Parliament of Edward III dissolved.
18	2013	Belgium	Brussels Airport Diamond Heist.
19	197	Roman Empire	Battle of Lugdunum.
20	1813	Argentina	Battle of Salta (Argentine War of Independence).
21	1947	USA	First 'instant camera' the Polaroid Land Camera demonstrated in New York by Edwin Land.
22	1700	Europe	Great Northern War began.
23	1573	Ireland	First Desmond Rebellion ended.
24	1389	Sweden	Albert deposed, Margaret became Queen.
25	2009	Bangladesh	Bangladesh Rifles Revolt began.
26	1266	Italy	Battle of Benevento.
27	1942	Java Sea	First battle of Java Sea (WWII).
28	1849	USA	Arrival of the SS California in San Francisco started regular steamboat service between west and east coast.
29	1720	Sweden	Queen Ulrika Eleonora abdicated.
30	1712	Sweden	Added as part of phasing out Swedish Calendar.

Archbishops of York – Edwald & Oswald



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Edwald

Born: ?
Died: ?
Appointed: 971
Term Ended: 971
Predecessor: Oskytel
Successor: Oswald



Wikipedia

Oswald

Born: ?
Died: 29 February 992
Appointed: 972
Term Ended: 971
Predecessor: Edwald
Successor: Ealdwulf

Very little is known about Edwald (or Edwaldus) except he was appointed Archbishop of York in 971, and resigned only months after his election.

His successor was Oswald who was of Danish origins and had been brought up by his uncle Oda, Archbishop of Canterbury, and was also related to Oskytel, (Archbishop of York 958-971). Oswald held the office of Dean of Winchester, but he was sent to France by his uncle and entered the monastery of Fleury about 950, where he was ordained.

In 958 Oda requested Oswald's return to England, however, Oda died before Oswald returned. Now Oswald was without a patron so he turned to his other relation Oskytel who had just been appointed Archbishop York, and assisted him at York.

In 961 Oswald became Bishop of Worcester. He was given land in Huntingdonshire by Æthelwine, ealdorman of East Anglia and built a monastery in 971 which would become known as Ramsey Abbey.

Oswald supported Dunstan and Æthelwold, Bishop of Winchester, in their efforts to purify the Church from secularism. He also, with the aid of King Edgar, took a prominent part in the revival of monastic discipline along the precepts of the Rule of Saint Benedict, which had been written in 516 for monks living communally under the authority of an abbot. The main principle of which are 'peace, pray and work'. He changed the cathedral chapter of Worcester from priests to monks, and reformed Winchcombe Abbey, Westbury Priory, Pershore Abbey, and Evesham Abbey.

Oswald became Archbishop of York in 972 and travelled to Rome to receive his Pallium from Pope John XIII. He continued to hold the see of Worcester as well as that of York, and the holding of these two sees became a tradition for almost 50 years with the successive incumbents.

Oswald died on 29 February 992 whilst washing the feet of the poor at Worcester which was his daily custom during Lent. He was buried in St. Mary's Church, Worcester.

He was canonized as almost immediately after his death miracles were reported at his funeral and at his tomb. Ten years after his death his remains were moved to Worcester Cathedral. His feast day is of 29 February (leap year) and 28 February (common year), or on 19 May in the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter (USA & Canada, established by the Vatican in 2012).

References used:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edwald>

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

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

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

Picture This



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St. Leonard's Hospital, Tickhill

There had been a St. Leonard's Hospital in Tickhill on Spital Hill since at least 1225 for lepers.

In 1470 it was re-sited to the north side of the Market Place, An inscription above the door suggests that the rebuilding was the work of a John Leftwul.

The building eventually declined; by the 1840s, it was used as tenements. Restored in 1851 and bought by the local parish church in 1898 for a meeting room.

Became Grade II listed building in 1961 and restored again in 2007.

Do you know where this is?



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Answer in Issue 123

Just For Fun



Colin the digging hamster has is hiding on one of the pages in this newsletter, can you find him?

Wordmaker

6-12 February 2023 is Tinnitus Awareness Week.

If you suffer from this condition, as I do, you are probably hearing some degree of whistle/shushing sound – hope concentrating on this puzzle can block it out for a while.

<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/tinnitus-awareness-week-2023/>

How many three letter, or more, words can you make from the word

Tinnitus

Scribble Pad

Answers on p.8

Just for Fun Answers



Find Colin on page 3

7 Letters: Intuits

6 Letters: Intuit

5 Letters: Units; Stunt; Tints; Stint; Titis; Suint; Intis.

4 Letters: Tint; Suit; Tins; Snit; Sunn; Nuts; Stun; Nuns; Ruis; Inti; Unit; Nits; Tuns; Nisi; Inns; Tuts.

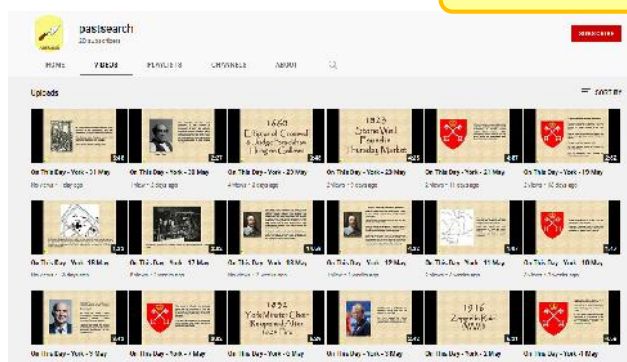
3 Letters: Uns; Uts; Tut; Tis; Tun; Nit; Ins; Its; Inn; Nun; Nus; Nut; Sin; Sit; Tin; Sun.

Dates for Your Diary

February		March	
1-28 Feb	Silver Hoard Exhibition – Jorvik Viking Centre	13 Mar	PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – History of Clifford's Tower & York Castle, 7pm (see advert p.12)
4-5 Feb	York Ice Trail	30 Mar	PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – UK Female Archaeologist (part 1) 7pm (see advert p.13)
6 Feb	PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – Walking in the Steps of C B Knight – Walk 1 (part 3), 7pm (see advert p.10)		
10-23 Feb	Colour & Light – York Minster		
11-19 Feb	Jorvik Viking Festival		
28 Feb	PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – Mother Shipton, 7pm (see advert p.11)		

If you know of any events happening which you think other Newsletter readers would be interested in, please send details to Karen at pastsearch@hotmail.com so that they can be included in this section.

PastSearch YouTube Channel



Have you visited the PastSearch YouTube Channel.

Currently short videos for events which have happened in York are being added for each day of the year.

Please take a look by going to <https://www.youtube.com/user/pastsearch> and press subscribe so that you can see the latest videos as they are added.

What's Been in the News

These articles were shared on Facebook and Twitter during the last month. To see similar articles as they come into the news please follow PastSearch on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Karen-PastSearch-110449121756183> & Twitter: <https://twitter.com/pastsearch>

REMAINS OF PORTSMOUTH'S HISTORIC DEFENCES FOUND DURING EXCAVATIONS AT SOUTHSEA CASTLE



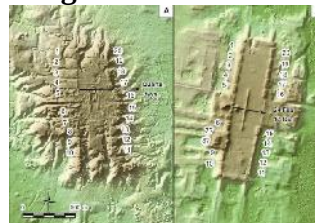
Shaping Portsmouth

“An early 19th century swivel gun mount has been uncovered during excavation works for the Portsmouth Southsea Coastal Scheme Flood defence Project.”

Read more at:

[HTTPS://WWW.HERITAGEDAILY.COM/2023/01/REMAINS-OF-PORTSMOUTHS-HISTORIC-DEFENCES-FOUND-DURING-EXCAVATIONS-AT-SOUTHSEA-CASTLE/145734](https://www.heritagedaily.com/2023/01/remains-of-portsmouths-historic-defences-found-during-excavations-at-southsea-castle/145734)

LIDAR Discovers Giant Ancient Mesoamerican Calendar – Structures Were Aligned To The Stars



Takeshi Inomata

“Archaeoastronomical studies have demonstrated that the important civic and ceremonial buildings in Mesoamerica were largely oriented to sunrises or sunsets on specific dates, but the origin and spread of orientation practices were not clear.”

Read more at:

<https://www.ancientpages.com/2023/01/10/lidar-discovers-giant-ancient-mesoamerican-calendar-ancient-structures-were-aligned-to-the-stars/>

Now we know who the Vikings had children with



“DNA evidence from Norway points above all to Britain and Ireland rather than people from the north-east. But a lot of this hereditary material has mysteriously almost disappeared after the Viking Age.

Read more at:

<https://sciencenorway.no/archaeology-genetics-viking-age/now-we-know-who-the-vikings-had-children-with/2139912>

Carlisle Roman baths: Gems recovered from drains



“More than 30 semi-precious stones lost in a Roman bath house 2,000 years ago have been recovered from its drains.

More than 700 finds, including pottery, weapons and coins have been uncovered.”

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cumbria-64458322>

**PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – Walk in the Footsteps of C B Knight –
Walk 1 (part 3)
6 February 2023, 7.00pm**



Feb 06



Walking in the Steps of C B Knight – York Walk 1 (Part 3)

Registration - CB
Knight Walk 1 (part 3)

£3.00

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Let's start at St. Helen's Square and see where C B Knight guided us!

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When and where



Date and time

Mon, Feb 6, 2023, 7:00 PM GMT



Location

Online

Refund Policy

No Refunds

About this event



1 hour 30 minutes



Mobile access

Local history: Charles Branson Knight wrote a guide book to York in the early 1800's. Divided into individual walks, he wrote up thoughts on the walk with the reader, pointing out buildings he thought should be taken note of and also historic events which took place in each area.

Join Karen Adams (PastSearch) to follow in Charles' footsteps on this first walk in his book - includes Marygate, River Ouse and Museum Gardens.

NB: This is part three of the Walk - part one is on 9 January 2023 and part two is on 26 January 2023.

Registration can be booked from the Eventbrite Website at:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-in-the-steps-of-c-b-knight-york-walk-1-part-3-tickets-504571114787?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep_tld=1

**PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – Mother Shipton
and her Connection with York
28 February 2023, 7.00pm**



Just Added!

Feb 28

Mother Shipton and her Connection with York

Mary believe Mother Shipton was a real person who lived in the 13th century

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Registration - Mother Shipton 1 [+](#)

£5.00 [🔗](#)

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When and where

Date and time Tue, Feb 28, 2023, 7:00 PM GMT	Location Online
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Refund Policy

No Refunds

About this event

🕒 1 hour 30 minutes 📱 Mobile access

When the name Mother Shipton is mentioned, you will probably think of a cave, and Knaresborough. Who was this person that many have called a witch?

What is her connection to York?

Join Karen Adams (PastSearch) to find out more about the story of this woman who foretold of events to come, including some connected with York.

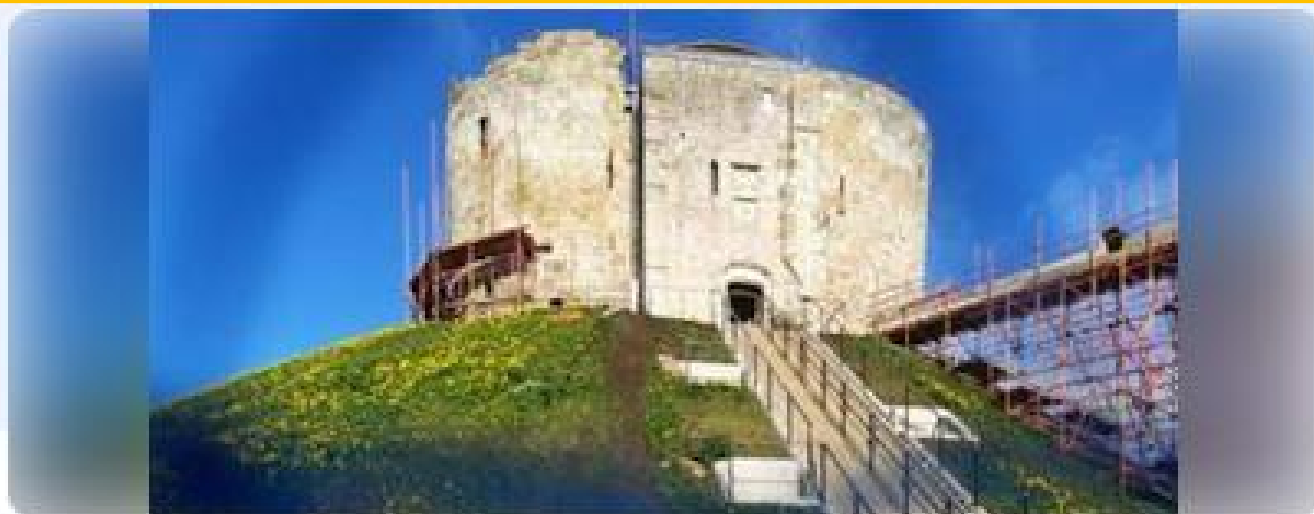
Here is just one of those prophecies:

"Before Ouse Bridge and Trinity Church meet, what is built in the day shall fall in the night. All the highest stone of the church be the lowest stone of the Bridge."

Registration can be booked from the Eventbrite Website at:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mother-shipton-and-her-connection-with-york-tickets-507467126837?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep_tld=1

PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – History of Clifford's Tower & York Castle 13 March 2023, 7.00pm



Just Added



Mar 13

History of Clifford's Tower & York Castle

From 1068 to the present day

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Registration—
Clifford's Tower & York
Castle
£25.00

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When and where



Date and time

Mon, 13 Mar 2023, 19:00 GMT



Location

Online

Refund Policy

No Refunds

About this event



1 hour 36 minutes



Mobile eTicket

A tower has looked out across the river Ouse since 1068, originally built of timber, and later stone. Standing high as a moose, it was a perfect vantage point to observe possible threats the castle and York itself.

Join Kevin Adams (PastSearch) to discover the main historical events surrounding this structure, including rebuilds, the Jewish Massacre, Civil War courts, prisons and museum.

Registration can be booked from the Eventbrite Website at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/history-of-cliffords-tower-york-castle-tickets-533396351847>

PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – UK Female Archaeologists 30 March 2023, 7.00pm



Just Added

Mar 30

UK Female Archaeologists (part 1)

Antiquary and archaeology was not just for men

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When and where

Date and time
Thu, 30 Mar 2023, 19:00 GMT

Location
Online

Refund Policy
No Refunds

About this event

1 hour 30 minutes [Mobile eTickets](#)

In the 19th and early 20th century the pursuit for antiquaries (archaeological) sites was mainly undertaken by men but even then there were some women also interested in making their own discoveries. They wrote publications and became professors at universities. Their work paved the way for modern archaeologists, however, their names are not as easily recalled as their male counterparts.

Join Kevin Adams (PastSearch) for part 1 of UK Female Archaeologists to hear about the work of those who were born in the 19th century - further zoom talks will be scheduled to hear about the work of those born in the 20th century.

Registration - UK Female Archaeologists (part 1)

£5.00

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Registration can be booked from the Eventbrite Website at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/uk-female-archaeologists-part-1-tickets-533401517297>

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York Minster Fires



The Rowntree Family & York



Lendal Bridge, York

1948 Plan for York
 A1079 – York to Pocklington
 A1079 – Pocklington to Market Weighton
 Archaeology Along the A63
 Beverley Area
 Bottles
 Castles of East Yorkshire
 Chocolatiers & Confectioners
 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
 Lendal Bridge
 Life of an Archaeologist
 Moated Sites of East Yorkshire
 Petuaria to Brough
 Pocklington Area
 Restoration of York Walls
 Roman York
 Rowntree Family & York
 Methods
 The Iron Age
 The Medieval Period
 The Romans
 The Vikings
 Trials & Executions at York
 Viking York
 Walk Around York Walls
 York Mayors & Lord Mayors
 York Railway
 York WW2 Air Raids (in 5 parts)
 York Zeppelin Attacks



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 booked in 2023 is £55 (travelling expenses may be charged in some cases)

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