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Celebrating Charles III's Coronation

April Round Up

I stayed in the York area again in April, giving talks to the Heworth Retired Mens Group and the Haxby & Wiggington History Society.

PastSearch Zoom Talks in April were York Railway and 17th to 20th Century Pots. Adverts for Zoom talks in April and May start on page 11.

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/>

Heygo: I gave my final Heygo live tour from the York Walls, between Monk Bar and Bootham Bar. This platform has now closed.

Karen-PastSearch Tours: I am continuing to present 'On This Day' sessions as well as other in-house talks. April also presented live tours from St. Helen's Well, Goodmanham and from Pocklington Canal Head.

All videos can be viewed for a number of days after the live session at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/712322113966277> (request membership prior to viewing)

York: The Story of its Walls, Bars and Castles

T P Cooper (1904)

The Stuarts (Part 4):

As the defences of the city had been greatly shattered during the siege, measures were early taken after the surrender for a general and complete restoration. The House of Commons ordered, on 3rd October, 1646, that the cost of repairs of the walls, gates, and bridges should be paid out of the fines of delinquents in the city and county. On the 12th of November following, a warrant was issued for a payment to Thomas Dickinson, the Lord Mayor, for £5,000, penalties mulct from Yorkshire Royalists.

In 1664-5, a survey of the walls was taken by a Mr, John Raine or Maine, and we find the circumference of the city measured about three and three quarter miles:-

	Perches	Feet	Metres
From the Red Tower to the Walmgate Bar	60	990	301.75
From thence to Fishergate Postern	99	16633ft 6in	497.89
From thence to Castlegate Postern	58	957	291.70
From thence to Skeldergate Postern	34	561	170.99
From thence to Micklegate Bar	136	2244	683.97
From thence to North Street Postern	140	2310	704.01
From thence to Bootham Bar	86	1419	432.51
From thence to Monk Bar	116	1914	583.39
From thence to Layerthorpe Postern	66	1089	331.93
From thence to Red Tower	80	1320	402.34
Total	875	14437ft 6in	4400.55

Although the walls had been repaired at considerable expense, by the order of Parliament, during the years 1645-8, a Charter of Charles II, granted to the citizens of York in his sixteenth year, mentions that “the walls of the said city are at present in great decay, and can by no means be supported and repaired but by taxing the inhabitants.” The Charter grants to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs similar powers of assessing and collecting a mural tax to those which were conferred in Charles I’s charter; in fact, the document is almost a literal copy of the King’s predecessor’s patent.



Freshcille Window Church of St John the Baptist, Staveley
Wikipedia

During the reign of Charles II the guards kept watch and ward, and the gates were rather strictly secured, which the freedom-loving citizens found cause to resent. Lord Frescheville, the governor and commander of the King’s Forces, received a commission on the 18th of June, 1667, which specifically recites and charges him “to keep the keys of the gates and posterns at York, as has been done by all former officers, and to open and shut the gates as he finds cause, for the King’s service and the security of the place.

Frescheville was evidently aware that his rigorous administration had found disfavour in the city, and he excused his over-zealous conduct in the fact that he was not a Yorkshireman. On his resigning the governorship he wrote to Lord Arlington, the Secretary of State, saying: “I hope the King will not be displeased that I am disabled from serving him at York. During my six years’ service I have found the humour of the people impatient of a stranger.” Sir John Reresby, a subsequent governor, in his memoirs, under date August 14, 1682, states that he “took exact care in the locking of the city and castle gates.”

The walls between Monk Bar and Layerthorpe Postern were restored in 1666; and, in 1669, those near Bootham Bar were repaired. In 1673, the walls between Walmgate Bar and the Red Tower “were taken down and repaired.”

Drake does not narrate much about the city fortifications but the following extract from his admirable history tells how the platform of the wall was first utilised as a public promenade. “But what adds most to the ornament, if not to the strength of the city, are the reparations of the walls from North Street to Skeldergate Postern; and again from Fishergate Postern to Walmgate Bar, these were of late years (about 1700) levelled upon the platform, paved with brick, and made commodious for walking on for near a mile together; having an agreeable prospect of both town and country from them. This makes it to be wished that the ramparts on the inside were nowhere leased out for private gardens; for then, where the rivers would permit, a walk of this kind, like that on the walls of Chester, might be carried quite around the city.”



W H Toms, York from Severus's Hills in Francis Drake's Eboracum

During the eighteenth century civil strife within our borders had almost ceased, and little thought or care was given to the city fortifications. The Corporation were remiss in the exercise of their authority, permitting adjoining property owners to encroach upon the ramparts. Some persons, noticing the laxity of the city control, even appropriated certain sections of the walls, and added them to their gardens and pleasure grounds. But this unauthorised use and occupation of the earthbanks and walls did not give them, as they fondly hoped, an indefeasible title. As the earthworks and defences are and have always been Crown property – under the care of our city authorities – the virtue of many years' possession could not alienate the ownership of the Crown.

As there were no police to watch the walls on the city's behalf, certain citizens, unable to restrain their thieving propensities, clandestinely carried away the loosened stones for the erection of pig-sties and other buildings. This irregularity came to the notice of the Common Council, and on the 3rd of February, 1709-10, the body ordered, “That a Reward shall be given to those who shall discover the persons that pull down the City Wall or take away the stones thereof.”

License Granted for Minster Precinct Wall



Today we can walk around the 'Minster Precinct', bound by various buildings, and possibly the only indication that there was a wall with at least one entrance is the name of a short street – Minster Gates.

Historian T P Cooper in 'York: The Story of Its Walls and Castles' recorded that:

'On 18 May 1285 the Crown granted a licence 'for the Dean and Chapter of St. Peter's York, to enclose the churchyard and precinct of their church with a stone wall, 12' (3.66m) high all round, for the better security of the canons and the prevention of nocturnal incursions of thieves in the streets and lanes in the said precinct, and of night wanders committing homicides, fornications, and other evil there; the said wall to be provided with competent gates and posterns, which are to be left open from dawn to night.'

Certainly in Francis Drake's time there were four known gates: the principal one at the present Minster Gates, the others at the end of Lop Lane (now Duncombe Place), opposite the entrance to the Bedern, and 'in Ogleforth'.

Lop Lane Gate: Situated at the end of Lop Lane, at the junction with Petergate. By the late 18th century the name had been changed to Little Blake Street, although the entrance appears to have kept the original name.

Up until the early 19th century between this gate and St. Michael-Belfrey Church there was a row of cottages and within the precinct here was the churchyard for St. Michael's, which was not removed until 1814. The cottages were removed between 1824-39.

The Lop Lane gate was removed around 1827, however, Peter Prison which stood just inside remained until 1835.

Between 1852-64 Little Blake Street was widened by demolishing buildings on the eastern side and also some at the junction with Petergate. The street was now renamed as Duncombe Place after Augustine Duncombe, Dean of York.

Minster Gates: The little street formerly known as Book Binder's Alley. The gate was removed by 1818.

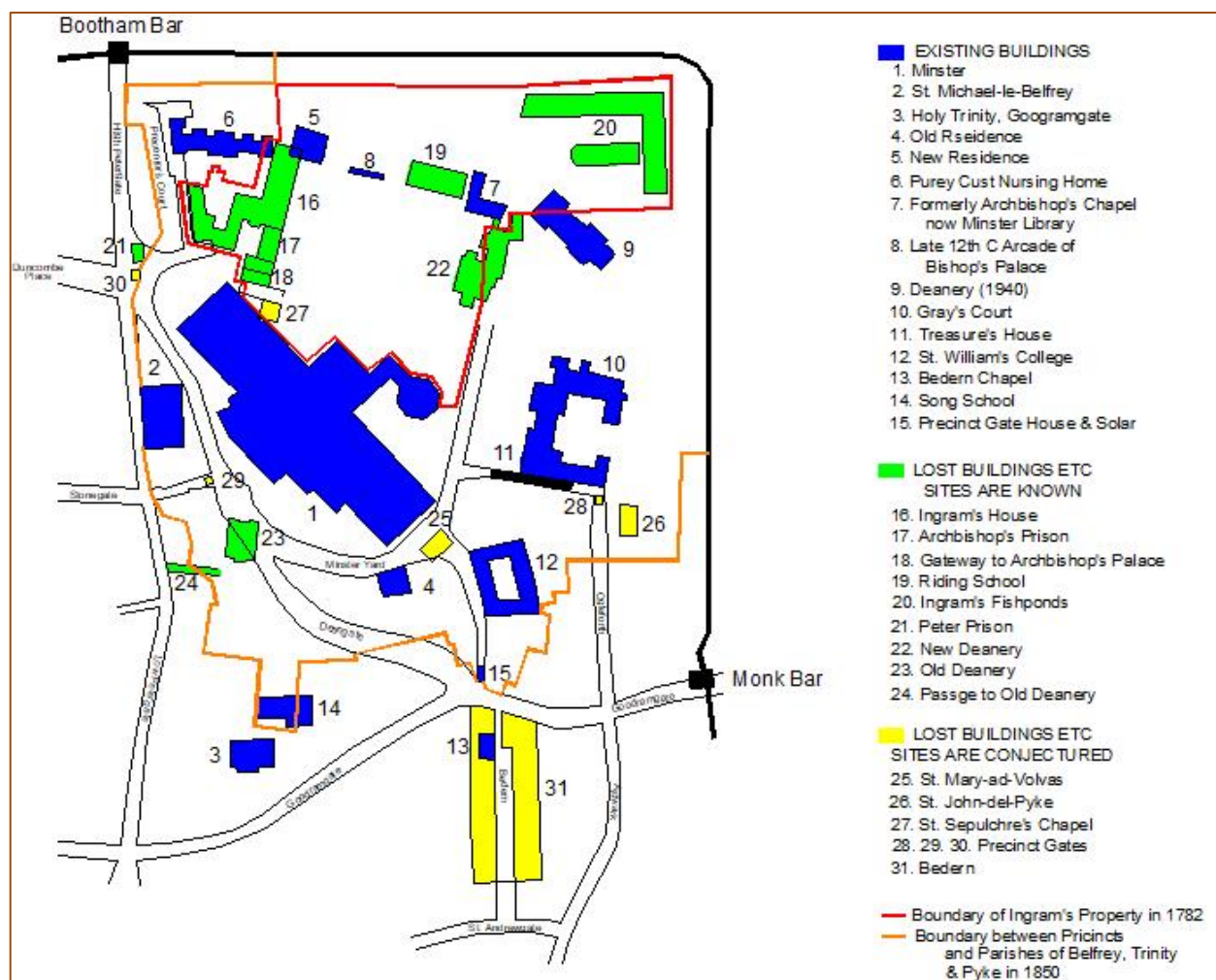
College Street/Bedern: The site of this gate at the end of College Street (formerly Vicars Lane or Little Alice Lane) is marked by a brick and timber structure which probably includes parts of the earlier gatehouse and the solar to which the Bedern gallery ran.

Within the precinct between Minster Gates and this gate stood the Old Deanery (demolished), the Old Residence (now a Nursery School), St. William's College and other houses close to the walls of the Minster.

In the 17th Century there had also been houses built against the west and south walls of the Minster of which Charles I on a visit in 1633 complained to the Chapter about and had them removed.

Ogleforth/Chapter House Street: The fourth gate is believed to have stood at the junction of Ogleforth and Chapter House Street close to the church of St. John-del-Pyke.

On the north side of the Minster are a number of cottages, also the Treasure's House and the New Deanery. Previously the Archbishop's stood here, today there is only the chapel (now serving as Minster Library) and part of an arcade remaining. Also Ingram's House, Fishponds and Archbishop's Prison have been demolished but Purey Cust remains.



PastSearch after Victoria County History.

References Used:

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/yorks/city-of-york/pp337-343#h3-0004>

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	1931	USA	Empire State Building dedicated in New York.
2	1568	Scotland	Mary, Queen of Scots, escaped from Loch Leven Castle.
3	2014	UK	Fireball meteor observed.
4	1849	Hungary	Siege of Buda began (Hungarian Revolution).
5	1194	Poland	Casimer II died, Leszek I the White became High Duke (1 st time).
6	1882	Ireland	Phoenix Park murders, Dublin.
7	1920	Canada	Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto opened.
8	1731	YORK	Beilby Porteus born (Clergy/Abolitionist).
9	878	England	Battle of Ethandun.
10	2012	Syria	Damascus bombings, 55 killed (Syrian Civil War).
11	1406	Vietnam	Ming-Ho War began.
12	1642	Iran	Safi died.
13	1909	Italy	The first Giro d'Italia started.
14	1796	Great Britain	Edward Jenner tested first smallpox vaccination.
15	1869	USA	National Woman Suffrage Association formed in New York.
16	1364	France	Battle of Cocherel (Hundred Years' War).
17	1992	Thailand	Black May protests began.
18	1012	ROME	Theophylactus II became Pope Benedict VIII.
19	2016	Mediterranean Sea	Egypt Air Flight 804 crashed, 66 killed.
20	1449	Portugal	Battle of Alfarrobeira.
21	1502	St.Helena	Discovered and named by João da Nova.
22	1629	Germany	Treaty of Lübeck signed (Thirty Years' War).
23	1997	Indonesia	Banjarmasin Riot.
24	1337	England/France etc	Hundred Years' War began.
25	2013	Pakistan	School bus fire, 16 killed.
26	1822	Norway	Grue Church fire, 116 killed.
27	1799	Switzerland	Battle of Winterthur (War of the Second Coalition).
28	1145	England	Woburn Abbey founded.
29	1311	Majorca	James II died, Sancho became King.
30	1845	Trinidad	First Indentured Indians arrived on the Fatel Razack.
31	1981	Sri Lanka	Burning of Jaffna Library.

Archbishops of York – Aelfric Puttoc



Wikipedia

Born: ?

Died: 22 January 1051

Appointed: 1023

Term Ended: 22 January 1051

Predecessor: Wulstan

Successor: Cynesige

Ælfric was probably from Wessex and recorded as being the Provost of the new Minster of Winchester, a royal Benedictine abbey which had been founded in 901.

It is thought the 'nickname' Puttoc, meaning kite (a type of bird) may have been given to Ælfric by the monks of Worcester to belittle him.

He became Archbishop of York in 1023 and was the first Archbishop of York to travel to Rome to receive his pallium, which happened in 1026 with Pope John XIX.



Ælfric received the manor of Patrington, Holderness from King Cnut and his wife Emma of Holderness.

When Cnut died in 1035, his son Harold Harefoot became King and it is possible that Ælfric may have been the Archbishop who crowned Harold at his coronation in 1036, as the Archbishop of Canterbury of the time was Æthelnoth, supported Harold's rival Harthacnut.



In 1037 Ælfric transferred the relics of John of Beverley (who had been bishop of York (705-18) into a new shrine at Beverley, he also provided new houses and gave endowments to the church (Beverley Minster).

Following the death of Harold Harefoot, Harthacnut did become King of England and Ælfric became a supporter and he was sent with others to dig up Harold's body and throw it away.



Edward the Confessor became King of England in 1042, and alongside Archbishop Eadsige of Canterbury, Ælfric officiated his coronation at Winchester on 3 April 1043.

Ælfric died on 22 January at Southwell and was buried at Peterborough Cathedral

References used:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%86lfric_Puttoc

Picture This



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Giant Bradley

This is a life size statue in wood of William Bradley, which can be found in Market Weighton, East Yorkshire.

William was born on 10 February 1787 and grew to a height of 7' 6" (2.36m).

As an adult he travelled with a group of showmen under the alias of the Yorkshire Giant. In 1815, however, he decided to manage himself and charged 1s. for people to visit him.

He was presented to George III, at Windsor, who gave him a large golden watch on a chain, which he wore for the rest of his life.

William died at Market Weighton on 30 May 1820, age 33.

Do you know where this is?



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Answer in Issue 126

Just For Fun



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

Word Maker

On 6 May 2023 the nation celebrates Charles III's Coronation.

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

Coronation

Scribble Pad

Answers on p.10

Just for Fun Answers



Find Colin on page 16

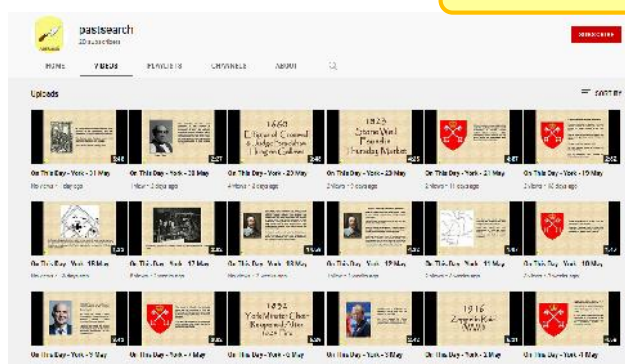
8 Letters: Conation; Nonactor
7 Letters: Cartoon; Oration; Contain; Coranto; Actinon; Carotin
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5 Letters: Conto; Cotan; Triac; Coria; Croon; Intro; Toric; Tonic; Taroc; Riant; Ratio; Racon; Orcin; Ontic; Onion; Noria; Nitro; Niton; Naric; Narco; Octan; Train; Trona; Cairn; Canon; Canto; Anion; Ancon; Antic; Actor; Acorn; Actin; Conin; Coati

Dates for Your Diary

May		June	
1-31 May	Exhibition: Uncover the Silverdale Hoard at Jorvik https://www.jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk/whats-on/silverdale-hoard-exhibition/	1-30 June	Exhibition: Uncover the Silverdale Hoard at Jorvik https://www.jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk/whats-on/silverdale-hoard-exhibition/
11 May	PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – Meet an Archaeologist, 7pm (see advert p.11)	11 May	PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – York Confectioners: The Terry Family, 7pm (see advert p.13)
22 May	PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – York Confectioners: The Tuke Family, 7pm (see advert p.12)	22 May	PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – York Confectioners: The Craven Family, 7pm (see advert p.14)

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.

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

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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>

The Urine Tax of Ancient Rome: A Novel Income Stream?



“There are many legacies of the Roman Empire. People tend to think first of what has survived, the grand buildings, famous landmarks and cities, but the daily life of a Roman citizen is less prominent. Not very many tend to think about their taxes.”

Read more at:

<https://www.historicmysteries.com/urine-tax/?fbclid=IwAR2IWKX3i0OTbzCdB3fY-JgG29dzYPtvmLVh3AKaqkePRbGkU3c0CRxoUjww>

York welcomes the King and Queen Camilla

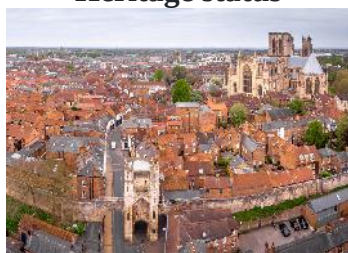


Charles III and Queen Camilla visited York on Maundy Thursday and distributed Maundy Money.

See Photographs at:

<https://yorkmix.com/liveblog/live-york-welcomes-the-king-and-queen-camilla/?fbclid=IwAR1g1N1BhrdCt4dOW9Mjj9qrOHeeEuesWNBMr0aF-1ktQBD-CD2EG9eFTqU>

York takes a big step towards gaining World Heritage status



Alexey Fedoren / iStock

“York could be on its way to gaining World Heritage status.

It was announced that York city centre has received Government backing to win the coveted status from Unesco.”

Read more at:

https://yorkmix.com/york-takes-a-big-step-towards-gaining-world-heritage-status/?fbclid=IwAR0AsP_MLzs5YZ4jNRsGq-3RSbcIpoQGWK4qWrkBZp2IyeECOL9OmAGRUos

REMAINS FROM THE CREW OF THE WARSHIP VASA IDENTIFIED AS A WOMAN



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“The investigation of human remains found on the warship Vasa, initially identified the skeleton as that of a man. However, recent research reveals that the skeleton actually belonged to a woman”

Read more at:

<https://www.heritagedaily.com/2023/04/remains-from-the-crew-of-the-warship-vasa-identified-as-a-woman/146842?fbclid=IwAR1nCQMrcN9-a1zV6OT3T7umfJtC-wwSK3zEPAg0qALn16Y702MuUdM6v98>

PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – Meet an Archaeologist 11 May 2023, 7.00pm



Just Added

May 11

Meet an Archaeologist

Would really like to know about the work of an archaeologist!

By PastSearch
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Registration - Meet an
Archaeologist

£3.00

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Check out for £3.00

When and where



Date and time

Wednesday, May 11 - 7pm-8.30pm



Location

Online

Refund Policy

No Refunds

About this event



1 ticket



Fields of interest

Karen Adams has worked in archaeology since 1986, on many sites around York and East Yorkshire.

Join Karen to find out more about the world of a commercial archaeologist, working prior to sites prior to development.

We will also take a look at some of the websites which assist in the research of individual sites.

Registration can be booked from the Eventbrite Website at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-an-archaeologist-tickets-610876858127>

PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – York Confectioners: The Tuke Family 22 May 2023, 7.00pm



Just Added

May 22

York Confectioners: The Tuke Family

One of the major chocolate families of York - over 180 years of history

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York Confectioners: Tuke Family
£20.00

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When and where

Date and time
Starts on Monday, May 22 - 7pm GMT

Location
Online

Refund Policy

No Refunds

About this event

Free **World of Ideas**

In this first talk in a series of four about York leading confectionery families, join Karen Adams to hear about the Tuke family.

We will initially look at the history of chocolate production, from a drink to a chocolate bar.

How Mary Tuke started her business in Wensgate, York and it's continuation through the generations that followed.

Also a look at William Tuke's Philanthropy work.

Registration can be booked from the Eventbrite Website at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/york-confectioners-the-tuke-family-tickets-610894119757>

PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – York Confectioners: The Terry Family
5 June 2023, 7.00pm



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York Confectioners: The Terry Family

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When and where

100 articles on the Internet by January 2001.

Continued

Refund Policy

References

About this event

What did they call "homework"?

Join Karen Adams for the second in a series of four talks about the families of chocolate.

This time will be looking one of the most well known chocolate business names - Terry. Joseph Terry started as a chemist where he applied the art of "Sugaring the Pill", then, having married the sister-in-law of a confectioner, he joined the family business, which he later made his own. Leading to a company which would produce many well known chocolates.

Registration can be booked from the Eventbrite Website at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vork-confectioners-the-terry-family-tickets-630703078887>

PastSearch Evening Zoom Talk – York Confectioners: The Craven Family
26 June 2023, 7.00pm



Just Added

Jun 26

York Confectioners - The Craven Family

A woman who ran two confectionery businesses.

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When and where

Date and time
Monday, 26 Jun 2023 19:00 GMT

Location
Online

Refund Policy
No Refunds

About this event

2 items

Details of item

Join Karen Adams for this third talk about York confectioners.

Mary Hicks was the daughter of a confectioner who then married Thomas Craven who was also a confectioner.

When both her husband and father died Mary was left to run the two businesses, combining them to become M & A Cravens and becoming one of the leading manufacturers of toffees and hand boiled sweets.

York Confectioners: Craven Family

£2.00

Check out for £2.00

Registration can be booked from the Eventbrite Website at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/york-confectioners-the-craven-family-tickets-630722898167>

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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
 Christmas Traditions
 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
 Mother Shipton
 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 Glass Painters
 York Mayors & Lord Mayors
 York Minster Timeline (3 Parts)
 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

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

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