

FISHERGATE, FULFORD & HESLINGTON

Local History Society

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WHAT A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE JUNE 2011 when Gavin Thomas and Louise Wheatley first met to discuss a local history group. Shortly afterwards a series of meetings were devised, a constitution was written, a chairman stepped forward, a committee was formed, a bank account opened. By January 2012 we were ready to start and we haven't stopped since!

OUR LAST NEWSLETTER WAS PRODUCED AT THE BEGINNING OF 2020 and covered the previous two years: 2018 and 2019. This was circulated online because in March 2020 all activity ceased due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This newsletter attempts to cover our events from 2020 through 2023.

The newsletter is arranged by subject rather than by month, because we want you to know how many topics we cover in a year or two and how knowledge accumulates and stimulates further research.

There should be something for everyone, but please do let us know if you have a topic, an interest or an idea that has been neglected – please let one of the committee members know. We also hope to encourage more members to join the committee, research subjects, give talks, design leaflets or just suggest ideas.

THANK YOU TO

THE COMMITTEE 2020-23

Chairs: Chris Rainger and Louise Wheatley;
Secretaries: Judy Nicholson and Charles Patmore; Treasurers: Louise Wheatley and Peter Mott and our invaluable committee members: Terry Court, Hazel Flack, Barbara King, Margaret Scott and the late Van Wilson

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We also want to express our gratitude to those who have over the years given grants to fund our endeavours : City of York Council Ward Committees; Fulford Parish Council; Fulford Show; the Friends of York Archaeological Trust, the Mark Fitch Fund, the Noel G Terry Charitable Trust, the Sheldon Memorial Trust, the York Common Good Trust, the York Philosophical Society and YAYAS (Yorkshire Architectural & York Archaeological Society

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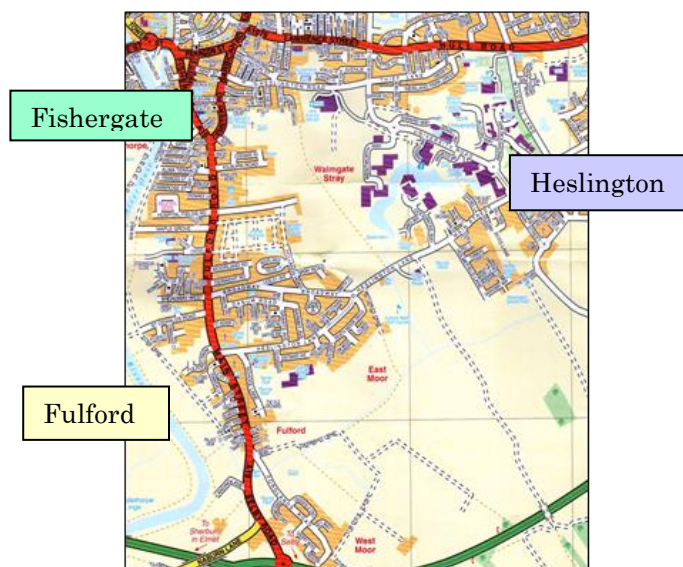
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ABOUT FFH

OUR PATCH SOUTH-EAST OF YORK



OUR AIM and FORMAT OF THIS NEWSLETTER

As a local history society our **AIM** is to **"PROMOTE INTEREST IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF THE FISHERGATE, FULFORD & HESLINGTON AREA OF YORK"**. This newsletter is arranged by **topic in alphabetical order** to reflect how broad-based our interpretation is and how many aspects of our history and heritage is covered. Thus, the headings range from **Archaeology to University of York**. In the middle are events and research focused on **History, Heritage** and **'Historical Periods'** with sections for Family History and Social History, the latter covering culture, livelihood, lifestyle, society and some legislation tossed in! We hope you enjoy reading through **BUT ALSO LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE** which Chris Rainger updates regularly.

OUR WEBSITE

<https://ffhyork.weebly.com>

Our website is a perfect way to time travel on a wet winter afternoon!

- As well as coming to our splendid events, you can discover more about our area by digging into our website. We have pages on Fishergate, Fulford and Heslington, with further pages where you will find articles on places of interest in each area.
- There is a **History Topics page**, with articles ranging from the Glassworks to local Suffragettes.
- The **Local Photographs** page has a collection of images of Blue Bridge, and Fishergate and

Fulford Road, and other collections will be added soon.

- The **Events page** has our programme of meetings and reports of many of our past events. There is also a page with our past programme, so you can see the eclectic range of subjects we have covered over the years. The front page has links to many of the presentations we have enjoyed.
- Most articles have links to further information, so you can dig much deeper into a subject than is possible on a simple web-page. You can also **download our guided walk leaflets and some of our publications**.
- You can use the **Contact and Join page** to ask us a question or buy one of our publications, and there is also a link to our membership form. You can also **download our constitution**

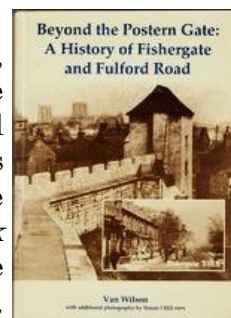
HONORARY MEMBERS

Our first Honorary membership has been awarded to **Judy Nicholson**. Judy has been a leading light in FFH since our foundation and has given numerous well-researched talks on a wide range of subjects, from the Cattle Market to Nurserymen to the Pavilion Hotel. Working closely with Barbara King, Judy has also written booklets and built up files on local buildings, families and other topics. Much of the information has been given by locals and people enjoy reading the files and talking to Judy at Fulford Show and other events. **Congratulations Judy, a very well deserved honour!**

IN MEMORIAM

We were sad to hear of the death of **Van Wilson** on 29 July 2023. As Chris Rainger has written on our website, "Van was known to many through her books on the industries and districts of York, told through the lives of ordinary York people. Van was kind and generous with her knowledge and helped many people explore treasured memories of friends and places. One of Van Wilson's first books was

Beyond the Postern Gate, telling the history of the Fishergate and Fulford Road area where she lived." There is a link on our website to the article about Van in the *York Press* by Stephen Lewis. See *'News from Around our Patch, August 2023'*.



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ARCHAEOLOGY: EXCAVATIONS & PAST LANDSCAPES

OLD ST OSWALD'S CHURCHYARD

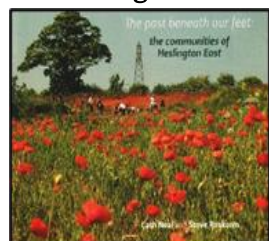
Finding the Old Well House.

In the afternoon of Thursday 5 August 2021 (the Feast Day of St Oswald), we met at the Lych Gate to visit the team of YAT volunteers excavating in the churchyard to find the Old Well House. We had an enjoyable time looking into trial tranches, examining the finds tray and hoping some evidence emerges to locate the well and well house which mentioned in documents and shown on maps.



HESLINGTON EAST ARCHAEOLOGY

Revisiting the 'Past Beneath our Feet' at



Heslington East was the first event we held after lockdown on Tuesday 15 June 2021. The lead archaeologist involved, Steve Roskams, gave us an informative tour around the

site and noted its array of archaeological finds and puzzles. In 2023, he organised our Conference for the Festival of Ideas (*see also Conferences, pg 7, 15*) when we learned more about the pre- and post-Roman activity on the site

ARTEFACTS: COINS, FINDS & TREASURE

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, FISHERGATE

All Saints Church, Fishergate (which was on the corner of Fawcett Street and Kent Street)

featured in Digging For Britain on 12 February 2023. Prof Alice Roberts spoke to osteo-archaeologist Lauren McIntyre about the



skeleton of a 15th Century anchoress, Lady Isabel German, who was found in the Apse of the church when it was excavated in 2007. (She was featured in our first guided walk leaflet on Fishergate). There is a link on our web to watch the programme on BBC i-player and read the article about the 2007 excavations.

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FISHERGATE EXCAVATIONS 2023

Visit to the new Fishergate Dig Site. YAT (York Archaeology Trust) very kindly offered the opportunity for FFH members to visit their

investigations at the site of the former Rialto cinema in Fishergate. We met at the dig site on Monday 6 November 2023 when Ian Milstead provided the background to the site and the dig. The lead archaeologist, Lucy Johnson then took us around and showed us a few of the many



finds they had excavated: ceramics from Roman, Anglian and Medieval times and some fragments with a glass glaze probably

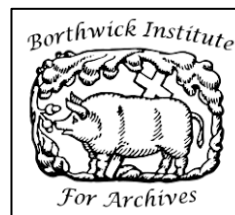
produced by the nearby Glassworks. We will hear more next June when they host our Festival of Ideas session (*see Programme 2024, pg 17*). Also

yorkarchaeology.co.uk/index.php/2023/10/17/fishergate/

ARCHIVES: DOCUMENT COLLECTIONS

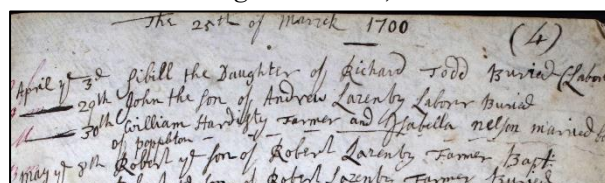
We are grateful for websites such as *Ancestry* and *Find my Past* which are invaluable resources.

But we are fortunate to have archival collections near at hand. There pertain to major landowners: Yarburgh, Baines, Palmes, Key and Thompson-Lawley-Forbes Adams. Some archives are held at the Borthwick and others in Beverley, Leeds or Hull.



FULFORD PARISH RECORDS

An important source for family history are **Parish Records**. Many have been transcribed and printed for York parishes and Heslington, but not for Fulford. During lockdown, Louise Wheatley



transcribed the 1700-1810 Fulford, St Oswald parish register (detail of pg 4 and transcription).

The 25th of March 1700 (4)

1700, 3 April, TODD:

Sibill, the Daughter of Richard Todd, labourer, BURIED

This has been typed with a family index but is not yet published. She and Allan Francis are double-checking the entries and also transcribing the earlier volume from 1650-1700. We hope to press on with the later Registers and publish them.

FFH ARCHIVES



Many of our members have their collective research at their homes but nothing on the scale of that compiled and stored by Judy Nicholson. Her many folders are beautifully organised and contain photographs, images, notes and documents. A list is on our website; and they are available to look at upon request. Contact us on the FFH email or through the website:

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ARCHIVES: PHOTOGRAPHS & MAPS

YAYAS PHOTOGRAPHS

Mr Hanstock's Amazing Photographs was the subject of an illustrated talk by Ian Drake for our Annual General Meeting on Saturday 18 March 2023. These showed what can only be described as a 'slice of life' of early 20th century York. With his camera, Thomas J W Hanstock (1871-1942) recorded a balloon launch at the 1909 Yorkshire Gala (image), weddings, shop advertisements, portraits, buildings, churches, villages and all sorts of public events. A remarkable collection.



FULFORD ENCLOSURE MAP

A Visit to York Explore took place on Saturday 15 April 2023. Chris Rainger had arranged with the librarian/archivist to bring out the 18th century enclosure map and relevant documents including the schedule. It was so rewarding to see the huge maps at last (having only small versions previously) and to read the instructions for enclosing parcels of previously open fields or common lands. This visit prepared us for a follow up explanation of enclosures by Lauren Grindley the following September (*see page XX*)



ART & SCULPTURE

SCULPTURE TRAIL

A Guided Tour of the Sculpture on the University of York West Campus. In January 2022 the University appointed its first Art Curator, Helena Cox, when "a new era began for art on campus, opening up the collection to visitors and interdisciplinary collaborations."

She agreed to meet us on a fine Tuesday evening 23 May 2023, Helena introduced us to the array of sculptures on the



campus most of which we had passed by without noticing (but no longer!) We handed out a copy of the University's Sculpture Trail Leaflet so that we could come back again with family and friends to look at the 15 sculptures featured. See:

<https://www.york.ac.uk/about/campus/art/>

BUILDINGS: CHURCHES & CHURCHYARDS

St Oswald's Church, Heritage Open Weekend



25-26 June 2022. Although not exactly an FFH event, much of the information for the displays and leaflets about the history of the church, the memorials and the architecture was based on research done previously by FFH members

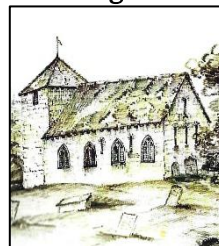
Over the weekend at least 200 people popped in and took away leaflets on the memorials to those who died in various wars; and to the local families commemorated in the stained glass windows, on plaques and on various fixtures and furnishings.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

St Laurence's Church, York. We gathered on Saturday 19 June 2021 for a guided walk led by Martin Marsh. He showed us the Norman tower, the outline of the old church still visible in the churchyard, the tomb of the Riggs children, who tragically drowned in the Ouse. We looked nearby at the gardens of the Alms Houses and ended with refreshments in the recently renovated church with its treasures and newly installed organ.



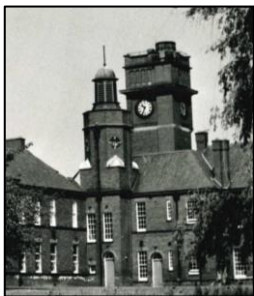
Heslington Churchyard Memorials. During the summer of 2023, the King family carried out a project to record, photograph and digitally plot the many gravestones in the churchyard. The burial records have been photographed and there is a digital copy which



will be cross-referenced against the gravestones. Barbara says, "the ashes records are photographed and will be digitalised in due course. This is ongoing work in conjunction with the vicar, Adam Romanis, and church warden."

BUILDINGS: HOSPITALS & ASYLUMS

Naburn and Fulford Hospitals and Asylums were part of the talk on **Fulford South** given by Judy Nicholson and Barbara King on Saturday 18 September 2021. They provided details of Naburn Hospital which opened in 1906 as the York Borough Asylum, later the York City Mental Hospital which closed in 1988.



Sharing adjacent sites (now the Designer Centre) Fulford Hospital and the Maternity Hospital were opened in 1954. Various departments served the needs of the wider community, until 1983 when closed. Part of the large orchard remains as Fulford Community Orchard.

For the **Military Hospital** and **POW camp**
(see *Military Matters*, pg 13)

The Retreat, a Personal History was given by Dr Mark McFedridge on in Heslington Church on Saturday 20 November 2021. He summarised the background and early years of the Quaker foundation of this kind, innovative approach for the care of the mentally ill. Mark then provided his personal perspective as a Consultant Psychologist and was joined by two former participants in his programme. Together they gave articulate and moving accounts of their various experiences of care.



BUILDINGS: SCHOOLS

250 Years of St Oswald's School Fulford. On Saturday 30 April 2022, Helen Hayton gave an excellent overview of the history of St Oswald's School. She was one of the team involved in the celebrations including restoring the original foundation stones (1771 and 1846) and installing a new seating area with bench, time capsule and garden. Helen was also involved in writing the book, *A Celebration of Learning* which she presented to us and which you can read on our website:

<https://ffhyork.weebly.com>

The Armstrong Family Schools at Fulford Field House and Melbourne House were the subject of

the illustrated talk given on Saturday 15 October 2022 by Judy Nicholson and Barbara King. A



chance meeting with a member of the Armstrong family, gave them access to a rich resource of information and images about Fulford Field House

School (1851-c1920), situated off Fulford Cross on a large plot of land (now behind Aldi).

They also discussed another Armstrong school, Melbourne House School which ran from c1880-c1930 in New Walk Terrace. Two residents (each now living in part of the school) provided additional information and images.



BUILDINGS: HOUSES & THEIR OWNERS

HOUSES AND ESTATES



Other houses and their owners in the FFH area have been the subject of talks and walks. **The Grange Estate** was the focus of our Festival of Ideas Event in 2022

Judy Nicholson and Barbara King have compiled folders of information about Fulford houses & pubs; along the Main Street.



Please look on our website for particulars and also for how to contact them to look at the folders of information. <https://ffhyork.weebly.com>



For our Christmas Social in 2019 Louise Wheatley devised a quiz showing images of houses in the FFH area. Participants were to link the architectural description to the image

For example, a partial description of Fishergate House would be: "built 1837 for Thomas Laycock, Esq - grey brick with stone dressings, hipped slate roof, 2 and 3 storey; listed Grade II 1970."

For more information see:

<https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/101257845-fishergate-house-fishergate-ward/photos>

BUILDINGS: VILLAGE- & STREETSCAPES

NEW WALK TERRACE

The Development of Lady Well Close into New Walk Terrace, 2023. Louise Wheatley met in September 2023 with residents of New Walk Terrace to promote interest in researching and recording the history of their houses. There is an excellent foundation of research already



compiled by Gavin Thomas, Margaret Scott and others in the street. The idea to compile an illustrated talk for FFH and publish an FFH book

and produce as well as a series of booklets or leaflets for each house.

HESLINGTON MAIN STREET

Louise is also working on a **Walking Trail of Heslington** and will be in touch with Heslington Village Trust. The focus is on the many listed and historic houses in the village with reference to some notable events.

The leaflet will be launched on Saturday 14 September 2024 when we will follow the we follow the trail and see how long it takes!



(see Programme 2024, pg 17)

BUILDINGS: HISTORIC HOUSES & HALLS

THE TREASURERS HOUSE, YORK

The **Treasurers' House and the Green Family** was the subject of an illustrated talk by Glennis Whyte on Saturday 22 February 2022.



She referred to the first treasurer of York Minster, who was, appointed in 1091. He and his successor used a house on this site

until the changes at the Reformation. It was then sold to Archbishop Holgate, who rebuilt it and later there were a number of private owners. In 1897 it was bought by Frank Green, a wealthy industrialist. He restored the house to its present state and indulged a passion for collecting. When Frank retired in 1930, he gave the house and its contents to the National Trust. This



"marked the first time both a private home and its original furnishings had been given to the Trust." See more:

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treasurer%27s_House,_York

TRINITY HALL, FOSSGATE, YORK

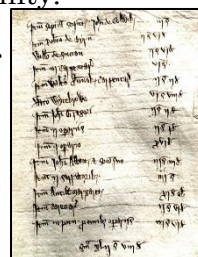
The **Merchant Adventurers' Hall and the People who Built It (1357-1362)**. On Saturday 18 February 2023, Bob Hale introduced us to a rare medieval manuscript. Written on paper and dating from 1357, this account recorded the



details of the building the large hall in Fossgate, known as the Merchant Adventurers Hall (earlier often called Trinity Hall).

It records the names of the workmen involved, their trades, wages and refreshments and the building materials used, and the transport involved. There are also the names of the men and women who joined the Fraternity.

They contributed money for the building work and gave parcels of land to endow the alms house in the Undercroft. There are also the prices of ingredients for their fraternal feasts. A fascinating account all round! There is more information on the Company's website



<https://www.merchantshallorke.org/>

HESLINGTON HALL

Heslington Hall and its Owners is an illustrated article by Chris Rainger on the FFH website.

The original Hall was built around 1568 for Sir Thomas Eynns. It takes the shape of an E in front of a courtyard. In the



19th century the side wings were extended, and the Hall was largely reconstructed. In the early



20th century the Hall was partially restored and then, in the 1960s the interior was significantly altered when the Hall became the administrative centre of the University. Chris discovered rarely seen texts, histories and illustrations such as the drawing above by John Harper in 1800 and the interior illustrated in a 1913 *Country Life* article.

For the **GARDENS AT HESLINGTON HALL**, (see below pg 9) and there is more information on

<https://ffhyork.weebly.com>

COMMEMORATIONS

WAR MEMORIALS

Men of Heslington who served and fell in WW2. On Saturday 11 November 2023, the Rev Peter Mott gave an illustrated talk about the six men from Heslington who died during W2. He summarised the life and service of each using information, much of which was found by Barbara King whom he thanked. He also thanked Michael French, the son of one of those on the Memorial. Michael still lives in Heslington and provided family detail and pictures about his father, George. Afterwards, at 11am, we stood for 2 minutes of silence. Michael French then laid the wreath the wreath by the altar. Overall, it was a very moving tribute to the men. Thank you to all involved.



CONFERENCES

FOOD & FARMING IN EARLY HESLINGTON

Our conference for the York Festival of Ideas was held on Saturday 10 June 2023. It was based on inter-disciplinary evidence: archaeology, analysis, archives, literature and art history. A wide-range and a wide-ranging event. it considered the changing ways in which humans engaged with landscapes in and around Heslington from the pre-Roman period onwards. It was organised by Steve Roskams, archaeologist involved with the excavations and chaired by John Oxley, former City Archaeologist. The eight speakers came from various academic from disciplines and, Together they explored what we know of the people who visited, and those who later settled in this area and the importance of water, springs and wells.



Overall the investigations explored: what they ate; how they lived; how they raised their livestock; what crops they grew; how they processed them and the types of querns used to grind their grain and MORE.

(see also Displays, pg 7; Mills & Milling, pg 8; and University of York Festival of Ideas, pg 15);

DISPLAYS & EXHIBITIONS

10th ANNIVERSARY DISPLAYS

Our 10th AGM was held on Saturday 26 March 2022 when Chris Rainger gave an amazing



review of all the things we had done in since 2012. There was an illustrated talk and displays of posters and photographs. Also, there were maps, brochures, booklets and files of information.

The audience was asked to share their reminiscences and to think of their favourite event, talk or visit. We ended the session with refreshments including a cake decorated with one of our banners.



CONFERENCE EXHIBITION

An Exhibition of the Medieval Labours of the Month was on display at the Conference held on



Saturday 10 June. Although later than the period under consideration, they illustrate the many tasks involved during the year to produce

Their food. They also illustrate the people involved: landlords and farm workers, their clothing, housing, tools, animals and, even, pets.

SOURDOUGH BREAD DISPLAY

Also, for the Food and Farming Conference was an illustrated display of the process of making sourdough bread. In thinking about this simple bread made by our ancient ancestors, Louise Wheatley realised there wasn't time to demonstrate this process and therefore devised illustrated Step by Step instructions accompanied by containers of the ingredients needed for each step. Using this process, she had baked some sourdough crepes and bread buns (rather heavy and uninteresting compared to the delicious fare from our local sourdough bread bakeries!)



FARMS AND FARMING

Farms and Farm Buildings featured in the talk by Judy Nicholson and Barbara King on **Fulford South** on Saturday 18th September 2021. There is evidence of an iron-age settlement at Lingcroft

Farm, but the present buildings date from the 18th century. A similar date is given for Deighton Hall Farm (image above), the Bell Hall farm buildings,



Acres House and Farm and Lodge Farm. The latter two were acquired after 1899 by Naburn Hospital but are now privately owned.

(<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/photos/item/IOE01/07593/35>)

FARM CROPS FOOD & PROCESSING

QUERN-STONE MILLING

Two of the conference papers for **Food and Farming in Early Heslington** (Saturday 20 June 2023) focused on milling with quern stones.



Jane Richardson presented the paper by Dave Helsop about the various querns found on site and in Yorkshire. Known as saddle, rotary and beehive, they date from Neolithic to post-Roman times. You can

try out a rotary quern at Holgate Windmill Acomb; and find information on

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quern-stone

Literary evidence of quern-stone milling was the talk by Paul Toy, who recited 'The Song of Grotti' from the *Poetic Edda*, a collection of Old Norse poetry. It is the work-song of two (magical) slave girls (Menia and Fenia) as they grind under orders of a despotic king. This clearly is a revenge plot that centres around a magical quern stone used for grinding corn – but, in this case, first prosperity and then death and destruction!



image: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Menia_and_Fenia.jpg

MILLS AND MILLING

Leetham's Hungate Flour Mill was the subject of Rob Shorland-Ball's talk for our delayed AGM on Saturday 16 October 2021. We met in Heslington Church and, after the business meeting, his illustrated talk gave a history of landmark mill building on Wormald's Cut along the River Foss. It was built in 1860 by the



Leetham family and was the first mill to use Hungarian milling techniques, that is cylindrical rollers to crush the grain as an alternative to traditional millstones of wind- & watermills.



INDUSTRIAL FARM CROPS & THEIR PROCESSING

FLAX AND HEMP.

Flax from Field to Fibre to Fabric. On Saturday 24 September 2022 Louise Wheately gave an illustrated talk about the many tasks and stages involved in growing, harvesting and processing



flax before it can be woven into fabric. In our area, from ancient times, women grew flax on small parcels of ground and the family processed it in many stages involved before it was ready to spin into fibre (yarn). Weaving and finishing were

usually the provenance of men in urban workshops.

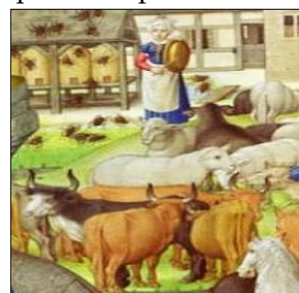
After this long talk, refreshments were served including cakes decorated to suggest a field of flax in bloom.



In the future, **Part Two** of this talk will focus on the people and processes involved in the 18th and 19th century **Linen Manufactures in York, the Flax Mill in Lawrence Street and the Bleach Fields of Heslington.**

FARM AND FARMING LIVESTOCK

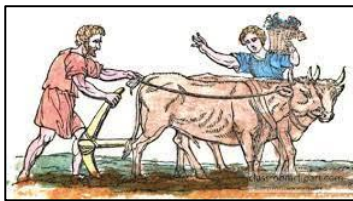
Again, a topic for our conference on **Food and Farming in Early Heslington** (Sat 20 June 2023) concerned several aspects of raising livestock in pre- and post-Roman times. Steve Roskams



explored the 'pastoral' evidence covering the control, watering and movement of livestock (sheep, cattle and pig). He referred to evidence of boundaries, drove roads, springs (or watering holes)

Following on this theme, Clare Rainsford, zooarchaeologist, titled her talk 'The Pastoral Economy. A perspective from the animal bones.' Her study showed a shift during Roman times from sheep to cattle; and that the latter were eaten, but not regularly culled to limit the herd

and save winter fodder nor supply an urban market. Indeed, the bones analysis showed that the cattle had lived to an old age having been valued for their manure, traction and dairy products. After death they were also also valued for meat, hides, leather and horn.



Landscape and settlement in the Vale of York
archaeological investigations of Heslington East, York, 2005-13

More information can be found in the recent book about the excavations:

Landscape and Settlement in the Vale of York (2020) by Steve Roskams and Cath Neal, chapters 3 and 4.

FIELDS, GRASSLANDS & STRAYS

WALMGATE STRAY



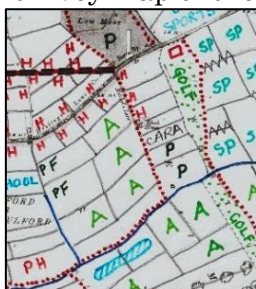
The Rich History of Walmgate Stray was revealed to us by Al Oswald on Tuesday 20 July 2021. We met at the 'kissing gate' at the bottom of Green Dykes Lane and he led

us around the stray pointing out many features of the landscape including military trenches and an obstacle course. We were joined by some friendly bullocks reminding us of the use of this common landon which the Freeman of York had, from time immemorial the right to graze cattle.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strays_of_York

Survey of Fields in Fulford. A few years ago. Sally Lewis and Dorrie Worrel asked for a project that involved walking around on the country paths in our patch. Louise suggested they survey the use of the fields as they passed by.



They started out with a large-scale ordnance survey map of the area. But they modified this for a coloured coded version. map showing types of roads, becks and dykes, lagoons and lakes, arable fields and pastures. They marked woodland, trees, playing fields, schools, the university campus and lakes.



Also shown are areas of housing along with pubs and shops. Perhaps the most important thing they noted was where hedges have been removed. In 2024 we MUST follow some of their route with their map in hand.

FLORA & FAUNA

FLORA

A Botanical walk around the University of York West Campus. On a summer afternoon on Sat

16 July 2022, Peter Mott led us around the campus looking mainly at large, stately trees and testing our knowledge! Luckily there is also a leaflet to



help us when we return by ourselves, to identify this wonderful array of native and imported trees. It is such an easy-to-assess greenspace set amidst the lakes, dorms and other buildings.

FAUNA

Wildlife and Wildlife Management at the University of York during the last 30 years.



On Saturday 28 October 2023 Gordon Eastham gave an illustrated talk about his role as the University's Grounds and Ecology Manager.

His topic was a tale of the development of a light-touch approach to wildlife management at York University. Letting nature largely take its course among the populations of geese, ducks, swans, rabbits, deer, foxes, stoats, carp, pike, eels, herons and otters who inhabit or predate West and East campus – but with some strategic moves to encourage some species and dissuade others. We look forward to his **guided tour next year** around the special habitats at Heslington East campus.

(see Programme 2024, pg 17)



GARDENS & ORCHARDS

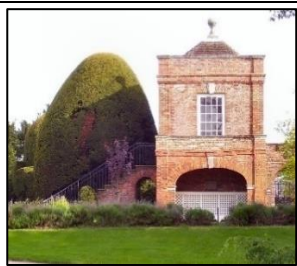
HESLINGTON HALL'S GARDENS

History Tales from Heslington Hall Gardens by Charles Patmore was published in March



2023 as 'FFH Occasional Papers: No. 2'. Charles provides a fascinating illustrated account of the history, origins, design and historical context of

the 18th Century Topiary Garden. Nearby, and also hidden behind Heslington Hall, is a two-storey Gazebo, an Orangery and the Walled Garden which are the oldest surviving garden elements today.



This booklet is available for £5 and can be ordered on our website: <https://ffhyork.weebly.com/>

FULFORD COMMUNITY ORCHARD

As part of their talk in Sep 2021 about **Fulford South**, Judy Nicholson and Barbara King referred to Fulford Community Orchard, to the south of the Designer Outlet carpark. This is what remains of a much larger orchard that dates back to 1906 when this was the site of the York Asylum, later Naburn Mental



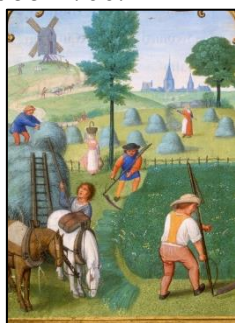
Hospital. The orchard was designated as a community orchard in 2008. For information: <https://www.fulfordparishcouncil.org.uk/the-area/fulford-community-orchard/>

HISTORY & HERITAGE OF OUR FFH PATCH

FISHERGATE

The Development of Lady Well Close, c.1450-1850 was the title of an illustrated talk by Louise Wheatley on Saturday January 2023. However, she went slightly adrift and started with a survey of the Fishergate suburb from 1066-1700.

This is because there is a lot of information about landlords, tenants and merchants. About landing places, windmills, wells, tofts, crofts, pastures, meadows, churches and priories. This survey helps to explain why tenants valued such small parcels of land in this riverside locale on the border between York and Fulford. **Eventually**, Part Two will focus on the development of Lady Well Close into New Walk Terrace.



FULFORD

Fulford South: Hospitals, Manors, POW camp, Farms, Golf, Orchard and Shopping. These were inter-related themes of our first indoor event after lockdown on Saturday 18 September 2021. Judy Nicholson and Barbara King gave a fascinating, informative overview of the rich

history of the area south of Fulford Village. They explored the landowners, use of the land, large houses, Golf Club, Asylum at Naburn and Hospitals at Fulford, and a POW camp.



Image:

Naburn railway bridge near York, showing "The Fisher of Dreams" iron cage sculpture, see

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

(see more - *Buildings: Hospitals*, pg 5; *Farms*, pg 7; and *Military Matters*, pg 13)

HESLINGTON

We have not recently had a talk focused on Heslington's History and Heritage BUT, as summarised above, Chris Rainger has written a comprehensive *History of Heslington Hall and its Owners* which can be read on our website. (see *Historic Houses: Heslington* pg 6) Also noted above, Also, as noted above, Charles Patmore has researched and written, *History Tales from Heslington Hall Gardens*. (see *Gardens*, pg 9)

HESLINGTON MANORS

As to the medieval manor of Heslington, this is ongoing research by Louise Wheatley' for her illustrated *Life on the Medieval Manor. Heslington, Fulford and nearby villages*.



The illustrations are from a variety of medieval manuscripts and original documents.

For Heslington this is from the records of the three medieval manor lords: St Leonard's Hospital and

the Prebendaries* of Ampleforth and Driffield. The **extents** of the **prebends** are surveys of their estates. These reveal the many onerous tasks required of both their bond- and free tenants.

[Prebend is the property or endowment of a member of the clergy, particularly a Canon of a Cathedral or the Prebendary – see

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

Image from the 'Golf Book of Hours' (September) – see

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

FAMILY HISTORY

We are asked from time to time to find out about families, who currently or formerly lived in our area. Sometimes these are accompanied by property deeds, documents and photographs which provide a rich resource for delving deeper into the past. Again, Judy Nicholson and

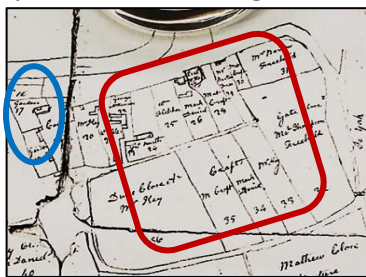
Barbara King are stalwarts, as are other committee members, who contribute their fair share. Although many inquirers are anxious to retain their privacy, the families generally allow us to keep a record of what has been discovered.



FAMILY HISTORY: PAST LINKS TO OUR PATCH

WATER FULFORD FAMILIES

Water Fulford has always been something of an enigma, but research by Allan Francis is beginning to shed light on the 'lost village' using John Key's map of the enclosure and family history records



The map provides the names of the tenants and their parcels of land whether pasture, meadow, arable or Ings. The **manor house** is marked (blue oval) and the plots along the street of the small village (red box). Allan is also researching the

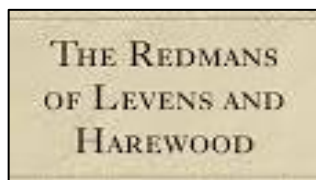


more elusive members of the Key family and also the lease- and freehold tenants and farmers in

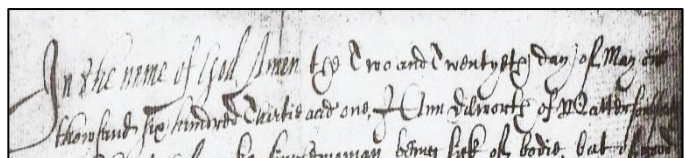
farmers in Water Fulford, for example, the Smith and Daniel families, who are buried in the churchyard of Old St Oswald's.

There is ongoing research into the **Dilwood Family of Fulford, Water Fulford and Heslington**. Information comes a tithe dispute of 1597 reveals that Edward Dilwood (also known as Dilworth) came from Lancashire.

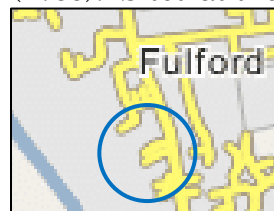
By 1560 he was part of the household of John Redman (Redmayne) who purchased the manor of Water Fulford.



Edward Dilwood's cousins and descendants are listed in the 17th century Fulford parish records; and some wills survive: John Dilwood, dated 1605 and Anne Dilworth, dated 1631 (detail)



One of the properties they tenanted was called **Dilwood Close (1740)**, later **Schofield's Gardens (1759)**. Sited at the south end of Fenwick's Lane



it was acquired from the Dilwood's by John Schofield, who built a new house on the site. In 1742 it was advertised it for sale. In the 1759 Fulford Enclosure

Survey Schofield was described as a 'translator'. This is a 18th century term for a cobbler not a writer; but he obviously had prospered enough to be deemed 'esquire', to purchase property in Fulford and to build the core of what is now the Grade II Listed Building, Delwood Croft.

<http://wikimapia.org/9120/The-University-of-York>

FAMILY HISTORY: YORK FAMILIES

The Determined Women of Minster Yard.

Glennis Whyte gave another informative illustrated talk on Saturday 19 November 2022. She revealed the lives of Sarah Scott, Anne Morritt and Jane Squire. They were three single, 18th century women, all determined to forge their own path in science and the arts, no matter how hard that would be. The York Civic Trust plaque commemorates the better known Elizabeth Robinson Montague, sister of Sarah Scott – but (the editor thinks) it should include the other 'bluestockings' of Minster Yard. (For the plaque, see)



<https://yorkcivictrust.co.uk/heritage/civic-trust-plaques/elizabeth-montagu-1718-1800/>



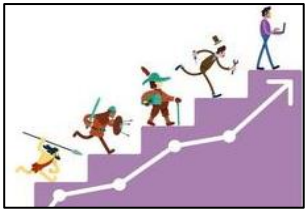
The Elliots of Castlegate, York. There is also more to say about the early history of Fulford Field House and the Elliot family, who built it in the early 1800's. Originally tenant farmers, they move

into York and become silk weavers, inn keepers and involved in the furnishing of coaches. They prosper and build this large house and when auctioned the richly furnishings are revealed including an art collection. *Image from:*

www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/P_1981-U-2660

HISTORICAL PERIODS

The above summaries show that our Food and Farming Conference addressed periods from

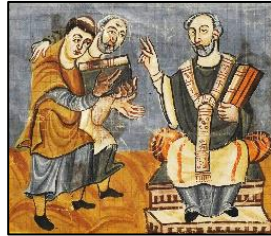


pre-historic (Bronze and Iron Age), through Roman and into Early Medieval times. The research on Fishergate and its Development

of Fishergate covered **Norman Conquest to the 18th Century**; and Bob Hale's talk on building the Merchant Adventurers Hall dealt with the **medieval 14th century**; and most of our research into hospitals, houses and their owners span the **early 19th to mid-20th centuries**. Having said that, **TWO of our monthly talks have focused on an historical period: Anglian and Tudor.**

ANGLIAN YORK

The Search for Alcuin's York. On Saturday 18 January 2020, Dr Mary Garrison 'painted' a picture of York during the time when Alcuin was associated with York Minister and its marvellous library (c735-804). She referred to details from the many letters of his which survive to explore why this York scholar was so significant and influential in early European Culture.



TUDOR FULFORD AND YORK

Henry VIII's Visit to York in 1541 and Meeting the Civic Party at Fulford Cross. Keely Hayes-Davies gave us an illustrated talk on Saturday 15 July 2023 based on her research into the royal journeys of Henry VIII. Called 'progresses', these "played a vital role in presenting the king to his people and displaying his sovereignty on a public stage." Thus, following rebellions against the Reformation (ie the Pilgrimage of Grace, 1536)



the purpose of his progress to York was to accept the submission of those involved in the rebellion.

Thus, civic fathers humbled themselves on bended knee at Fulford Cross, before Henry continued into York. Keely gave us a vivid description of where the royal entourage stayed and how local people responded. Several of our members then attended the Theatre Royal's production of 'Sovereign' by C J Samson.

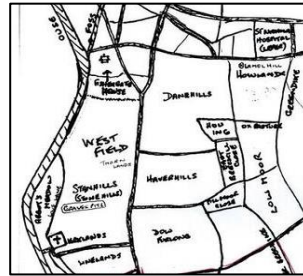


Images from our website, credited: Westminster Tournament Roll, College of Arms and Imagine York.

LANDSCAPE

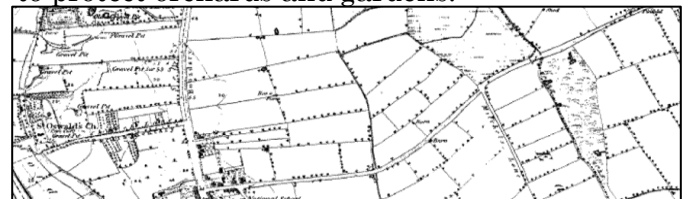
ENCLOSURE OF OPEN FIELDS

York Enclosures: Understanding Parliamentary Enclosures, Land Tax and Tithes from 1700. On Saturday 23 September 2023, Lauren Grindley gave an illustrated talk about the legislation pertaining to the enclosure of small parcels of open fields and common lands.



Before the enclosures, villagers farmed long narrow strips of land within the open fields. Many also grazed animals on the common land and some had the right to put their animals on the Ings after the annual hay crop had been removed.

Most enclosures of open fields and commons were made during the 18th and early 19th centuries, but enclosing small parcels of land within ditches and hedges had been happening for centuries to prevent animals straying into the open fields or to protect orchards and gardens.



But this process was expanded to include whole swaths of open fields and common pasture by Acts of Parliament in the 18th century. Commissioners were appointed to represent the various interested parties albeit mostly the manor lord and larger landowners.

As to land taxes and tithes, Lauren explained that before enclosure, villagers were required to pay a tithe to the Lord of the Manor or the Church, usually 10% of their crop or part of their earnings from



sheep and cattle. After enclosure tithes were commuted to a one-off payment to the Rector, Francis Meek, who received over £1452 in compensation. Land taxes continued to be assessed on the owners of the new enclosures.

Images: details of pre- and post-enclosure maps from our website; and John Bull burdened with taxes, from en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_English_fiscal_system

MILITARY MATTERS

MILITARY BARRACKS AND CAMPS

The POW camp near Naburn was mentioned in the presentation about **Fulford South** on Saturday 18 September 2021. They informed us that during WW2 the Ministry of Health



Emergency Medical Services built a 'hutted' hospital in the grounds of Naburn Hospital, but the huts were later used as a Prisoner of War hospital where according

to the English Heritage report of 2003, "many hundreds of severely under-nourished German soldiers were admitted after the end of the occupation of the Channel Islands in May 1945" The camp closed in 1949.

Quote: English Heritage Report 2003: Camp 162.Naburn Military Hospital, Naburn, Yorkshire; Eden Camp huts.
en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Yorkshire_157JPG

ELVINGTON AIRFIELD

The Birth, Life and Death of a Squadron at Elvington Airfield. John Wright, Honorary

Archivist of 77 Squadron Royal Air Force gave an illustrated talk on Saturday 19 February 2022. He provided information



about the formation of the squadron and its experiences during WW2 when it was based in Elvington and flew Halifax II the 4-engine bomber. For more information visit the Elvington air museum.

<https://yorkshireairmuseum.org/no-77-squadron-raf-elvington/> and <https://77squadron.org.uk/>

THE ORDNANCE RAILWAY

Unveiling the Ordnance Railway Information Plaque took place on 17 July 2021 at 4pm.

We met on the New Walk near the Hospital Fields Road and the remnant of tracks (newly cleared from the latest inundation of mud).



There were civic dignitaries in attendance, members of FFH and the public; and Andrew Scott gave a short history of the railway. Many thanks to Chris Rainger, Andrew Scott and the Friends of the New Walk for not only producing

the plaque, having it installed on the walls, but in devising a clever means to conceal and then unveil it. It was a well-attended and enjoyable.

OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY

THE FULFORD SHOW

We have had a stall at the Fulford Show every year of our existence. In the early days we had a stall



outside on the field but then were able to use the Fulford Scout Hut for a greater array of displays. However, after lockdown we have been out on the field, usually under a gazebo so that we can set

out a few folders of information and maps for those passing by to pause and look through. Many thanks to Judy Nicholason for her 'labour of love' in liaising with members of the community who express interest; and then bringing over a suitable array of folders.

OUTREACH TO FAMILIES

PROPOSED OPEN DAYS

As you will have read above, most of our outreach has been in researching their family history and houses. We have, on occasion, provided a simple craft for children as they pass by our gazebo at the Fulford



Show Fulford Show, at the Millennium Field fairs or, occasionally at Fulford Library. We hope to have Open Days for Families in the near future.

PUBLICATIONS & LEAFLETS

WWI Commemorations for the Fulford Memorial: (1) *Fulford South*; (2) *The Barracks Area*; (3) *The Fishergate Area*. For memorials elsewhere: (4) *Fishergate School*; (5) *Heslington*.

Houses and Gardens. Many folders have been compiled for personal inquiries about their homes or buildings (for example *The Saddle Inn*, *The Plough*, *The Pavilion*). But we have published a few monographs: *Fulford Field House and the Armstrong Family Schools* and *The Grange Estate* and *History Tales from Heslington Hall Gardens*.

Churches: Some books and leaflets have been produced via our fundraising such as the *Old St Oswald's Report*. Other are individual work but available for wider circulation. (Peter Mott's). Related to this are the booklets and leaflets created for St Oswald's Church in particular those focused on the memorials to local families and the military.

Walking Trails: (1) *Fishergate Postern Area*; (2) *Fulford Main Street*; (3) *Fordlands Road* and the *Alphabet Trail for Children*. Other trails have been devised for one-off occasions such as a Science Trail along the New Walk.

Leaflets: (1) *The Fulford Biscuit*; (2) *Heslington Hall and its Owners*; (3) *A Short History of the Barracks*; (4) *The Old Church of St Oswald*

Conference Packs. For each of our conference, we have created **resource packs** of additional information and reading lists. These can be made available: upon request:

2014: **Eoforwic. Anglian Fishergate and Pre-Viking York** (with information about the site, the finds, the timeline)

2017: **The Mystery of Old St Oswald's Church.** The Programme Booklet (with information about the Anglian Cross Fragment) and Who's Who in Fulford 1066-1266: 1: Township, Landowners and Lords; 2 Fulford People and their Property

2019: **A Victorian Gem. Exploring St Oswald's Church** Architecture, Stone Carvings, Stained Glass and Mosaic. A pdf of the slide show is available detailing people involved in building and furnishing the church.

2023: **Food and Farming in Early Heslington.** Programme booklet with overview; Resource Leaflet of literary references and illustrations of farming from pre-Roman to Medieval times; The Song of Grotti (2 translations); and some Anglo-Saxon riddles about food and farming.

Online Articles, etc

There are a variety of articles to read on our website including: *A History of the Glassworks* and a *History of The Fishergate Rialto*. There are also transcripts of talks such as 'Jane Austen and the York LeFroy Family' and information about Victorian Wallpaper! In short, there is something for everyone and their interests!

RESEARCH

Most of our current research has been mentioned in the entries above but here we need to thank

everyone who has been investigating all those strands of history and heritage. In particular:



Allan Francis, Lauren Grindley, Barbara King, Judy Nicholson, Charles Patmore, Chris Rainger and Margaret Scott.

We need also to thank all those individuals that have provided property deeds, documents, photographs to help and also the archive repositories that have responded so positively (and tolerantly in some cases).

Judy Nicholson and Barbara King have continued their research into Main Street Fulford. Between 2020 and 2023, they compiled folders of information for the owners of properties: The Saddle Inn and The Plough; numbers 63, 65, 67 and 91 Main Street; and are continuing to work on the history of Gate Fulford Hall. Further afield they have researched The Limes and produced a history of Fulford Field House.



(see *Churchyards & Cemeteries* pg 4 for a major investigation of the Heslington Churchyard Burials by the King family.)

SOCIAL GET-TOGETHERS

Christmas Socials 2020-2023. In 2020 and 2021 we did not hold a social get together due to lockdown or outbreaks of Covid. But we did meet together at last on Sunday 11 December 2022



thoroughly enjoyed bring-and-share food, snacks, beverages, a raffle and a quiz. The latter was devised by Judy Nicholson and tested our knowledge of

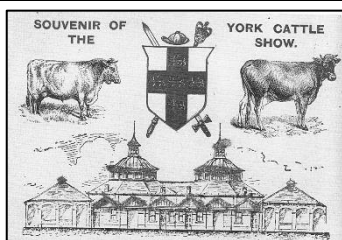
scenes from old photographs of our patch.

Christmas Social 2023. At the time of writing, we have not yet held our companionable social scheduled for Sunday 10 December BUT it will again be a festive, companionable occasion with snacks, hot and cold beverages (mulled wine is on the menu), a raffle, bookstall AND quiz.

TALKS

Several members have given talks to other groups since lockdown was lifted. Judy Nicholson and Barbara King have jointly and individually given talks to: the Escrick History

Society; York and District Family History Society and Tang Hall Local History Group. They have gone to Sheriff Hutton and also gave a talk to the York Magistrates. Topics included: **The History of the Cavalry Barracks; The Fishergate Cattle Market; Fulford Field House and the Armstrong Schools; and Fulford South.**



In August 2023 Louise Wheatley gave an illustrated talk to the York & District Family History Society. They had asked for something about the Ouse. Though a little off topic, she focused on the **Fishergate suburb of York**. This riverside settlement is an ancient corridor leading to the crossing over the Foss and Ouse.



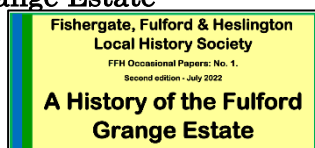
As such it was subject to royal control under several major landlords; and they and their tenants can be identified from 1066-1800. There is information about their buildings, houses, house plots (tofts and crofts) churches, religious houses, water- and wind mills and their occupations and livelihoods.

UNIVERSITY OF YORK FESTIVAL OF IDEAS

2022

During lockdown we did not have a Festival of Ideas event, but when we could start again, we did so with a flourish! On Saturday 18 June 2022, Chris Rainger gave an illustrated talk about the **History of the Fulford Grange Estate**

accompanied by his newly published booklet. He detailed the rich history of the estate from pre-enclosure of the open fields into a large estate covering about 17 acres



On this land a mansion house was built and later enlarged by a series of owners. Eventually there were stables, coach house, cow house,

outbuildings, a gardeners' cottage and a gatekeeper's cottage.

Overtime the grounds were developed as gardens, orchards and pleasure grounds with multiple greenhouses. It began to be sold off in parcels in the late



19th century when Isaac Poad converted the parkland into terraced housing, the streets named after his birthplace in Hartoft.



After 1900, the new owner, Alderman William Bentley held garden parties in the grounds to raise money for charities. When his widow died in 1929, Robert Pulleyn, a builder

into three parts and built houses around the gardens on Grange Garth.

On the following Tuesday evening, Chris gave a guided tour of the estate (*See Walks & Walking Trails, pg 16*). **His book can be read on our website or purchased for £10 by contacting him there:**

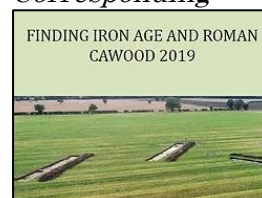
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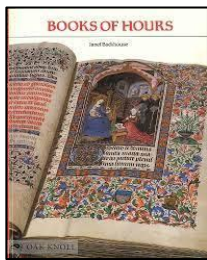


After registration with coffee at 9.30, the day was launched by **John Oxley**, former City Archaeologist. The first talk by **Steve Roskams**, archaeologist, filled in the background 'Prehistoric into Roman Transitions at Heslington East'.

This was followed by **Jon Kenny**, community archaeologist, who examined 'Corresponding Transitions Beyond Heslington', for example at Cawood. We enjoyed a short coffee break and regrouped to learn from Clare Rainsford, zoo-archaeologist



'The Pastoral Economy: a Perspective from the Animal Bones.' The next talk was 'The Agricultural Economy: a Perspective from the Querns' which Jane Richardson, presented in the absence of Dave Helsop and John Cruse of the Yorkshire Quern Survey.



Our lunch break was spent chatting with each other, glancing at and tasting the sourdough bread display, looking at the exhibition of the medieval illustrations called the Labours of the Month. or reading through the Conference leaflets.

However, as it was a beautiful summer's day, many sat outside eating lunch!

The afternoon session continued the quern-stone topic with a splendid rendition of *'The Song of Grotti'* by Paul Toy, historian now working with the York Archaeological Trust.

THE SONG OF GROTTI Gróttasöngur

A HANDOUT TO
ACCOMPANY
PAUL TOY'S
PRESENTATION



Our next talk was a video prepared by Malin Holst, osteo-archaeologist, *'Peopling the Heslington Landscape: Human Skeletal Analyses'*. We might have remembered the iron age skull with intact brain, but

perhaps not the Bronze Age cremation urn and Roman burials. Turning to the ceramics, Steve Roskams' second talk was titled:

'Cultural Transitions within and beyond the Roman period at Heslington: Ceramic Perspectives.'



And our conference talks concluded with Cecily Spall's *Life in Heslington into the post-Roman period*. When there is evidence of an Anglian village on nearby Heslington Hill.



The day ended with an open discussion and questions before tea and biscuits. Many thanks for a successful conference are due to our expert speakers and the helpers behind the scenes.



For more information see the longer summaries on our website and/or purchase the book: *Landscape and Settlement in the Vale of York* by Steve Roskams and Cath Neal (Society of Antiquaries, Report 82, 2020).

VISITS

Our visits are covered above in Archaeology, Archives, Art & Sculpture, Flora & Fauna but a highlight for many of us may have been walking on Walmgate Stray with the bullocks!

WALKING TOURS

RIGHTS OF WAY. Your right

to roam. Lauren Grindley led us around the footpaths of Fulford on Tuesday evening 10 May 2022. She gave such an interesting account of these public rights of way and filled in the background about their local names: Fenwick's and Medd's lanes; and Halfpenny Row, before leading us and down the paths and across the Ings.



A Walking Tour of the Grange Estate took place on Tuesday evening 21 June 2022. It was part



of our Festival of Ideas event for 2022. Chris Rainger guided us around the former Grange Estate. We met in Grange Street and he took us up and down the streets

that were formed when the estate was redeveloped for housing at the end of the 19th century. Although at first glance the terraces of houses look similar, they are not on close inspection! He then took us up onto the New Walk and around to the charming Gardeners' Cottage and up the steps into Grange Garth. Here we could view the east frontage of the mansion house. There were glimpses of the stable block and orchard, but the sites of the greenhouses were not evident in the gardens of the 20th century housing. We ended the tour at the Gatekeeper's Lodge on the Corner of New Walk Terrace.



Fordland Road Walking Trail.

During lockdown Louise Wheatley was asked to devise A walking trail for Fulford Families. She felt that Fordlands Road and Forest Lane were sufficiently rural to avoid crowds. One leaflet focused on houses, farms, cemetery, plantations of trees and Germany Beck. Another leaflet for children



Was an Alphabet Walking Trail for children which followed the same route with an I-Spy alphabet of things to spot. For 'C' you might see a Cat or a Cow and for 'D' a dog or a dragonfly.

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT YEAR

Saturday 20 January 2024

10am to noon St Oswald's Church Hall, Fulford

WHY ARE THE ROWNTREES' STILL RELEVANT?

An illustrated talk by Sarah and Bill Sheils.

Saturday 17 February 2024

10am to noon St Oswald's Church Hall, Fulford

A HISTORY OF BOOTHAM PARK HOSPITAL – and The Story Behind Its Sudden Closure

A talk by Ann Weerakoon.

Saturday 16 March 2024

10am to noon St Oswald's Church Hall, Fulford

OUR AGM

Saturday 20 January 2024

10am to noon St Oswald's Church Hall, Fulford

After a short business meeting we will have an illustrated talk by Ian Hayton on **THE ROLE OF A CONSERVATION ARCHITECT.**

TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2024

6.30 to 8.30pm St Oswald's Church Hall, Fulford

THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF KOHIMA. An illustrated talk by Bob Cook, curator of the Kohima Museum, Imphal Barracks.

DATES TO VISIT THE MUSEUM will be arranged.

Saturday 11 May 2024

10am to noon St Oswald's Church Hall, Fulford

A YORKSHIRE FOLK PARK AT FULFORD INGS a Dream Which Nearly Came True. An illustrated talk by Dr Sally-Anne Shearn, Collections Information Archivist at the Borthwick Institute for Archives.

THURSDAY 6 June 2024

6.15 to 8pm meeting place to be determined

A WILDLIFE WALK AROUND CAMPUS EAST led by Gordon Eastham, Grounds and Ecology Manager at the University of York.

Saturday 1 or 8 June 2024

10am to 1pm St Oswald's Church Hall, Fulford

OUR FESTIVAL OF IDEAS EVENT

FISHERGATE'S AMAZING ARCHAEOLOGY. A Review of the 2023 Rialto Excavations. Ian Milstead and Lucy Johnson of York Archaeology will give illustrated talks about the excavations in the context of Fewster Way, Blue Bridge Lane, Fishergate House and the city.

PLACES WILL HAVE TO BE BOOKED AHEAD

More information will be provided early in 2024

Saturday 13 or 20 July 2024

Time and place to meet to be determined

RE-IMAGINING YORK MISTER PRECINCT. A walking tour led by Alex McCowan, Minster Director of Works and Precinct.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 26 August 2024

1pm to 4pm Fulford Sports Field

OUR STALL AT THE FULFORD SHOW. We are asking for **HELPERS** to set up, take down and tend the stall. **Please contact Louise if you can help.** 07914 426744 or ffhyork.localhistory@gmail.com

Saturday 14 September 2024

10am to noon St Oswald's Church Hall, Fulford

THE LOST VILLAGE OF WATER FULFORD. An illustrated talk by Allan Francis based on his recent research which has uncovered new evidence.

Saturday 19 October 2024

10am to noon St Oswald's Church Hall, Fulford

A HISTORY OF THE YORK STEINER SCHOOL IN FULFORD – and the Ideas Behind It. A talk by Michael Rose, a founder and former teacher at the school.

Saturday 16 November 2024

10am to noon St Oswald's Church Hall, Fulford

THE STORY OF THE SCORIA BRICKS: The History of our Alleyways. An illustrated talk by Susan major of Clements Hall History Group.

SUNDAY 8 December 2024

2 – 4pm St Oswald's Church Hall, Fulford

OUR CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Quiz, Raffle, Food, Drinks and Good Friends.

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