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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PLACE Annual General Meeting, Saturday 13th April

As advertised in the January newsletter, this year's AGM will take place at York St John University. There has been a change to the speaker advertised last time but we have been very fortunate to get Mark Fuller from the Environment Agency as our speaker. His talk will be entitled:

Environment Agency assets that reduce the risk of flooding to homes and businesses in York.

Mark will talk about the new and improved flood defences in York from Clifton Ings on the upstream side to Bishopthorpe on the downstream side. He will also consider the work done to improve the Foss Barrier since the floods in 2015. The talk will start at 11.00am.

The AGM will start at c.12 noon. Both Mark Fuller's talk and the AGM will be available on zoom for those who book in advance.

As demand was so high, the afternoon Water Walk will now be conducted in two groups, setting off c.15 minutes apart. This means that we can accommodate more people. Let us know if you'd like to come.

If you have not already done so, please let us know if you are coming to the AGM by Wednesday 3rd April at the latest. If you wish to watch the talk and/or AGM on zoom, please let us know so that we can send you the zoom link. If you wish to join the afternoon Water Walk (cost £5.00), please let us know a.s.a.p.

The detailed agenda for the AGM and the 2023 Annual Report and Accounts will be sent out after Easter to those who book to attend the AGM. They will also be available on our website.



Ripley Castle from the route [Margaret Atherden]

Third Saturday walk, 20th April, Ripley

Meet at 11am in Ripley Castle car park (grid ref: SE284604, OS Explorer 298). It is a pay and display car park and it is advisable to bring change and bank cards. There are public toilets. Warm, waterproof clothing and boots are essential. Bring a packed lunch and a drink. The walk will not exceed 7.5 miles and is on reasonable paths, often across fields and sometimes utilising the Nidderdale Way.

Prevailing weather conditions will determine the exact route but the villages of Hampsthwaite, Birstwith, Burnt Yates and Clint may be visited. Post walk refreshments can be had at the cafés at Ripley Castle. Ripley Castle is located on the A61 north of Harrogate. Booking is not essential but, if you wish to receive a reminder, let us know if you are coming. Tel/SMS: 07989 095924.

VISIT TO POCKLINGTON, 23rd APRIL

Medieval Market, Iron Age Chariot, Water Lilies

Our Pocklington Visit on Tuesday 23rd April will be as the guests of Pocklington and District Heritage Trust. Pocklington, on the edge of the Yorkshire Wolds, is one of most delightful and historic market towns in East Yorkshire. Its origins, in a settlement close to a powerful spring, Pocklington Beck that emerges from underneath the chalk, go back to Iron Age times. We shall enjoy an expert tour of Pocklington's 13th century church (right) and the unspoiled town centre, and learn of the unique Pocklington Iron Age Chariot Burial which has changed our national understanding of Iron Age society. There will also be a chance in the afternoon to explore the delightful Burnby Hall Gardens, the National Centre for Nymphaeaceae (waterlilies), and enjoy its remarkable restored Victorian Alpine garden (right).

Our guide for the day will be Phil Gilbank of Pocklington Heritage Trust. Early booking is advised - party size will be limited to 30.

Itinerary:

1030 – 1100 Arrive at All Saints Church in Pocklington with coffee served in the Church from 0930 onwards.

1100-1120 Guided Tour of the Church. Meet Phil outside the church porch.

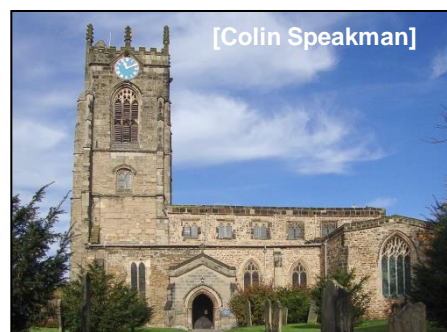
1120- 1215 A Guided Tour of Pocklington town centre. About a one mile in length but mainly strolling and standing on a busy market day.

1215-1330 Lunch break in town; centre a large choice of cafes and pubs available – or bring a packed lunch.

1330 The Pocklington Chariot Burial. We reconvene at the Community Hall at Burnby Hall (5 minutes' walk from Market Place) to hear a talk from the noted East Riding archaeologist Peter Halkon on Pocklington's amazing history from Iron Age to the present day, focusing on the Chariot Burials and indeed the campaign by the Pocklington Heritage Trust and other groups in the town to secure Burnby Hall as a Heritage Centre to showcase the Chariot Burial Remains close to the place where they were found.

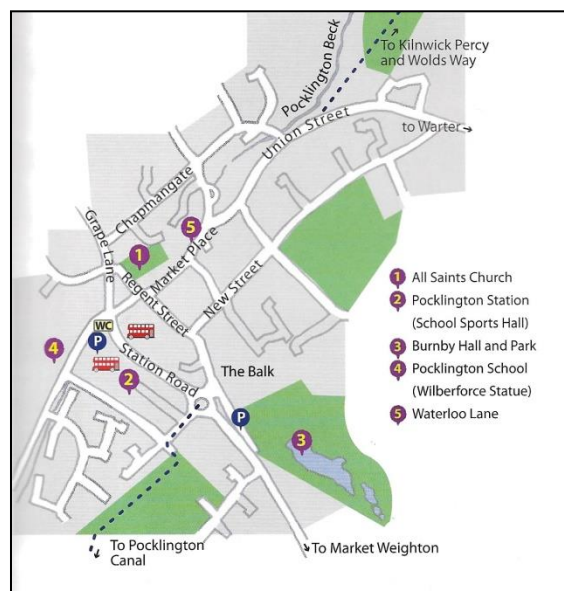
1430 Burnby Hall Gardens A chance to explore the celebrated Burnby Hall Gardens – free admission for PLACE members on the visit. Pete Rogers, Deputy Estate Manager Burnby Hall Gardens will give a brief (10-15 minutes) welcome with the story of the gardens and what is happening at present – national water lily collection, restored Alpine garden, current flowers in bloom etc.

1445 onwards: wander around the gardens at your own pace, visit the shop and perhaps have afternoon tea in the café before the journey home. Note Gardens close at 1600 – exit soon afterwards.



Getting to Pocklington The town is well signed off the A1079 York-Hull road. There are several public car parks around the town including near Burnby Gardens – but note it is Market Day in the town so arrive early. If these car parks are full, we have permission to park in Pocklington RUFC car park on Burnby Lane (YO42 2QB). The rugby club is only 300-400 yards from the town centre and church. The Burnby Hall Gardens car park is free but it would be better to park elsewhere, if possible. The X46 bus from Hull Railway Station departs at 0941 (senior passes valid) and arrives in Pocklington at 1024. Toilets opposite the bus station by the roundabout. See map below.

Cost: £10.00 per head, payable in advance.



Third Saturday walk, 18th May, Richmond – postponed from March because of weather



View of Richmond from the walk
[Margaret Atherden]

Meet at 11.00am in the Nun's Close long stay car park (pay and display – cash only, £4.50 for 4+ hours). Grid ref: SE168012. The toilets are free. From the A1 north or south, head for Richmond. At the roundabout in the town centre, just before you reach the market place, turn right along Victoria Road. The car park is on the right.

The walk is c.6.5 miles long and includes one short, steep climb and a gradual ascent. Paths may be muddy in places. Bring a packed lunch and wear walking boots. Tea available at Leeming Bar on the way home. *Let us know if you want a reminder.*
Tel/SMS 07989 095924.

VISIT TO HATFIELD MOOR, Wednesday 22nd May

Hatfield Moor is part of the Humberhead Peatlands National Nature Reserve, which comprises the largest extent of raised bog in lowland England. The moor was part of the huge post-glacial Lake Humber, with layered deposits of peat, silt and gravel. The site has been extensively altered through peat and gravel extraction, but now supports a contrasting mixture of habitats with a wide range of plant and animal life. In May there should be many dragonflies, damselflies and other insects, possibly also amphibians and reptiles. The site is home to a variety of birdlife including an increasing population of nightjars, but there will be no sign of these as they are nocturnal. For more information about the site, see: www.humberheadpeatlands.org.uk



Hatfield Moor gravel pit [Nancy Stedman]

We will meet at 11.00am by the information boards in the car park next to the Natural England NNR offices - grid ref. SE686053. Unfortunately it is not possible to reach this site by public transport. Take the A614 that runs between Hatfield Woodhouse and Bawtry and look for the turning at the brown sign 'Hatfield Moors' and the white sign 'Humberhead Peatlands National Nature Reserve'. Follow this minor road going east of the A614 past the (well-fortified) Natural England offices to the car park. There is a voluntary payment of £3 for parking.

Here we will meet the Senior Reserve Manager, Julian Small, who will give us a short introduction to the reserve. The walk of approx. 4km will be led by Tim Kohler, former Senior Reserve Manager; with plenty to look at and talk about. It will probably take two to two and a half hours. Bring a packed lunch. Toilets will be available at the start and finish of the walk.

The ground is level but uneven, but if there has been recent rain it may be boggy in places; there are steps up to a viewing platform. There is limited shelter on the site should it be raining on the day. Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear, and while it should be early enough in the year to avoid the worst of the biting insects, you would be wise to bring insect repellent. Sorry no dogs.

Cost: £10.00 per head. Numbers limited to 20 people.

Third Saturday walk, 15th June, Goathland



The Murk Esk valley [Margaret Atherden]

Meet at 11.00am in Goathland car park, grid ref: NZ833014 (OS Explorer OL27). The car park is a pay and display car park and it is advisable to bring change/bank cards. There are public toilets. Wear warm, waterproof clothing and walking boots. Bring a packed lunch and a drink. The walk is 6.7 miles and has some uphill sections, climbing up steps. The walk will explore the woods of the Murk Esk and the hamlet of Beck Hole using the old railway incline. Mallyan Spout waterfall may be visited by those wanting a scramble. The walk features in *The PLACE Book of Woodland Walks* and has a lot of botanical and historic interest. After the walk refreshment can be had at the cafés in the village of Goathland.

Visit to the monuments in the park of Wentworth Woodhouse, Sunday 23rd June 2024

Following the very enjoyable visit to Wentworth Castle last year, Dr Patrick Eyres has kindly agreed to lead a visit to see some of the monuments in the parkland surrounding the other great house in South Yorkshire, Wentworth Woodhouse. The house itself is a gargantuan building with very long east and west frontages. However, it is expensive to visit and lacks any of the original furnishings, so we shall concentrate instead on some of the colossal and political follies in the park.

The visit will focus on the Hooper Stand and the Rockingham Monument, which are open to the public on Sundays for a small cash payment (£3.00 each last year). We can also visit the Needles Eye, which is a pyramidal gateway (free).

Meet at 11.30am in the public car park on the Main Street of Wentworth village (grid ref: SK388981, post code: S627TL). Unfortunately, access by public transport is unlikely to be feasible, so we shall have to share cars for this visit. From Wentworth village car park we will travel onwards in convoy. The Hooper Stand and Rockingham Monument close at 3.00pm, after which we will visit the Needles Eye. Bring a packed lunch: tea may be available in the Wentworth Garden Centre, which closes at 4.30pm. There will be limited walking on this visit but stout shoes are advisable.

Cost: £10.00 per head. Maximum number: 20 people.



The Hooper Stand
[Brian Hague]



The Needle's Eye
[Brian Hague]

REPORTS ON EVENTS IN SPRING 2024

Cropton Forest walk, 20th January

A group of 10 walkers met at Cropton Cabins for a six mile walk in the Forest. It was icy in places and there were patches of snow. It took us about an hour to reach Keldy Castle. We noted the examples of damming the streams to slow the flow of water and also the open area around Sutherland Lodge which was once cultivated by forestry workers for food. At Keldy Castle we had a welcome hot sandwich with a warming drink. We saw several historic features of the former Reckitt's estate. Afterwards we headed up the long forest track to High Muffles, noting an old boundary marker. We then started the return to the start via Muffles Rigg. It was a slow descent to Cropton Cabins, where we had afternoon tea in the café. The circular walk is detailed in the PLACE Book of Winter Walks in North Yorkshire.



The group on the first part of the walk
[Peter Wheatcroft]

Philip Mander.

Retail change in central Leeds: is it bucking national trends? 29th January

On Monday 29th January 2024 Prof. David McEvoy led an intrepid party of 21 PLACE and RGS members through the rain-soaked central shopping district of Leeds city centre. We met in the 1930s art deco northern concourse of Leeds railway station. We observed that recent decades had seen the station's two concourses, like those of other major British stations, turned into venues hosting branches of national and international chains providing retail and service facilities, including Wetherspoons, Starbucks, Pret a Manger, Boots, WH Smiths, Marks and Spencer Simply Food. Before railway privatisation only WHS was available to travellers.

Dashing across City Square we observed the replacement of a major cinema by offices, a former central Post Office by restaurants and an ex-bank by licensed premises, before we entered the western entrance to the Trinity Centre, a three-storey covered complex housing the premises of many "high street" chains, some of which migrated from older sites in the locality less-protected from the weather and traffic fumes. The centre was completed in 2013 and replaced several run-down streets and arcades, and under-used backyards at its eastern end, and refurbished the 1977 Leeds Shopping Plaza to the west.

We emerged to cross Briggate, the major shopping street of the city for over a hundred years, now seeing the incursion of non-retail activities in the form of student accommodation in the upper floors of the former Debenhams department store (bankrupt 2020), and the building replacing the former House of Fraser store (closed 2018 as company entered administration). Briggate still however retains branches of prestigious stores such as Harvey Nichols (first branch outside London 1996) and Marks and Spencer.

We then rapidly traversed the modest Central Arcade and Central Street to reach the magnificent grade 1 listed Corn Exchange, dating from the 1860s, and possessing an oval plan and a dome with a stunning interior ceiling. Here specialist independent retailers occupy small premises on a first floor balcony, selling items such as jewellery and souvenirs. The lower floor appeared unused when we saw it, but has occasional use as a festival venue.

We proceeded a short distance north to the indoor Kirkgate Market where the oldest section dates from 1857 and has a superb iron and glass roof covering a multitude of clothing and food stalls, including specialist butchers, fishmongers and greengrocers, and a board recording the foundation here in 1884 of Marks and Spencer. Sadly the M&S penny bazaar to which the information is attached appeared closed. Although one of the features of urban market halls and outdoor markets is the ability to flexibly accommodate a rapidly changing range of stallholders, the presence of a number of vacant stalls within the hall suggested that this form of retailing may be shrinking. The sparse scatter of food stalls in the adjacent food court, where we broke for lunch, seemed to confirm this suspicion.

We reconvened one building to the north outside the John Lewis shop, the anchor store of Victoria Gate, an upmarket enclosed centre opened in 2016, where several businesses appeared to be of the type where, if you have to ask the price, you cannot afford it. We noted that the success of the John Lewis in Leeds was succeeded by the closures in 2021 of branches in York and Sheffield.

From Victoria Gate we continued to cross rainy streets to a series of arcades dating from the years up to 1900, which have been well-maintained and updated, and with an extension when Queen Victoria Street was roofed over and pedestrianised in 1990. The mix of businesses seemed to decline in status as we moved west. Eventually we crossed into the shopping centre named The Core, which was formerly the Headrow Centre, which had replaced the Schofields Department Store in 1996. It was a sorry sight, retaining only two shops, one announcing its impending move elsewhere, and a scatter of small cafes around a sparsely populated food court. The building is scheduled for demolition, with replacement by student accommodation and ancillary shops planned.

We then turned north across The Headrow, once a thoroughfare which accommodated the Lewis's department store (not John Lewis), an enormous multi-storey edifice which closed in 1996, but continues to house retailers on the ground floor and contains office space above. We passed through the enclosed St. John's Centre and finished our tour in the Merrion Centre, opened in 1964 as Britain's first purpose-built shopping precinct, to which a roof was added in the 1970s. It was described in 2008 as still the busiest shopping centre in Leeds, but the more recent developments we had visited terminated that distinction. Both St. John's and the Merrion Centres contain businesses aimed at less wealthy members of society.

Overall we saw a resilient city still attracting investment, but with some locations declining and subject to replacement by non-retail activities. In contrast with other cities and towns it is still however a shopping destination worth travelling to,

I would like to thank the participants for their intelligent questions and perseverance against the elements. Andrew Milton in particular is thanked for his helpful interventions.

David McEvoy

Otley walk, 17th February

A group of 18 PLACE members assembled by the clock in the market place which was installed for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. Colin Speakman gave us a guided tour of Otley town centre and then the Gallows Hill Nature Reserve. We learnt that Otley's street pattern is essentially medieval as the area was bypassed by the Romans in favour of the higher ground on the Chevin. The town has Anglian roots - a wooden church probably existed at Otley on the Wharfe. Anglo-Norse influence is found in the names of the triangle of streets, Boroughgate, Kirkgate and Walkergate. We explored various ginnels that ran along the original burgess plots with their workshops now occupied by cafés, boutique shops and independent traders. The impression today is one of bustling economic resilience, a one off market town with a rich history.

We looked at the site of the Archbishop of York's palace which replaced the manor house - Walter de Grey in the 1220s was responsible for laying out a lot of the original burgess plots. We visited Otley parish church, All Saints, with its Norman doorway and collection of pre-Conquest cross fragments. Nearby is the Bramhope Tunnel memorial, now the national Navvies Memorial - 23 lives were lost completing the Leeds-Thirsk railway 1845-9. We then saw the old Grammar School which Thomas Chippendale (b.1718 in Otley) attended.



Left: The group in the churchyard [Simon Green]



Right: The River Wharfe [Simon Green]

We crossed the River Wharfe by Otley Bridge - the river was originally crossed by a wooden structure but later by a stone bridge probably dating back to the 1220s. Entering Wharfedale Meadows, we saw the site of the former lido (which may be restored) and the sculpture commemorating Otley's nationally important printing heritage. (Dawson and Payne's revolutionary Wharfedale Press of the 1850's). We entered the Gallows Hill Nature Reserve established on former sewage works with their nutrient rich sludge beds. The low hillock was the site of the last recorded execution in 1614. The nature reserve is important for dragonflies and other insects and it provides breeding habitats for amphibians and birds.

We returned to Otley via Garnett's Wharfe, the former site of a water-powered paper mill associated with Jeremiah Garnett, a founder of the Manchester Guardian in the 1820s. Today there is a modern residential development by a small hydro-electric power station with its Archimedes screw near the weir. Finally we walked through Tittybottle Park, traditionally used by nursing mothers and nannies on perambulations. We finished the walk as it started to drizzle.

Philip Mander.

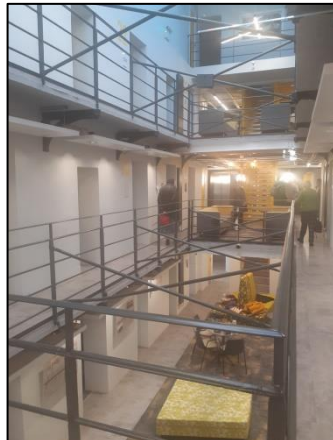
Visit to Northallerton Gaol, 23rd February

Two groups of PLACE members visited Northallerton Gaol, on 23rd February and 1st March. Our guide was Peter Cole, a volunteer at the Northallerton Heritage Hub and a former educator at the Gaol. We began our visits at the Heritage Hub, located at the northern end of the High Street, which is the town's first museum and contains a lot of documentary material and books, as well as several artefacts from the former gaol, including one of the original wooden doors. We watched two videos, one about the town and the other about the prison. We learned about the history of Northallerton from Roman times onwards. There was a Norman castle, converted to a palace in the twelfth century, on the site of the modern cemetery. In medieval times the town was owned by the Bishops of Durham, and the foundations of a new town were laid out. The outlines of the burgage plots can still be seen flanking the High Street. The wider section at the northern end of the High Street formerly accommodated the market. The Battle of the Standard took place just north of the town in 1138, when an invading Scottish army was repelled. By the 18th century Northallerton had become the administrative centre for the North Riding and is still the administrative centre for the modern county of North Yorkshire.

Northallerton Gaol was built in 1783 to a design by John Carr and began housing prisoners in 1788. A wide range of prisoners were accommodated there, of both sexes (at different times), military prisoners (including conscientious objectors) and latterly youth offenders. Hard labour was part of prison life in the past and Northallerton Gaol had the largest treadmill in the world when it was constructed in 1820. There was also a female treadmill, which was used to pump water. Conditions were harsh by modern standards and sentences severe. One famous inmate was eleven year-old Sophia Constable from Whitby, who was convicted in 1873 for stealing a loaf of bread. She was sentenced to three weeks in gaol with hard labour, followed by four years at a reformed school. She managed to turn her life around and eventually became a seamstress. She is commemorated in a statue by Ray Lonsdale outside the gaol. The prison closed in 2013 and was the oldest prison in the country when Hambleton District Council took over in 2014. It now forms part of the Northallerton High Street Heritage Action Zone Programme, which is funded by Historic England with the aim of promoting cultural heritage and reinvigorating the High Street.



Above: The group approaching the gaol [Margaret Atherden]



Right: Inside the former gaol today [Shirley Bibby]

Below: The sculpture of Sophia Constable by Ray Lonsdale [Margaret Atherden]



From the Heritage Hub we walked down the High Street to the former prison site. The large, austere wall which surrounded the site previously has been demolished and the area opened up to the public. The former gaol building itself is now the Centre for Digital Innovation (C4DI), where seedcorn funding helps small businesses to get established and provides state of the art accommodation in shared offices for a variety of users, including local businesses and charities. The building has been sensitively converted to modern use whilst preserving much of the original structure. We were much impressed by the interior of the building and the open, welcoming atmosphere created out of somewhere that was originally a forbidding place of punishment. People using the various rooms (converted cells) in the C4DI were friendly and seemed happy to have visitors walking round. Peter Cole was an excellent, knowledgeable host and we were even provided with tea/coffee and biscuits at the end of our visits.

Margaret Atherden

Visit to Settle, 11th March

The visit to Settle focussed on the issues involved in restoring and re-purposing old buildings in an urban setting. Twenty participants gathered in the parlour of the Folly, a Grade I listed building, to enjoy hot drinks and freshly baked scones. The Folly is the home of the Museum of North Craven Life, currently closed for renovation. Heather Lane (Honorary curator and Chair of the North Craven Building Preservation Trust) outlined some of the issues around the restoration of the building. Her knowledge of the history of the building was impressive, far too much to try to summarise here - some notable points were that the Folly was built by Richard Preston, a lawyer, in 1679, surprisingly just 8 years after he had built a family house, the White House, nearby. The main rooms in the Folly have a remarkable amount of glass so it would have been a very light and distinguished residence and office. At the rear it could be seen that the building wrapped around an older small tower, the purpose of which was unclear. The fundraising efforts to tackle the restoration and renovation have been impressive, with many hundreds of thousands going in to repointing, re-roofing, repairing, re-plastering - all with appropriate heritage materials such as lime mortar, to let the walls breathe.

The existence of several old documents, including a detailed inventory of all its contents after Richard Preston died intestate, means that much is known about the early years of the building. One point I came away with was the fact that it was not as I had thought a townhouse but more an estate house, located outside the early settlement and with clear views out across the valley. It seems to have acquired the title 'Preston's Folly' from early on, but has been used and altered in many various ways since its construction.

We walked up a short steep hill to view the Zionist Congregational Chapel, built in 1816. Settle never had its own church, coming under the wing of St Alkelda in Giggleswick; this left non-conformists free to establish bases in the town. Funds are being raised to restore not just the chapel but also the adjacent small house, which will be let out, and a schoolhouse which will be converted to create an archive space with a controlled environment. The aim is for this to become a hub for archiving their own and many other collections. The main chapel, with its fine acoustics, will be used for concerts and events.

Heather then led us down to the Market Place to look at the recently acquired Dr Buck's house, a fine Georgian house on 4 floors. This will be renovated with the upper floors used for holding collections such as the Horner photographs and contemporary poetry, while the ground floor will be open to the public.

The ambition and courage of the NCBPT to tackle these major restoration projects was admired by all.



The group looking across the road to The Folly. Heather Lane is in the centre in the red coat [Nancy Stedman]



The Zionist Chapel [Margaret Atherden]



Some of the group outside Dr Buck's House [Peter Wheatcroft]

After a lunch break, the group reconvened at the Quaker Meeting House, a Grade II* listed building built in 1678. Here John Asher, former clerk to the QMH, gave a presentation on the phased programme of works undertaken over some 12 years - firstly the construction of a new meeting room, kitchen and toilets, then the restoration of the original meeting room, the gallery and the roof, and finally the adjacent residence Quaker Garth. The new building had necessitated digging several feet down, thus exposing many burial sites all of which had to be re-interred. Extensive rot had been uncovered in the original meeting room, leading to more substantial restoration than originally anticipated. The group then looked around the very successfully reconfigured meeting house and the small walled garden, which included the burial ground.

Finally, the group moved to Ashfield car park to look at the toilet block which has been closed for 12 years. Here we heard about a recent planning application to erect retail units and Tourist Information Centre with affordable flats above. There had been a lot of local unrest about the proposal, with concerns including impacts on the adjacent listed buildings of the Quaker Meeting House, Quaker Garth, and Victoria Hall, one of the earliest music halls. With the old Craven District Council turning down its own application, the future of the toilet block remains unresolved.

Nancy Stedman



The Quaker Meeting House
[Margaret Atherden]



The toilet block at the centre of the planning dispute [Peter Wheatcroft]

OTHER NEWS

Heritage Guardians event, Hull

Join us at Hull Minster – Saturday 11th May

On the weekend of May 11/12th, the largest ever gathering of Yorkshire Heritage societies, organised by the Yorkshire Society will be taking place in the maritime city of Kingston-upon-Hull. PLACE will be one of over 40 mainly voluntary Yorkshire-based heritage groups taking part in a major exhibition within the magnificent Minster Nave, with displays, books, sales and chance to chat. In addition, there will be a Symposium taking place dealing with key issues relating to the amazingly rich heritage of our Region.

Public Admission to the main Exhibition will be free of charge, but PLACE members can also join city centre walks, a special guided sightseeing trip through the Yorkshire Wolds by double decker bus and an evening of maritime songs and shanties reflecting the city's long fishing heritage. An event not to be missed – full details at <https://theyorkshiresociety.org/event/2024-yorkshire-heritage-summit>. Booking details for the chargeable will follow on the Yorkshire Society website.

Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group forthcoming events

1. Saturday 27th April, Day school at York St John University
Marks, Graffiti, Wall Paintings and Decoration in Yorkshire Buildings
2. 10th – 12th May, Conference on the Vernacular Buildings of Bridlington

Full details and booking forms can be found on the YVBSG website:

<https://www.yvbsg.org.uk/events.html>

PLACE member Elizabeth Sandie has recently published a book on a decade of change in a late 19th century terrace in York, based on original research and interviews. A fascinating read for anyone interested in social history. *Just One Street* published by Elizabeth Sandie (2023); cost £12.00 (with £1.00 from each sale going to Shelter). ISBN: 978-0-9570422-1-6

REMINDER: Don't forget to let us know if you have a new e-mail address or move house!

RESEARCH GRANTS

PLACE offers grants of up to £1000 to independent researchers studying subjects relevant to the people, landscape or cultural environment of Yorkshire. There is a very simple application form, available from the PLACE website, together with guidance to applicants. Applications may be submitted at any time.

MAY MOSS

Brian Walker is busy editing a new book on May Moss, featuring some of the work PLACE members have undertaken there over the years. It is hoped to launch the book in the autumn.

We shall be continuing our vegetation monitoring at May Moss this summer on the following dates:

May 29th

June 26th

July 31st

If you are interested in helping, please contact the PLACE Office.

PLACE members are welcome to attend meetings of the Events Committee, which determines the programme of future events. It meets quarterly at York St John University. If you would like to come along, please contact the PLACE Office for details.

Photos of PLACE events

There are lots of photos of past PLACE events on our website in the Galleries section. Photos of events this spring will appear on the website shortly.

Health and Safety

PLACE takes every care to ensure the safety of participants on our outings and always undertakes a risk assessment in advance. Philip Mander is our Health and Safety Officer. If you have any medical conditions that might be relevant on an event, please let the organiser know in advance.

PLACE is an inclusive charity, membership of which is open to adults of all backgrounds, genders and abilities. PLACE holds members' names and addresses and, where members have supplied them, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers. These are only used to communicate with members about PLACE affairs or events. Personal data are never shared with other organisations. If you wish to change the way we communicate with you, please contact the PLACE Office.

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