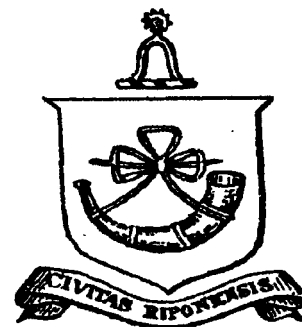


# RIPON'S PAST

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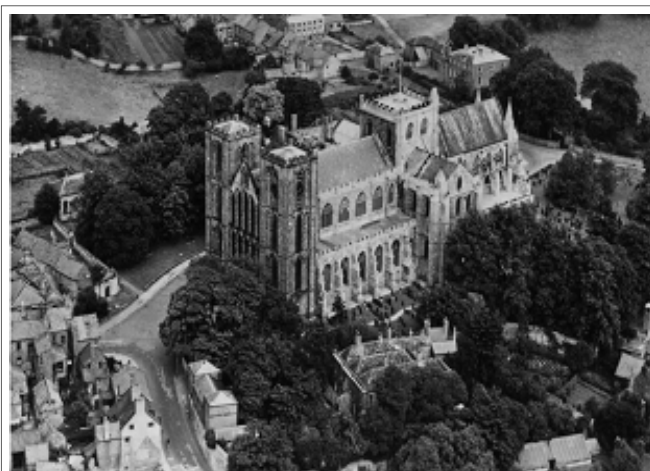
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## A MOVE IS AFOOT AND BUILDING TOGETHER

In late December I was contacted to see if the Local Studies Centre would be interested in helping Ripon Museums Trust by leasing rooms from them in the Workhouse complex. This came about from an enquiry to RMT from North Yorkshire to take over more of the complex for museum use.

A little later in January North Yorkshire County Record Office enquired to see if the Centre was interested in the possibility of becoming 'a local archive access point' to give local provision of surrogate copies, and the ability to read and print them; training for volunteers in enquiry handling and basic archive conservation; provision of a local focus for learning activities, displays and events and the development of a community archive of photographs and other materials. My answer was to both enquiries was a resounding yes.

We are still in the discussion stage, but the prospects of working on site with RMT and NYCRO is an exciting one to reach the stage perhaps where Ripon can see archival material that relates to the City in the City!



Ripon Cathedral from the air—date unknown

### Listed Buildings

Another area that is close to my heart is to promote the Centre and its buildings. These were very much a part of what Mike Younge wanted to achieve and with our new website we can bring the vision to reality. Ripon has many buildings of local and national importance ranging from four ancient monuments through to 2 Grade 1 and 12 grade II\* and many, many Grade II listed buildings. The aim of the Listed Building Project, which Mike set off, is to compile a database of buildings in Ripon. We are now marrying the description and images to create a fully illustrated database that can be loaded

onto the website so that anyone can find out about their building of interest. However we need volunteers to 'adopt a building' and research its history to put more information on the web.

Can you help? If you can give a few hours or more every week we want to hear from you.

Mick Stanley  
Director, Ripon Local  
Studies Research Centre

# INNS, TAVERNS AND BREWERIES IN RIPON

BY DEREK EDMONDSON

I agreed to carry out research on these types of property at the AGM in 2004, and albeit slowly because of other commitments, have been working away accumulating material from Street Directories from the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, photographs of Ripon early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and other miscellaneous sources.

Part of the research was displayed in the exhibition shown during the RCAP Finds day on the 5<sup>th</sup> November last, when a comparison was shown of the names and licensees of the public houses in Ripon in 1851 and 1901,

together with photographs of various properties which have long disappeared from the scene. Examples included The Yorkshire Hussar on Queen Street, The Kings Arms on the corner of Bedern Bank and Water Skellgate and the Green Dragon on Westgate. Photographs of the Low Mill Brewery building and Hepworths Brewery on Bondgate were also shown. An item of interest which assisted in the research is the Report of the Advisory Committee set up by the City Council in 1901 to investigate all licensed premises as to their sanitary condition and accommodation provided.

A list of all fully licensed premises and those with a beer license only is shown in the Ripon Historian for Jan 2006, but is too long to be reproduced here.

Other material yet to be investigated in depth includes census returns from 1841 to 1901 – that for the Unicorn in 1881 was included in the exhibition – and Licence Applications. It is interesting to note that more than one property was at various times both a licensed house and a Temperance Hotel! On this theme, the original Temperance Hall in Ripon appears to have been in Allhallowgate, and was replaced by the more familiar property on Duck Hill.

If any person has items or information on these themes, which may be of help, they are asked to contact Derek at the Centre. Many thanks to those who have already done so.

Derek Edmondson



## RIPON RECORD 1987—2006

RESEARCHERS REQUIRED FOR RIPON RECORD



A comment from the publisher's preface to the original Ripon Millenary.

Hopefully we will do better!

Ripon Local Studies Research Centre intends to publish a new colour illustrated 'Ripon Record' as the last edition was published 20 years ago and 120 years since the first of the records published as The Millenary by Harrisons of Ripon in 1886. The more recent edition was a joint effort mainly edited by Dr John Whitehead, Ted Pearson, Edna Ellis and Mary Mauchline with input from members of Ripon Civic Society including Beryl Thompson and Jean Denton. The Local Studies Centre feels that it should work together with Ripon Historical Society, Ripon Civic Society, Ripon Museums Trust and other interested

individuals to produce the new publication in both printed format and on the Internet. We will provide a full and comprehensive record for people of the world to consult, but a printed summary will be available locally. There will be 20 chapters each covering one year and written by a different researcher with an overall editor. Dr John Whitehead has already agreed to write one year, but has yet to decide which one!

It is likely that a new format will be used as the design capabilities with digital imagery and text is infinite giving un-heard of

flexibility to both the printed and web pages. There will be a series of extended articles on aspects of the changes, events or activities for example housing, the bypass, Quarry Moor and west of Market Place.

If you are interested in helping with research and can spare a few hours each week or have particular knowledge or images of aspects of the City over the past 20 years please contact Ripon Local Studies Research Centre on 01765 692200 or [ripnolocalstudy@btconnect.com](mailto:ripnolocalstudy@btconnect.com)

## RIPON COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT

The group meets weekly on a Friday morning at Copt Hewick Village Hall with regular attendance being around 15 members, under the guidance of our professional Community Archaeologist Kevin Cale.

The last year has seen steady progress towards our current target of studying Ripon City and the surrounding 11 parishes. Data collection and entry on the computer database is complete for North Stainley, West and East Tanfield, Norton Conyers, Hutton Conyers, Sharow, Copt Hewick and Bridge Hewick. Work is currently advanced on Littlethorpe, Markingfield Hall and Studley Roger.

The database at present consists of over 2000 entries averaging out at well

over 200 per parish. Typically, the national and county records contain between 20 and 30 entries per parish for this region. It is clear we will be adding substantially to this data.

Last March saw the publication of our contribution to a joint article on Community Archaeology in British Archaeology. We have taken part in joint workshops on the use of Mapmaker software and on exhibition planning and preparation. A link was forged with West Tanfield Primary School. Joint sessions with the 10 year olds over a few weeks led to a study and identification of over 70 artefacts which had been discovered locally and given to the school.

Good links with some local metal detectorists has resulted in the identification and mapping of over 65 artefacts mostly in the Ripon/Littlethorpe boundary area.

Several weeks preparation led a very successful event at the Town Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2005. The day included an exhibition of work on Ripon's Industrial Past, a Finds Day event and an afternoon lecture by Dr Richard Hall, Director of York Archaeological Trust, on Ripon's Ancient Charms. Over 130 people attended in the morning and over 80 artefacts were identified by the Portable Antiquities Officer from York. These were logged and written up by RCAP members. A well attended follow up evening was held in the Town Hall on the

15<sup>th</sup> December 2005 when Kevin Cale, our archaeologist, projected images of selected artefacts from the Finds Day and explained their background and significance.

The next few months will see the group preparing written overviews of the 12 parishes and producing a project report for the funding body, the Local Heritage Initiative and also, perhaps more importantly, for the public in Ripon and beyond. At the same time we will be developing our ideas for the next project and making a submission for further financial support.

**Dr David Rivers**  
RCAP

## RIPON RECIPES

### WILFRA TART

Wilfra Tart is a traditional dish made during Wilfra week in August

The name derives from St. Wilfrid patron saint of Ripon Cathedral.

Taken from postcard from the Jorvik Centre, York.

**Filling:** 350g/12oz cooking apples, peeled cored and sliced.

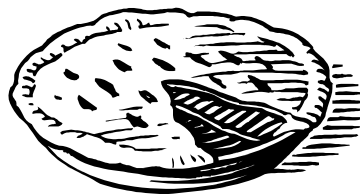
2 tbs Demerara sugar

½ tbs flour

110g/4oz Wensleydale cheese.

**Shortcrust Pastry:** 140g/5oz flour

70g/2 ½ oz butter



Roll out half the pastry and line a 20cm/8" flan or pie dish. And put in the sliced apple. Mix the flour and sugar and Sprinkle over the apple. Grate the cheese over the top. Roll out the remaining pastry and cover the dish. Cut Slits in the top and glaze with milk or egg.

Bake at gas mark 5, 190°C/375°F for 30 mins or until the Apple is cooked.

If anyone has any local recipes we can use in our newsletter, please contact Sue at the Centre.

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TO CHECK OUT  
OUR NEW  
WEBSITE**

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#### TIME TEAM

As you may have read in the Ripon Gazette there will be a programme on Brimham Grange on Channel 4 on Sunday 5th March 6pm. Members of RCAP—Ripon Community Archaeology Project and Archaeologist Kevin Cale were involved with the programme.



## FAMILY HISTORY DAYS

**Family History for Beginners, Saturday 11th March 2006.**

North Yorkshire County Record Office will hold a day school aimed at those just starting out with tracing their family tree. A selection of speakers will talk about techniques for getting started, and the main record sources encountered by first-time family historians.

**Family History Masterclass, Saturday 25th February and 25th March 2006**

A day school at the Record Office for those who want to advance their family history research. A selection of speakers will cover various topics and there will be a session on caring for your records. Contact the Record Office for availability and cost

NYCC Record Office, Malpas Road, Northallerton

Te. 01609 777585 or email: [archives@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:archives@northyorks.gov.uk)

### READ THE LANDSCAPE

Workshops with Dr Richard Muir, Community House, East Parade, Harrogate.

Six consecutive Thursdays 2 March to 6 April. To book a place contact

Dr Richard Muir 01423 529343 [Richard.muir1@btinternet.com](mailto:Richard.muir1@btinternet.com)

### OPEN DAY 2006

The Record Office will host its third annual Open Day on Saturday 1st April 2006. All are welcome to this free event. The day will include behind the scenes tours of the Record Office, talks and displays from staff and local societies and free advice and 'try it yourself' sessions. More details from the Record Office closer to the date.

### ENJOYING NORTH YORKSHIRES'S ARCHIVES

An Audience Development Officer has now been appointed for 'Enjoying North Yorkshire's Archives', a project which will promote the widest possible use of the archive collections held in the Record Office. The officer will work to attract new users to the Archives, and to create new ways of enjoying collections. A grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund will support the project. Please contact Ruth Rising at the Record Office for more details.