

NORTHERN ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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The Leaves of Southwell; a highlight of our 2011 trip to Nottinghamshire.
Photograph by Tom Yellowley

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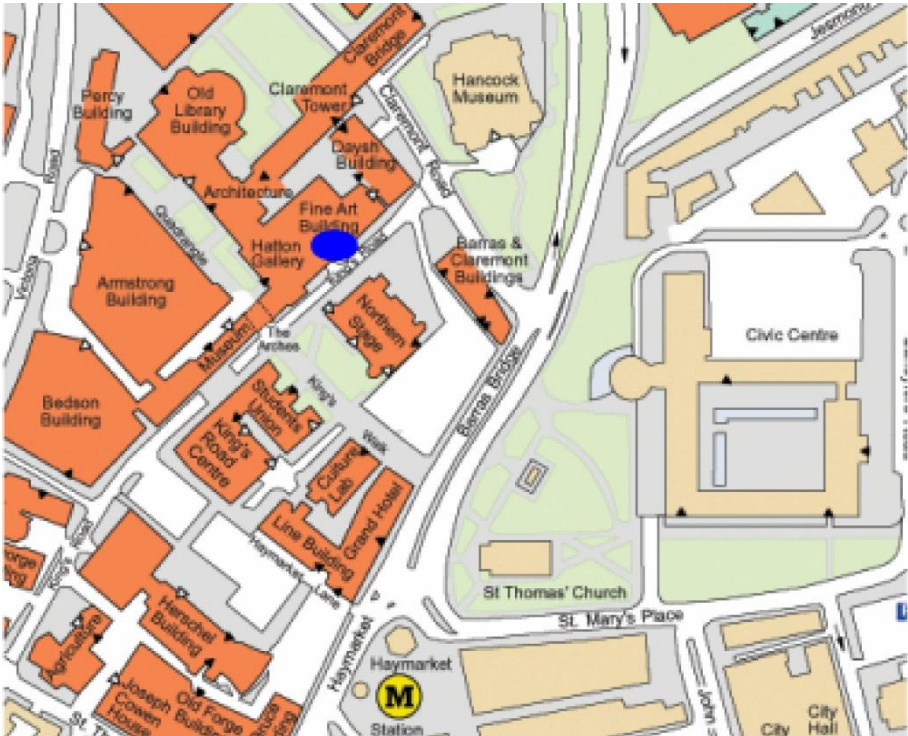
The Society was established in the 1970s. It aims to encourage the study and enjoyment of architecture, buildings, their contents and settings by organising lectures and visits. It usually holds its lectures in Newcastle upon Tyne and enjoys a close association with the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape of Newcastle University.

THE LECTURE THEATRE

Unless otherwise stated lectures are held in the
Fine Art Lecture Theatre of Newcastle University.

The location is marked by the blue oval.

Doors open at 7.00pm, refreshments are usually available,
and lectures start at 7.30pm.



HALIFAX AND DEAN CLOUGH

Day Trip

Saturday 15 October 2011



Our autumn day trip will take us by coach to Halifax. Mark Hide will guide us around Dean Clough Mills, once the world's largest carpet factory and now transformed to accommodate a great variety of new uses. We will also visit several other remarkable buildings in the town and consider the town's Victorian past and the philanthropy of its industrial barons.

CUMBRIAN STYLE?

Lecturer: Matthew Hyde

Tuesday 18 October 2011



Matthew Hyde is the author of the 2010 edition of the Cumbria volume of Pevsner. In this lecture he will examine whether Cumbria has a distinctive architectural style or styles, concentrating particularly on its domestic buildings.

Matthew studied botany as an undergraduate in Bristol. The city opened his eyes to architecture and an MA in architectural history followed. He moved north and has written extensively on the architecture of the north west region.

BLENCOW HALL

Lecturers: Graham Norman and Peter Ryder
Tuesday 22 November 2011



Blencow Hall, medieval seat of the Blencow family is a fascinating house; detailed archaeological recording made possible by its refurbishment has allowed its building history to be considerably revised.

A courtyard house of the late 15th or early 16th century was embellished around a hundred years later with two towers, more for show than defence, and then remodelled again after serious damage now thought to result from fighting in the Civil War. Subsequently it declined to a farmhouse, its towers being abandoned to decay; they are now restored and re-integrated with the building, although the southern one retains its dramatic top-to-bottom rent, testimony to its 17th century vicissitudes.

CHRISTMAS EVENT

December 2011

**DETAILS IN
PREPARATION**

THE BRITISH INFLUENCE IN ULSTER ARCHITECTURE

Lecturer: Hugh Dixon

Tuesday 17 January 2012



For centuries building in Ulster has been influenced from abroad, most strongly from its nearest neighbours; yet the buildings have a distinct character. Hugh recently retired after 25 years as curator for the north east region of the National Trust. The years before that were spent as an architectural historian in various roles in Northern Ireland. 2008 saw the publication of a fully illustrated edition of his book; 'An Introduction to Ulster Architecture'.

THE CONSERVATION OF HAMSTERLEY HALL

Lecturer: Cyril Winskell

Tuesday 21 February 2012



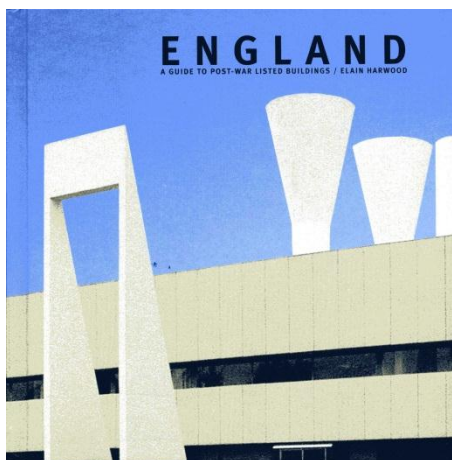
In 2005 Mr William Spry and Mr Steven Spry as prospective purchasers of Hamsterley Hall commissioned JDDK Ltd as Executant Architects and

Cyril Winskell as Conservation Architect with instructions to restore the Hall for use as the Spry family dwelling. The fabric has at the back an 18th century house, then the wing between this and the main house in which the pretty gothic rooms of R. H. Swinburne remain. There is a late 15th century stone fireplace from Crosby Hall, London, and much more. In the formal garden there is a gazebo from Beaudesert and a pinnacle from the Houses of Parliament. The house has to be a joy for the architectural historian.

NEWCASTLE: BRASILIA OF THE NORTH

Lecturer: Elain Harwood

Tuesday 13 March 2012



Elain Harwood is the historian at English Heritage responsible for its post war research and listing programme. She has written the Guide to Post War Listed Buildings and chose a Newcastle building for its front cover. She will discuss the post war ambitions of the north east's politicians, planners and architects in the national and international historic context. We will extend an invitation to members of the NE Branch of the 20th Century Society to attend this lecture.

GATESHEAD'S RAVENSWORTH CASTLE

Lecturer: Jules Brown

Tuesday 24 April 2012



The Castle has a rich, long history of families creating a large, cohesive country estate with a layered core of now ruinous castle and domestic buildings. It has a fascinating romantic allure, with one of the best preserved medieval fortifications in the county, strong ecological significance and a growing public awareness. It is in need of urgent works, and desperate for an agreed future. North of England Civic Trust completed a conservation plan for the place in 2008, and Jules will illustrate some of the survey and research work carried out.



NAHS TRIP TO NOTTINGHAM JULY 2011

Top left: Queen's Chambers

Top right: Wollaton Hall

Bottom left: Hardwick Hall

Bottom right: Papplewick Pumping Station

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Ideas for future events are always welcome!

Annual General Meeting and Lecture: May 2012
Summer Trip to Oxfordshire: late June /early July 2012
Details in Preparation

Membership is by Annual Subscription

Membership is due for renewal on 1st March each year.
If you wish to join please send a cheque made out to 'NAHS',
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