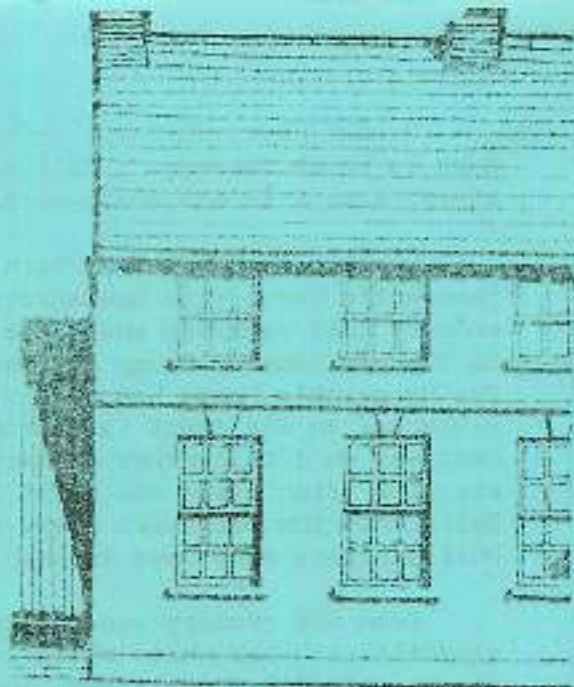


NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BUILDING PRESERVATION TRUST LIMITED



NEWSLETTER - JANUARY, 1978.

On behalf of the Trust may I convey sincere good wishes for a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR to all our subscribers, and we very much hope that 1978 will be a year in which the activities of the Trust in helping to conserve and protect our architectural heritage in Nottinghamshire can be strengthened and expanded.

COACH TOURS HELD IN 1977

During the Autumn of 1977 the Trust arranged two coach tours for members and friends and visits were made to the following:-

Orton and Wadenhoe - 10th September

During the morning the group were taken on a conducted tour of the church at Orton by Mr. Leslie Nightingale of The Orton Trust. This building is being restored by the Orton Trust for use as a training centre for stone-masons and examples of their work were on display.

After lunch in Kettering the first stop was at Wadenhoe where the group was joined by Mr. Kit Martin (Members who attended the Spring Meeting will recall the excellent talk given by Mr. Martin on "The Conservation of Historic Buildings") and conducted on a tour of the water mill which had been converted into residential use. The second stop was at Dingley Hall which has been sympathetically converted into dwelling units.

Avoncroft Museum, Chester House and Spon Street - 8th October

The great timber-framed Cholstrey barn displayed in the middle of the ten-acre site was of particular interest because of the Trust's involvement in restoring Keyworth barn. The museum's barn was originally part of Cholstrey Court Farm near Leominster and was probably built during the 16th or early 17th century. When the building was demolished in 1974 the museum managed to rescue the frame and re-erect the barn at Avoncroft.

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Unlike Keyworth barn, which has a post and truss frame, the Cholstrey barn is cruck framed; a building method especially common in mediaeval times, except in the south-east.

Leaving the Cholstrey barn, the group walked over to the 15th century Merchant's House from Bromsgrove, passing on the way a brick-built 19th century nail workshop and a chainshop where a chain was being made by hand in the old manner, using a treadle-operated hammer on the red-hot metal. The Merchant's House has an oak frame infilled with wattle and daub, and the gable end on the front is attractively jettied out at first floor level. Next was an 18th century granary of strange triangular shape raised up on circular brick piers and built of red bricks and handmade plain tiles. Built into the brickwork steps were two dog kennels in which Staffordshire bull terriers were kept to keep down the rats.

From the granary was the rare sight of a beautifully restored timber windmill with her white sails turning steadily in the breeze. This was the famous postmill from Dancey Green which had ceased working in the 1880's and had deteriorated into a mere timber skeleton until the museum came to the rescue in 1969 by moving the whole structure, including the brick roundhouse, to Avoncroft. After climbing the steps to the long tail-pole at the back of the windmill the group watched enthusiast Nigel Frederick grinding corn into wholemeal flour. The machinery of the mill is all timber, the cogs being made of hornbeam, and the result is that the gearing is both very pleasing to look at and very quiet in operation. This is in contrast to our Nottinghamshire working tower mill at North Leverton where all the machinery is of cast iron. The group also had a brief look at the 14th century hall from Plas Cadwgan, the great carved mediaeval Guesten Hall roof from Worcester Cathedral, and "The String of Horses", an Elizabethan close-studded building with some fine decorative carving which was once an inn at Shrewsbury and now houses the museum's shop, offices and exhibition rooms.

Extracts from an article by Graham Beaumont, printed
***** in "Nottinghamshire Countryside"

After lunch at Avoncroft the tour proceeded to Chester House, High Street, Knowle, to be met by Mr. P.W.B. Charles who had kindly agreed to take the group round this complex of mediaeval timber-framed buildings, now converted into a Library.

Mr. Charles stayed with the group for the final visit, to Spon Street, Coventry, where he led a conducted tour of this street of restored mediaeval buildings, in modern use.

Both tours were very well attended and much enjoyed by those taking part, and our grateful thanks are due to all those involved in making these outings so memorable.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

At the meeting of the Council of Management held on 24th November, 1977 Councillor Mrs. I.M. Skirving tendered her resignation as Chairman of the Trust as she felt that the Trust needed a Chairman of considerable standing in the county. In reluctantly accepting her resignation the Committee paid glowing tribute to her for her enthusiasm and support over the years. Professor M.W. Barley, B.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S. was duly

elected to serve as Chairman of the Trust, and Councillor Mrs. Skirving as Vice-Chairman. We are sure that all members will join with us in wishing them success in these posts.

CONSERVATION AREAS

For your information we give below an up-to-date list of Conservation Areas in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire:-

Ashfield

Teversal
Kirkby Cross
Bagthorpe

Bassetlaw

Blyth,
Bothamsall,
Carlton-in-Lindrick
East Retford
EVERTON
Gringley-on-the-Hill
Lound
Scrooby
Worksop
Shireoaks
East Brayton

Broxtowe

Beeston
Eramcote
Attenborough
Cossall
Nuthall
Eastwood
Strelley

Gedling

Calverton 1
Calverton 2
Lambley
Linby
Papplewick
Woodborough

Mansfield

Mansfield
Mansfield Market Place
Mansfield Woodhouse

Newark

Collingham
Edwinstowe
Epperstone
Halloughton
Kirklington
Laxton
Newark
Newark, Millgate
Norwell
Ollerton
Southwell
Upton
Wellow
Westhorpe
Dulcote
Caunton
Winthorpe
Eakring
Sarnsfield
Blidworth

Nottingham City

Lace Market and extension
Sneinton
Lenton
Mapperley Park
Clifton
Old Market Square
The Castle
The Park
Waterloo Promenade
Wellington Circus
Wilford
Wollaton Old Village
Wollaton Park
Corporation Oaks/Elm Avenue

Rushcliffe

Bingham
Colston Bassett
Flintham
Ruddington
Sutton Bonington
Thrumpton
Upper Broughton
Whetton
Car Colston
East Leake
Thoroton
Hawsworth
East Bridgford
Bunny.

MEMBERSHIP

The present membership of the Trust stands at 190 and we take this opportunity of extending a very warm welcome to all our new subscribers.

In 1978 we hope to arrange a variety of activities and events for our members. The first of these is the Punch and Pate Evening to be held at Langer Hall, by kind permission of our Vice-Chairman, Mrs. I.M. Skirving, on Saturday, 11th February at 8.00 p.m. We hope that you will be able to attend on this occasion and if you would like to use the occasion to introduce a friend to the work of the Trust, we should be delighted to see them. It is probably fair to say that our best hope for new members is by recruitment from our existing membership.

If your list of New Year's resolutions for 1978 is not yet closed, how about recruiting one new member to the Trust?

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FARM BUILDINGS SURVEY

An application has been made to the Manpower Services Commission for money to employ four architectural Graduates on a survey of redundant farm buildings in two areas of ten mile radius centred on Retford and Nottingham. The purpose of the survey would be to identify such buildings which were under threat as they were no longer required for their original purposes and to find viable new uses for them such as sympathetic conversion to housing units or small rural workshops.

It is hoped that we shall be able to report a successful outcome of our application in the next Newsletter.

PUBLICATIONS

"At Home in Sherwood"

Copies of this booklet, published by the Trust, are available at 50p per copy (inc. postage). An information sheet and order form is enclosed.

Network

Network is a new environmental newsletter for individuals and organisations concerned with planning, the countryside and the quality of life (articles on subjects of both national and local importance are featured). It is produced jointly by the Community Council for Nottinghamshire and the Environmental Factshop and although it is an attractive, printed, journal costs are kept down as this is done entirely on a self-help basis. Consequently it can be made available at a subscription rate of £2.00 per annum for six issues, including postage.

If you would like to see a sample copy, this may be obtained from 110 Mansfield Road, and anyone taking out a subscription is requested to make their cheque/postal order payable to Community Council for Nottinghamshire.

R. Middleton, Secretary.