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Friends of York Walls Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Open days:

Sat 17 Feb: Viking Festival

Sat 10 Mar: Mother's Day Weekend

Sat 24 Mar: York Literary Festival

Committee: Tues 6 Mar; Tues 3 Apr

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FoYW Newsletter - February 2018

Volunteers Meeting Residents weekend 2018 Flier Annual Friends Meeting Committee Treasure Trail ... Crowd-Funding St Anthony's Garden Off the Walls Mystery Painting ... Vikings are Here.

Volunteer Meet-up (Martin Hetherington)

Ahead of our first opening of the Tower on 27/28 Jan we held a meet-up for volunteers at Fishergate Postern Tower for some spring cleaning and then on to the Phoenix pub, by Fishergate Bar, to slake our thirst and exchange ideas. It was well attended and the cleaning was done in record time!

Residents Weekend (Martin Hetherington)

It was an amazingly busy weekend, with 783 visitors, well above the previous high of 676 for a Residents Weekend. Thanks to the many, and especially our new volunteers. The Tower was full several times on Saturday and we had people queuing outside. The visitors seemed to spend quite a while in the Tower, and two were very pleased to find their entries in the 'Sponsor a Stone' book.

A quirk of the weather (very cold in the tower, and very warm and humid outside) meant that at one stage there was a great deal of condensation running down the walls of the spiral staircase. Hopefully a one-off event.

'FOYW Map & Open Days Guide 2018' (Alan Fleming)

The 2018 version of our annual FOYW information leaflet has now been printed and is being distributed across York. It is also available on the [FOYW website](#) and in the Tower, and includes a list of 2018 Open Days.

Annual Friends Meeting (Sam McDermott)

The 2018 Annual Friends Meeting will be on Saturday 7th April at 2pm in the Priory Street Centre, Priory Street, York, YO1 6ET.

Carolyn Lloyd Brown of the [Heritage Angel](#) company will give a presentation on heritage interpretation and visitor experience. More details next month.



CAROLYN: THE HERITAGE ANGEL

I aim to create great **visitor experiences**: those **memorable days** out with family and friends that stimulate chats and tweets, inspire sketching and photography, encourage exploration and reflection.

My expertise in **interpretive planning**, understanding **leisure visitors**, site management, innovative **engagement** and **development** for **cultural and natural heritage sites**, **museums** and **visitor centres** benefits people and places through **conservation**, **tourism** and **enterprise**.

The Heritage Angel

Source: Their website

From the Committee Room (Sam McDermott)

- **Door Repair:** due to technical difficulties the repair work is slightly delayed but will commence on 19th February and will take a week or so. We therefore hope to have a refurbished door by the 10th March Open Day.
- **Electricity Installation:** We continue working with CYC, Historic England and now with Holland Brown Architecture. Emily Greenaway is actively looking for funding.
- **Annual Friends Meeting:** This will be on Saturday 7th April at 2pm, See details above.

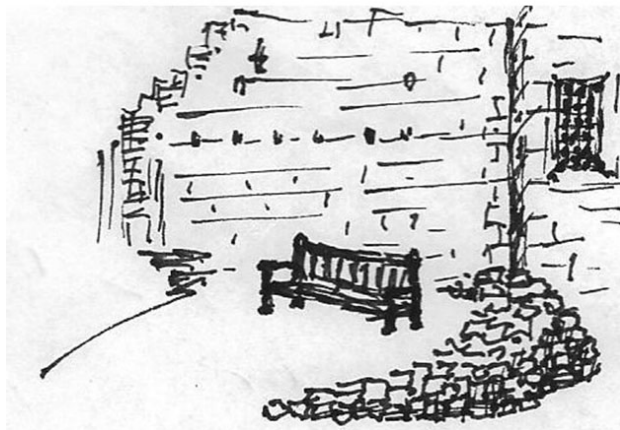
- **Call for litter-pickers.** The Great British Spring Clean is running from Friday 2nd March until Sunday 4th March. We may tackle the section of the walls from FPT to Red Tower.

Treasure Trail (Simon Mattam)

The York Museums Trust have agreed to stock and/or publish a 'Treasure Trail' I've written. The original version started from Bootham Bar, headed off for the Museum Gardens and ended at a mason's mark in St Mary's Abbey's old defensive walls. But they're currently testing one that starts from the Yorkshire Museum - the best place for them to sell it - and ends at a Mason's mark in the cloister ruins. Most of the points of interest on the trail are still the defensive walls of the City, of the Abbey and of the Roman legionary fort.

My hope is that groups or individuals enjoy the discoveries they are helped to make on a route which is relatively quiet. The trail instructions are in verse, for example when you reach the bench shown in the picture:

Here, on a tower, a Roman sentry stood,
Today that tower's walls have almost gone.
You must go too, by path if you be good,
Back on the park's broad path, go right, then on.



From the 'Treasure Trail'

Source: Simon Mattam

The 'treasure' is the sight of the mason's mark, and the sense of achievement in finding it - but an invitation to accompanying adults to provide children with a more material reward is a semi-detached ending [*But you are young and want a better find? - Just hope the adults with you will be kind!*].

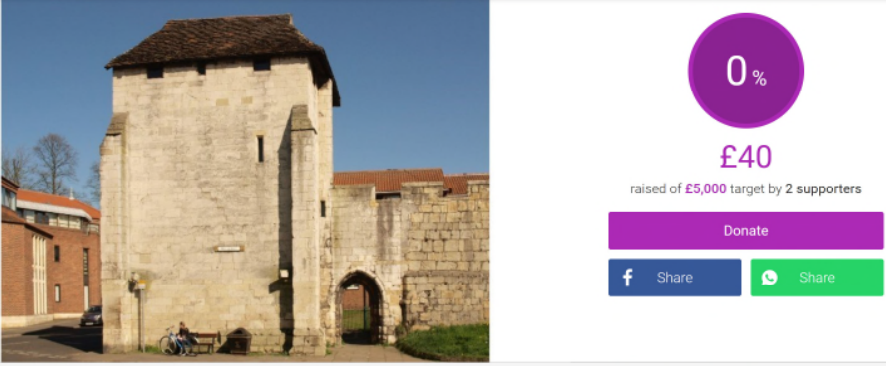
Accessible Treasure Trail (Simon Mattam)


It worries me that the new treasure/target (see above) is not easily accessible by wheelchair so I'd love to hear from you if you know of any suitable, little known feature that could be searched for in this area

Crowd-Funding Campaign (Alan Fleming)

Those of you who follow FOYW on our Facebook/Twitter/Website will already have noticed that we have a fundraising initiative using the Crowdfunding Website 'JustGiving'. Our FOYW/FPT page is currently "open" until end of June.

This is an experiment as these methods of fundraising depend very heavily on the "visibility" of the fundraising page. It relies almost entirely on people seeing the page, passing it on to friends and family, and hopefully making a donation. See our [JustGiving page](#). So far we have raised £40, but there's plenty of time yet - so please donate if you can.




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We're raising £5,000 to install electricity
inside Fishergate Postern Tower, York.

What is crowdfunding?
Crowdfunding is a new type of fundraising where you can
raise funds for your own personal cause, even if you're not
a registered charity.

FoYW Crowd-funding page.

Source: JustGiving website

Off the Wall: St Anthony's Garden (Richard Hanage)

One of the great attractions of walking the walls is the places you can find just 'Off the Wall'. Historical places, tasty places, or just attractive/peaceful places. Simon Mattam, in his book 'Walking Guide to York's City Walls' (available from [Amazon](#)), called them 'Off the Trail' and they add greatly to the enjoyment of walking the walls.

It occurred to me that in these newsletters we have often mentioned similar gems, and I will endeavour to find a new one every month or two. This month it is St Anthony's Garden, between St Anthony's Hall and the Wall near to Layerthorpe and Jewbury.



St Anthony's Garden, with the walls beyond *Photo: Alan Fleming*

I have often looked down on the gardens from the wall, but much less often visited them. The 'good news' is that there may one day possibly be steps down from the walls, as both the York Conservation Trust and the City of York Council support the idea, but there are presently no funds available, or firm plans. In the meantime its worth the small diversion from the walls past St Cuthberts Church and into the gardens, where the Quilt Museum used to be.



St Anthony's Garden arches under the wall *Photo: Alan Fleming*

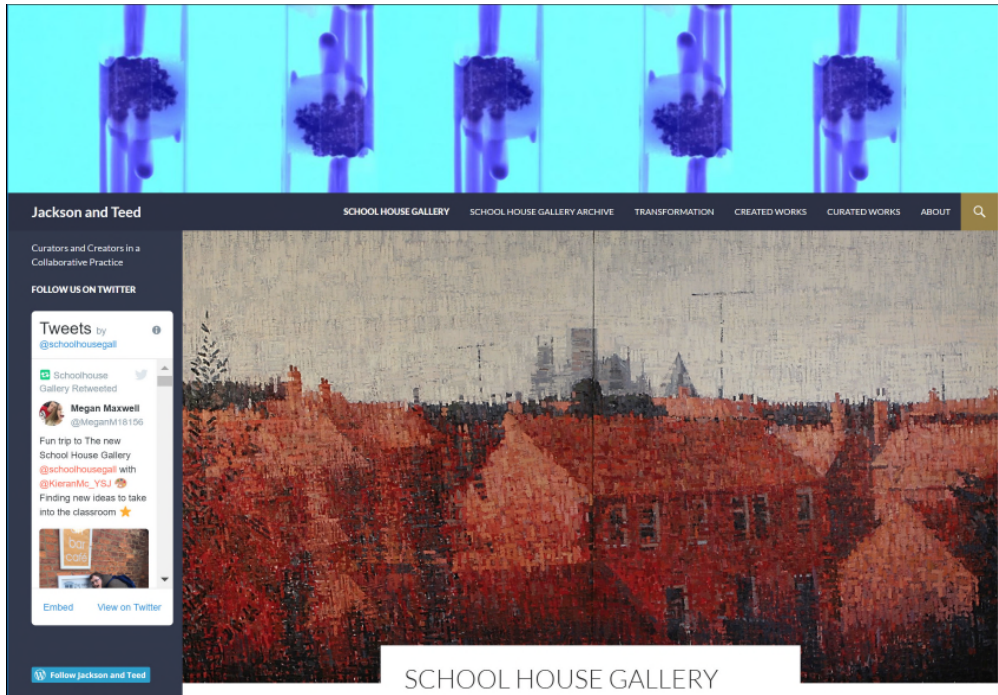
In 2014, as part of the 'Festival of Ideas', the York Curiouser 2014 event used the arches as a venue for several stunning wall hangings, just a part of [York](#)

[Curioser](#) 'exploring the city through contemporary art interventions'. See Flickr group [York Curiouser 2014 pictures](#) .



Festival of Ideas in St Anthony's Garden Photo: Richard Hanage

The School House building, in the gardens, is now an [art gallery](#), which describes itself as 'A contemporary art gallery in beautiful gardens with a fully licensed pop-up bar and cafe' - a very attractive combination which caused me to linger a while and enjoy some orange drizzle cake.



School House Gallery Facebook page.

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Previous 'Off the Walls' (Richard Hanage)

[Croque Monsieur](#) at Bootham ("The Coffee Shop in the Walls"), who have sponsored our 2018 leaflet.

[Me and Mrs Fisher](#), at 18 Lord Mayor's Walk (by the 'Bile Beans' advert), who host our committee meetings

[Lion and the Lamb](#), at Bootham, which was the subject of an article by Julian Crabb
[St Marys Tower](#), corner of Marygate and Bootham. A reminder of an often forgotten tower, by Alan Fleming

Mystery Painting (Peter Stanhope)

Peter Stanhope (author of 'Quaint & Historic York Remembered') helped to solve the mystery.



The Mystery Painting by E R Tate Source: Malcolm Jones

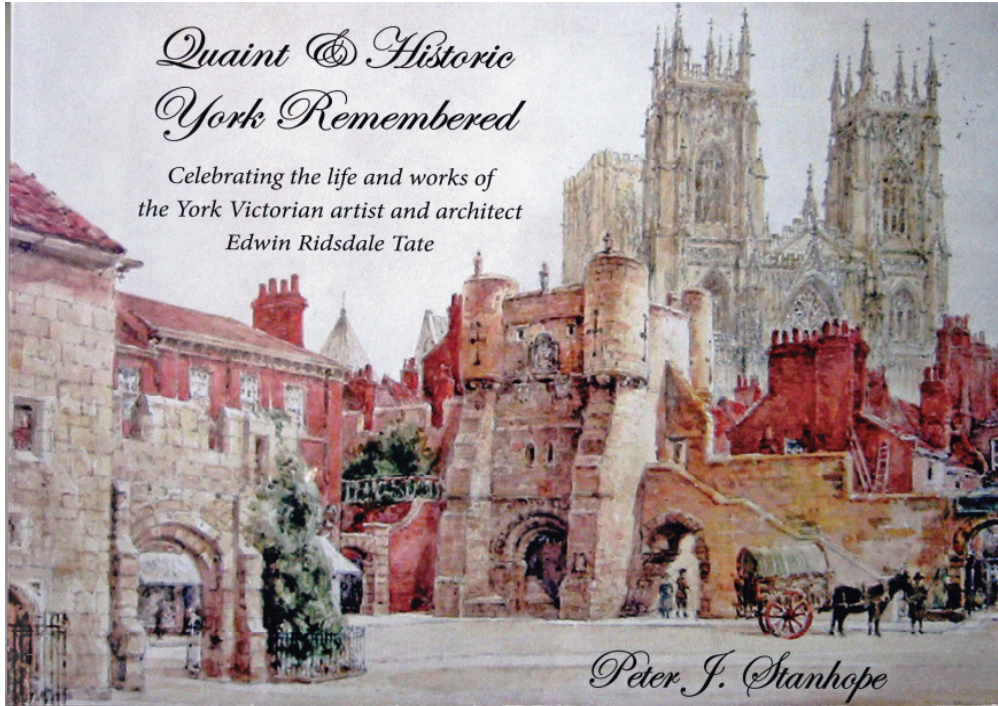
"I have not seen this particular one before, but there again I have discovered literally hundreds in the last 30 years in all kinds of places. You say that this one was given to you by a now deceased person. Any idea how they came to have it ? Where did they live ? It is always interesting to try to deduce how these images got from Tate himself to wherever they now turn up over 100 years later.

Someone at FOYW suggested that it might have been in the "Quaint & Historic York" publication of 1906 which Tate produced with George Benson. I can tell you quite definitely that it was not. However, I could suggest that it may have come from a series of watercolour sketches which ERT did in 1907 with a view to publishing them as postcards in the 'Sketch Block' series together with his brother-in-law, J.W.Arthur, a post card publisher of Davygate, York. This would seem to fit into this series, but I have never seen it produced as a postcard, so maybe it never was?

Others in the series included Walmgate Bar, Lawrence Street, Fishergate Postern Tower from the Walls, Lendal Bridge, St. Helen's Square etc. etc. I have postcard copies of all of these - but I have never seen a postcard version of your picture.

However, the date and the subject would seem to fit the formula of that time.

Two years ago I published my book on Tate's life and works under the title 'Quaint & Historic York Remembered' which is full of his pictures. There is a chapter on his postcards. I sell the book by mail-order at £25 including postage. " [Peter Stanhope](#)



'Quaint & Historic York'
Peter Stanhope

Source:

Vikings Everywhere (Richard Hanage)

Last month Chris Rainger wrote about 'Vikings in Fishergate', but this week they are everywhere in the city as part of the [Jorvik 2018 Viking Festival](#). Do come and learn more about the people who helped build our city walls.



The 2018 Jorvik Viking Festival

Source: [The Festival Website](#).

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(Editor, on behalf of the Committee).

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