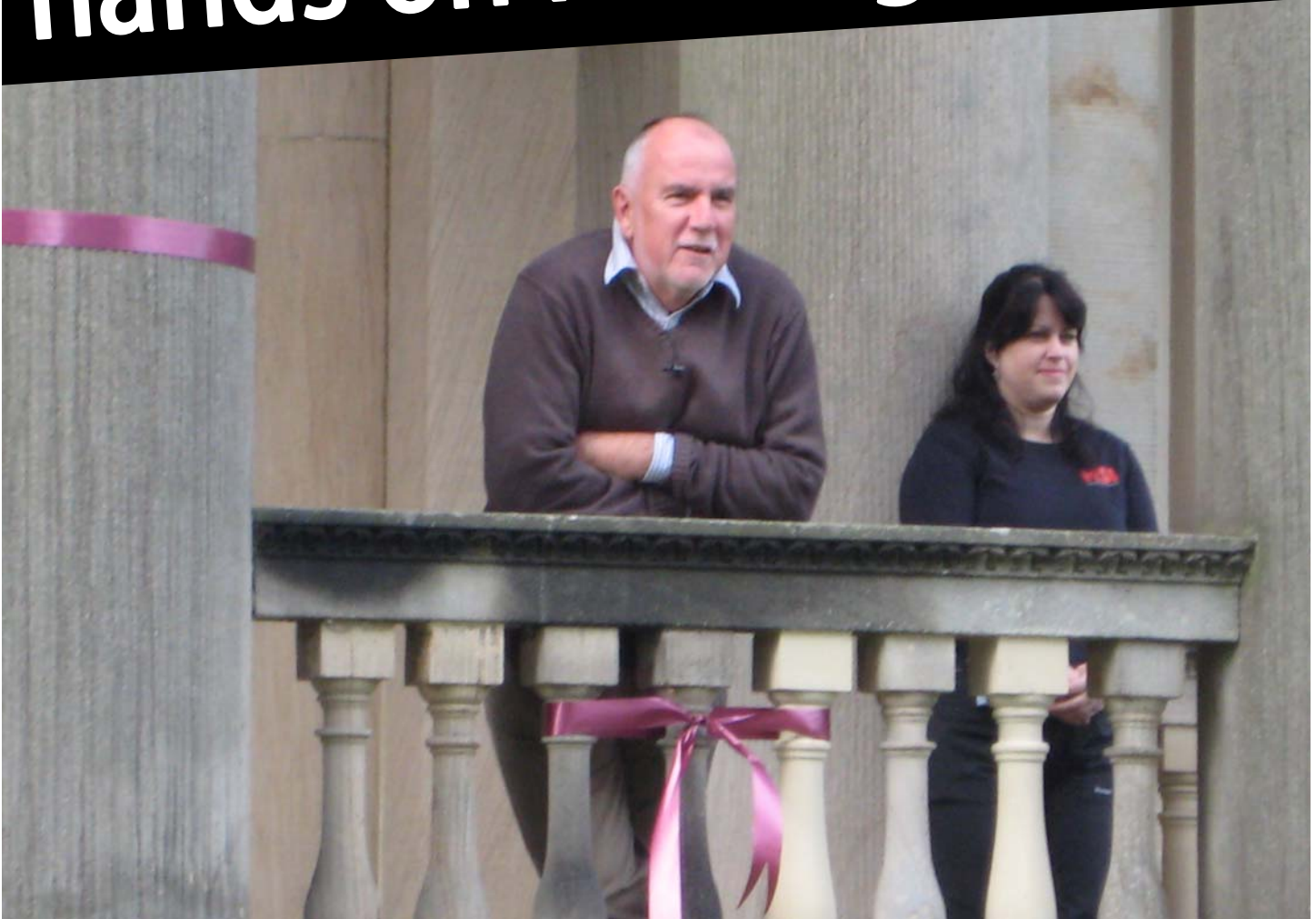


hands on Heritage Skills



Welcome to the second HSI newsletter

It's been a very exciting three months for us and the North East Heritage Skills Fair has finally taken place.

The event was a huge success and despite the rain and mud the event attracted around 4,000 visitors across the weekend.

The 2008 Event programme is also in full swing - we are attracting a real mix of people and the feedback has been excellent.

The past few months have been a big step for the initiative as we are really beginning to attract a wide and diverse audience to the events. This year's attendee lists are proof of this and so far we've had over 5,000 people attend our events, taster days and talks. There are still many more to come between now and November, including a fantastic range of IHBC-recognised talks.

We look forward to seeing you all soon...

Andie Harris, Heritage Skills Co-ordinator

Development and Marketing

ALL HSI courses are now IHBC recognised



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We've had some very good news recently from the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, the UK's professional body for historic environment conservation specialists. The IHBC recognises that all of the events in the Events Programme 2008 may provide part of the compulsory CPD requirements of a full member.

This is great news for all IHBC members as we still have a small number of places available on some of our hands-on taster days and talks, and all of our events are free.

HSI's First Trade Fair

The Heritage Skills Initiative recently set up stand at our very first Trade Fair. Northern Maintenance 2008 was organised by the Association of Building Engineers and took place at the Lancastrian Conference Suite, Dunston on 5th June.

It wasn't our usual audience but we received a great response and distributed over one hundred event programmes. Events such as this are important if we are to continue to identify opportunities and to raise awareness of HSI and the work we do.



FIND THE RIGHT SKILLS

The North East Heritage Skills Fair 2008 is a free event in the stunning surroundings of the National Trust's Gibside estate, Newcastle upon Tyne, 11-13 July. Visitors will have the rare opportunity to observe and try their hand at a wide range of declining heritage and rural skills, including stone masonry (below). The fair is ideal for period homeowners who want to learn more about how to maintain their property correctly.

For further details contact the North of England Civic Trust on 0191 232 9279 or visit nect.org.uk.



HSI Goes National!

As part of the Heritage Skills Fair publicity we managed to get an article in the July 2008 Edition of 'Period Living' Traditional Homes, Interiors, Gardens, Antiques and Renovation.

Period Living was launched in 1990 and has a loyal readership. The magazine is published monthly and has a circulation figure of 55,174 (July-December 2007)

Adult Readership - 267,000

Median Age - 47

92% of Readership is female

78% of readers have access to the internet

Not only did the article appear in the magazines 'In the news' section but also gained a mention in the editorial 'Welcome' at the beginning of the magazine.

Also

Andie has been interviewed for The Journal for RICS Building Conservation and the three page article will be out in the autumn of 2008.

Training and Advocacy

The North East Heritage Skills Fair 2008

This year's Heritage Skills Fair took place at the National Trust's Gibside Estate on 11th, 12th and 13th of July and with over 70 demonstrators and exhibitors, 15 school groups and around 4,000 visitors, the 2008 North East Heritage Skills Fair was a huge success.

Fortunately the rain and the mud didn't dampen the spirits of visitors, and people of all ages could be seen trying their hand at a wide range of traditional crafts. Whether blacksmithing, stone cutting or proggy mat making, visitors rolled up their sleeves and gave heritage skills a go.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the event – demonstrators and exhibitors, National Trust and NECT staff, John Grundy and all of those who came along to support us.

It was a very special event, and judging by the feedback many people can't wait for us to do it again!

Funding was provided by English Heritage, European Regional Development Funding and National Heritage Training Group, Construction Skills and in kind funding was received from National Trust, South Tyneside Council, Gateshead Council and Blaydon Rugby Club.



2008 Heritage Skills Symposium

The second annual Heritage Skills Symposium was held on 17th June at Bede's World in Jarrow.

Over 30 people attended and were introduced to the new National Heritage Training Group's (www.nhtg.org.uk) Reports and the pilot year report for the Heritage Skills Initiative. (www.nect.org.uk) which highlighted the need for increased professionals and crafts people in the heritage sector, whilst quantifying that need and suggesting a plan of action.

The day was then structured around working groups identifying regional issues and suggesting plans of action and ways all could become more involved in the process of moving forward. The four main themes were around demand, skills supply, materials supply and training provision.



This material will build a vision for the Heritage Skills Initiative (HSI) and will be published shortly on www.nect.org.uk.

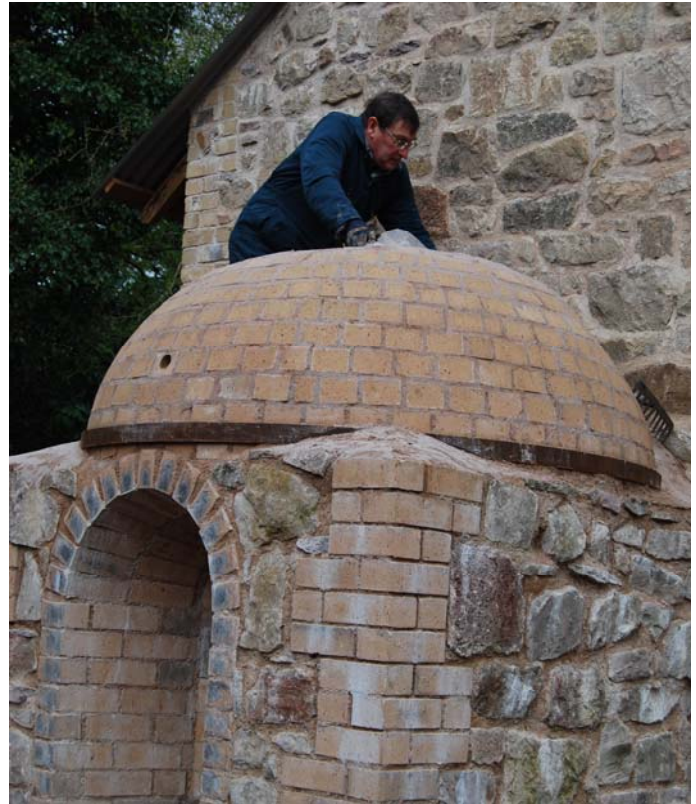
2008 Events Programme

Stafford Holmes North East Talk

Lime specialist Stafford Holmes will be arriving in the North East on Tuesday 26th August to deliver a talk on the 'Delights and Diversity of Building Lime and Lime Burning' at Neville Hall, Newcastle. He is an architect specialising in the care and repair of historic buildings and developed a keen interest in the use of traditional building materials after working overseas. He's also a member of the British Standards Institute

Committee for Building Limes, on behalf of The Building Limes Forum and the co-author of a number of books including 'Lime and Other Alternative Cements' in 1997 and 'Hydraulic Lime Mortar' in 2003. He is now the Director of the Building Limes Development Group.

Places are still available to gain the rare opportunity to hear this fascinating lecture for free as part of this years free Events programme.



To book your place or for more information call 0191 2329279 or email admin@nect.org.uk

2008 Events Programme – remaining events

August

Saturday 9 th	Taster Day	Stone Masonry – Tracery	Barnard Castle, Co. Durham (Venue TBC)
Tuesday 12 th	Taster Day	Introduction to Stonecutting (making a sundial)	Blackfriars, Newcastle upon Tyne
18 th – 22 nd	Taster Course	Historic Paint Scheme (Practical)	Kirkley Hall, Northumberland
Tuesday 19 th	Lecture	Understanding Paint in Historic Buildings: (Part 1) types of paint and the naming of parts <i>Alan Gardner, SPAB Lethaby Scholar</i>	Central Newcastle, Tyne and Wear
Saturday 23 rd	Taster Day	Introduction to Dry Stone Walling	Belsay Hall, Belsay, Northumberland
Tuesday 26 th	Lecture	Delights and Diversity of Building Lime and Lime Burning <i>Stafford Holmes, Lime Guru</i>	Central Newcastle, Tyne and Wear
27 th & 28 th	Taster Course	Lime and Hair Plastering	Ireshopeburn, Weardale, Co. Durham

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** Partner Event – contact Pearl Saddington of Bede's World on 0191 4892106 or youth@bedesworld.co.uk

2008 Events Programme

September

Tuesday 2 nd	Lecture	Understanding Paint in Historic Buildings: (Part 2) practical considerations and architectural paint research <i>Alan Gardner, SPAB Lethaby Scholar</i>	Central Newcastle, Tyne and Wear
Saturday 6 th	Taster Day	Ancient Woodcrafts**	Bede's World, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear
Thursday 11 th	Taster Day	Introduction to Dry Stone Walling	Belsay Hall, Belsay, Northumberland
Saturday 13 th	Taster Day	Introduction to Artistic Blacksmithing	Beamish Museum, Co. Durham
Tuesday 16 th	Lecture	Cleaning Historic Buildings <i>Alan Gardner, SPAB Lethaby Scholar</i>	Central Newcastle, Tyne and Wear
Wednesday 17 th	Lecture	Reviving Craftsmanship – a vision for the future <i>Tim Ratcliffe, SPAB Lethaby Scholar and Jeff Orton</i>	Central Newcastle, Tyne and Wear
Saturday 20 th	Taster Day	Pointing with Lime Mortar	Belsay Hall, Belsay, Northumberland
Tuesday 23 rd	Lecture	Understanding Conservation Area Character <i>Jules Brown, North of England Civic Trust</i>	Central Newcastle, Tyne and Wear
Wednesday 24 th	Taster Day	Removal of Cementitious Pointing	Tynemouth Castle, Tyne and Wear
Thursday 25 th	Event	'HandsOn' Heritage Skills (Walling/Blacksmithing/Walks)	Beamish Museum, County Durham
Sunday 28 th	Taster Day	Stone Masonry - Tracery	Barnard Castle, County Durham
Sept 29 th – 3 rd	Qualification	Dry Stone Walling Association Level 1 Qualification	Belsay Hall, Belsay, Northumberland

October

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Tuesday 7 th	Lecture	Issues in Relation to the Specification and Use of Building Limes in Historic Buildings <i>Alan Gardner, SPAB Lethaby Scholar</i>	Central Newcastle, Tyne and Wear
Thursday 9 th	Taster Day	Introduction to Lime in Historic Buildings	Wallington Estate, Northumberland
Wednesday 15 th	Taster Day	Removal of Cementitious Pointing	Tynemouth Castle, Tyne and Wear
Tuesday 28 th	Lecture	Planning Issues in Historic Buildings: private practice and project experience on Enabling Development & THI's <i>Alan Gardner, SPAB Lethaby Scholar</i>	Central Newcastle, Tyne and Wear

November

Wednesday 12 th	Lecture	Conservation Philosophy: the 'why' is often more important than the 'how' in approaching interventions in historic buildings <i>Alan Gardner, SPAB Lethaby Scholar</i>	Central Newcastle, Tyne and Wear
Wednesday 26 th	Lecture	Monument Repair Issues: with some recent case studies <i>Alan Gardner, SPAB Lethaby Scholar</i>	Central Newcastle, Tyne and Wear

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