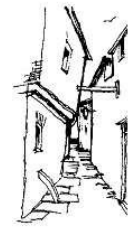
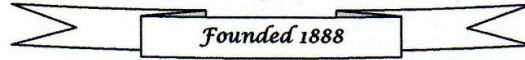




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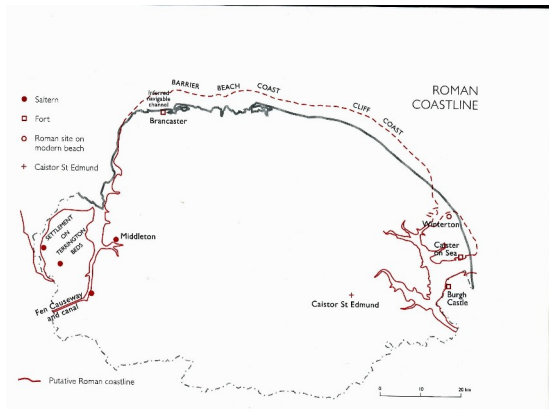
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Regarding the History & Geography of the Flegg Hundreds

In the 2nd January edition of the Eastern Daily Press there is a review of a book entitled 'In Search of Norfolk's First Stone Churches' by a long time friend of our Society, Dr Peter Wade-Martins, former



County Archaeologist for Norfolk. I quote from the following paragraphs which I found particularly interesting as it refers to local rivers and coastline.

'Brampton (Church) stone quoins came from the east Yorkshire Pennines, said building stone expert, Dr Ruth Siddall. They were probably quarried at Hetchell Craggs, Bardsey, between Wetherby and Leeds. This quarry, known to the Romans as Pomporcali, lies a mile or so from the River Wharfe. Stone was shipped down river into the Humber, along the east coast and then into Norfolk, **probably through the Horsey Gap between the Isle of Flegg and the mainland**, then up the river

Bure to Brampton'. Dr Wade-Martins suggests this reached Norfolk in 'backloads' from black burnished ware pottery kilned at Brampton which was sent to the army on Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland. While iron-bound conglomerate and Roman material can indicate the age of church building, it was a time when little other stone except flint was available locally.'

What I find interesting is that it is the first time I have seen it written that the River Thurne was navigable from the North Sea but had been widely mentioned as a possibility. Transporting heavy building material over land had been difficult until the railway age dawned, however, I would refer to Dr Tom Williamson when describing the changes in river levels of Norfolk could vary in depth over the seasons and years. He said that even when there was only a few inches of water in a stream, it would be much easier to move heavy loads by water than it would be on rough and wet roads.

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East Anglia in the Anglo-Saxon Period: Illuminating the 'Dark Ages'



10th May 2025 - 10am – 4pm

The Imperial Hotel - Great Yarmouth -

The period from the late 5th to early 10th centuries is often referred to as the Dark Ages: A time characterised by limited historical documentation and a perceived cultural dormancy. However, recent archaeological discoveries and scholarly research has shed significant new light on this era.

To this end, the Great Yarmouth Local History and Archaeological Society is hosting a one-day conference and invites you to join renowned experts to find out more.

Topics under discussion include:

The Conversion of East Anglia to Christianity
Professor Katy Cubitt: University of East Anglia

The Viking Conquest and Scandinavian Settlement
Professor Lesley Abrams: Balliol College Oxford

Getting On with One Another in Anglo-Scandinavian Society
Dr Keith Ruiters: University of Suffolk

Money in Anglo-Saxon East Anglia
Professor Rory Naismith: Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

Tickets are limited so booking is essential*

GYLHAS Members £27.50

Non-Members £35.00

Bursaries available for students and those with limited income

Buffet lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments included**

(**Please notify GYLHAS of any dietary or accessibility requirements in advance)

*For a booking form, or more information please contact:
infogylhas@gmail.com



**East Anglia in the Anglo-Saxon Period:
 Illuminating the Dark Ages**

At The Imperial Hotel, North Drive, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR30 1EQ

Please add names of each person requiring a ticket, and tick whether a member or non-member

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 Great Yarmouth
 NR30 1QW

*Refunds / cancellations after 29/4/25 cannot be honoured due to catering arrangements

Email and for further enquiries/ bursaries: infogylhas@gmail.com

GYLHAS 2025 AGM

Please note that the **2025 AGM** of the Great Yarmouth Local History and Archaeological Society will be held on 16 May 2025. The meeting will be held at Christchurch, Deneside, Great Yarmouth and will start at 7.30pm. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. There will be on the same evening a lecture entitled *Re-enactment of Life in the Middle Ages* by Ashley Dyer, Norwich & Norfolk Medieval Association. The AGM agenda and reports will be circulated separately from the Newsletter.

2025 Evening Visit – 20 June 2025

This year's evening visit will be a guided walk along Great Yarmouth's Medieval Town Wall. This will be on 20 June 2025 and will start at 6pm at the Yarmouth Minster. It is expected to last about 1.5 hours and will end at Blackfriars Road. It will be led by one of the town's Blue Badge Guides. Please note that this is not a 'circular' route so if you are planning to come in a car and park near the Minster, then you will need to make your way back to your car once the tour has ended. If there are more than 20 people wishing to go on the walk, then we will be divided into two groups with the second group leaving slightly later than the first. Please note, therefore to let us know of a contact phone number should we need to contact you of any changes to the planned walk.

Please note that whilst the Society is partly subsidising the cost of the walk out of its Social Fund, there will be a charge of £2.50 per person to help cover the costs of the walk. If you are interested in coming along on the walk, then please let Michael Wadsworth know either at the end of one of the Society's meetings held before June or by phoning 07707 066629. Payment can either be made by cheque made payable to GYLHAS and send it to: Michael Wadsworth, 38 Priors Street, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR31 6NG. Payment can also be made via online banking using account name – GYLHAS Sort code 40 22 22 Account number 00401331 adding TWALL25 and your surname as a reference.



One of the towers situated along Great Yarmouth's medieval Town Wall



Coach Excursion to the Roman remains of Venta Icenorum at Caistor St Edmund and Felbrigg Hall on Monday 23 July 2025

This year's coach excursion is to Caistor St Edmund, where we will have a guided tour around the remains of Venta Icenorum ("*marketplace of the Iceni*" which was the capital of the Iceni tribe) at what is now Caistor St Edmund, and then onto Felbrigg Hall. The excursion will be on Wednesday 23 July 2025. The tour of Venta Icenorum is estimated to last about two hours. We will then travel to Felbrigg Hall, arriving about lunchtime. We will leave Felbrigg Hall at 5pm. It is hoped to be back in Gorleston by 6.40pm.

There will be four pick up points:

- 1) **The Tramway, Lowestoft Road, Gorleston – 8.30am**
- 2) **Stand A, Market Gates (outside Poundstretcher) – 8.50am**
- 3) **Barnard Crescent – 9.05am**
- 4) **Caister Police Station – 9.15am**

The cost of the Coach will be £15.00 per person. The tour of Venta Icenorum is £5.50 per person and the entrance to Felbrigg Hall and Gardens is £15.00 per person for non-members of the National Trust and it is free to National Trust members (please bring proof of membership with you on the trip). For non members of the Society there is an extra £2.00 per person to cover insurance.

If you wish to join the coach trip please complete the form below and send with a cheque made payable to GYLHAS and send it to: Michael Wadsworth, 38 Priory Street, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR31 6NG. Payment can also be made via online banking using account name – GYLHAS Sort code 40 22 22 Account number 00401331 adding TRIP 25 and your surname as a reference.

Name(s):

Contact phone number:

Address:

Number of coach places required (£15.00 per person):

Venta Icenorum tour (£5.50 per person):

Felbrigg Hall (£15.00 per person for non National Trust members):

Felbrigg Hall (National Trust members £0.00) - Please bring proof of membership:

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Insurance for Non members £2.00:

I enclose a cheque/PO for: £