

of churches of Celtic or Roman times we need say nothing, for there are none left in Yorkshire, the Roman worked stones are occasionally found built into the walls of later buildings, e.g. at Kirkby Hill, Aldbottle and perhaps Skelley.

What are thought to be Saxon doors can be seen at Kirk Hammerton, Bovingham, Redham, Kirkby Hill, Middleton (North Riding) etc.

Saxon carving carving at Kirkby Hill.

Just about this time, (1150), for some unknown reason, certain monks of Savigny headed by Peter de Quincey - "a skilled leech" - came to Yorkshire, and Walter Fitz Bardoelph, Lord of Ravensworth and ancestor of the Fitz Hughes, gave them, in 1144, land at Fols, near Skelley.

A few miles north of Richmond are the ruins of Ravensworth castle. This belonged to the Fitz Hughes, who had a tower also at Bolestone in the fifteenth century married the heiress of the Marmions of West Tanfield, where their tombs & part of their house can still be seen.

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Kirkby

Kirkby Ravensworth or Kirkby Hill. lies in hilly country
 N.W. of Richmond. It is on the edge of a ridge at the foot of
 are the ruins of Ravensworth Castle & the cottages of Ravensworth
 making a nice road to green. Beyond is the immense stretch of
 Leeds. The green at Kirkby Ravensworth is square & the
 houses line it with neat precision. The church takes its place
 grandly with them. Its massive battlemented tower built
 in 1397 probably for defence has the look of a castle tower.
 Its stair turret is well worth climbing for the view from
 the top. The chancel with shallow pillars and a
 corbel table is Norman the some of the corbels are
 14th cent. additions. On the N. side the buttresses & corbels do
 been covered by the vestry which was added about 1300.
 Many Norman carvings are built into the wall. The
 S. porch has crocketed pinnacles & wide corner buttresses
 above it is a niche for a statue. There is a fragment of
 carving on its E. interior wall. The interior has much
 of the boldness of its position. The pieces of the chancel arch, the
 E. respond of the N. arcade & the E. chancel window remain from
 the early English rebuilding. The rest of the church is
 Perpendicular. On the S. wall of the vestry now used for
 string is a blue slate with indentations for an inscription &
 emblems. Under the tower is some old woodwork with
 "poppyheads" dated 1639. On the S. wall of S. porch
 hangs a tablet to the Rev John Dayke of Kirkby Ravensworth
 who died in 1558. He founded & endowed a grammar
 school & almshouse in the village. a parchment book with
 wooden covers on the E. wall contains manuscript state
 relating to the endowment. On the outside are the words
 "Whoso these statutes will overlooke, lead him - after clasp
 board." The school which John Dayke founded close to
 the church is still a grammar school giving free education
 to boys. Its long low school room is little changed
 from when it was built in the reign of Queen Mary
 but the rooms above are no longer used for board
 Matthew Sutton Archbishop of York 1693-1758 was educated
 at this school. A hospital for the aged is at the opposite
 corner of the green. The church & school must surely through
 the centuries have had a unifying influence on the
 people of its immediate plateau.

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Kirby Hill It is the Kirby road Richmond, looking out from a lonely hilltop to a vast green countryside, with the old castle and red roofs of Ravensworth in the valley below. The road first glances at the homely little gathering of stone houses, the old grammar school, and a fine old church round a green like a small court. The stalwart church tower like a guardian for the town and a landmark from afar. The school, with tiny windows, was founded by John Dakyn, a rector who died in 1558 and sleeps in the church, where long the rules he made for the boys, written neatly in his own hand in a book with wooden covers. Matthew Hutton, who became Bishop of York and the friend of George learned to read & write at this school.

The tower seems to have been built for defence in the 14th century; its vaulted roof springs from two crouching men, and its curious arch is acutely pointed and double-sided. The fine nave arch and the chancel arch (with raking sides) are mediæval. The Norman chancel has an original window with a key; below it, a piscina with a projecting bowl like a shell, & two little old chairs. There is some 300-year-old woodwork with poppyheads and a roof is 15th century, but the fine chancel screen & the pulpit are modern.

Among the interesting sculpture on the wall outside is a cross-legged little man with a fiddle, sitting on the old porch with leafy pinnacles. A man blowing a horn and a face with its tongue out are on the tower. Under the Norman corbel table of the chancel a quaint little man skeletons. Near him is a laughing face.

Ravensworth. Its houses and inns are gathered pleasant fashion round a fine green. It is meadow on a sunny slope with farmyard

it ruin, and has the base of an old cross under the
straggler of sycamore trees. On the edge of the village are
the broken walls & roofless tower of a castle, with
part of a gateway, green mounds and a dry moat. It
is Scott's Rokely. The Normans are said to have held
a Saxon stronghold here, but the ruins are of the
medieval seat of the Fitzluigs who fought the Scots, were
pilgrimages to Palestine, and are said to have been
friendly with Henry V.

Here was born in 1739 a cobbler's son who
became in turn schoolmaster, actor, poet, and journalist
Leitch Shaw. He wrote some verse of merit,
dissipation barred his way to success and he died in
squalor in London at 32.

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Thomas Hedop Born Kirkby Remensworth 1730. Was
"now wolar at Richmond" when licensed in 1752 as
Schoolmaster at Keyburn, no doubt in succession to Buckner
Dean 1754, Priest 1755. Nominated in 1754 by
Jacob Costobadie the elder as Curate of Wensley at £20p
His fourth son, Robert, was 4th Wrangler in 1783.

M. Watson.

takes two out, & 10 persons whose names are written here
are immediately sworn into office; they are the patrons of
living of East Gulleton. The school & hospital, are dedi-
cated to St. John the Baptist. Curthert Shew, the post was held
at this place. & Post Post Mon, Thur, & Sat.
Rev. Mrs. Burken perpetual curate. Rev. Mrs. Jackson,
master of Grammar School. John Wilkinson, gent. Wm.
Bolding schoolmaster. Isaac Coates, farmer, & Cuthert
vict. Shoulder of Mutton. John Johnson, farmer. J. Hamble
usher of Grammar School.

New Forest. In the parish of Kirkby-Ravenworth, wap of Gill. W.
5 miles N. of Reeth.

Newsham In the parish of Kirkby-Ravenworth, wap of Gill. W.
& lieth of Rich. 5 miles N. of Reeth. & post post from
Lance to Grete Bridge every Mon, Wed, Thur & Sat.
Wm Hutchinson Esq. Kirkby Hall, Joseph Glover, Esq.
Matthew Graham, surgeon. Butchers Michael Glover, J.
Graham, Geo. Heslop, Geo. Nicholson, Thos. Raine, Farmer
John Atkinson, John Birby, Wm Dunn (and grazier) Ralph
Glover, James Graham, Wm Johnson, Wm Kirby, Wm Lee
Geo. Simpson, Sam Skipton, Wm. Wilkinson Schoolmaster
Geo. Heslop, (Academy) Ralph Simpson Shopkeepers Mrs. Birt
Wm. Jackson, James Lonsdale & Mrs. Atkinson, vict Board,
Ralph Hind vict Bull & blacksmith, John Palmer wheelwright
Robt Spence miller

Ravenworth in the par. of K-R wap Gill W. lieth Rich. 5 miles N.W.
Here are the remains of an ancient castle; the time of its
erection is not known, but it is said to have existed
before the conquest, & at that period, together with the manor
belonged to a baron named Bardulf; who in his old
age, became a monk in St. Marys abbey, at York. He
granted to that monastery the church of Ravenworth

in pure alms. On the face of the ~~the~~ broken tower are some
large letters, but by the injuries of time they are all
illegible. The Glasgow Mail passes here at 10
a.m. & ret. 4 p.m. to the South. Geo. Allinson, yeoman, Geo. B.
gentleman, Mrs. Eliz. Dunn gentlewoman, Robt Gibson, yeoman,
Geo. Jackson yeoman, Thos. Kay gentlemen. Blacksmiths
Allen, John Strainbank. Farmers Hugh Hodgson, Robt. Fry
Robt. Peat Stonemasons John P. Atkinson, Ambrose Smith,
Robt. Smith; Robt. Allen, wheelwright, Chris. Bulmer, baker,
Wm. Gibson, victualler, sportsman, Jas. Hadley, victualler
Hall. Josh. Hind, victualler, Kings Arms, John Shipton, butcher, Geo.
Lennett, shoemaker. Tom Kay chief constable.

Wharfedale. in the par of K-R was Gill w + Lill Rich. 4 miles N.
Rev. Hy. Dale, Marley Harrison, gentleman.

At East Cowton is a free school allowed 276 per an.
By Kirby Hill free school.

Seats of Jenky - Spilling Lodge 3m. N of Richmond
Mrs. Jane Wilson. Hatforth Hall 4m N of Rid. Stal
Craddock, Esq. MP & Col. of N.Y. Militia. Kirkby Hall, 8
N.W. Richmond Wm. Hutchinson esq. magistrate in 1804.
Layton Hall 6½m N of Rid. Stos. Bartlet esq. Carlton
8m N of Rid. Samuel Barratt Moulton Barratt esq. MP
mag. in 1815. Newsam 8m N.W. Rich. Robert Lodge esq.

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