

NORTHERN ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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‘WATERS MEET TO HAYDN BRIGGE’

STEEPLECHASE

Saturday, 5 September 2026 11.00 am – 5.00 pm



St Michael's at Warden Church



St George's at Wall



St Aidan's at Fourstones



Newbrough Town Hall

Cost: Non-Members £21; Members £18

includes tea, scone and cake, together with donations to buildings visited

Travel in cars and every effort will be made to arrange lifts. Lunch – own arrangements: picnics, nosebags but reiving of livestock is now frowned upon by the locals, who otherwise are friendly. The buildings, and not just the churches, of the North and South Tyne valley from around ‘*Waters Meet to Haydn Brigge*’ may be modest in scale but are varied, full of interesting details and often surprising.

Limited numbers, booking on a first-come first-served basis.

P.T.O.

Hugh Dixon's latest meanderings will take us from Wall, near the Wall, by Chollerford Bridge, skirting the Chesters Estate but noticing the Stables (and what happened when the horses left) to secluded St Michael's at Warden, with its Anglo-Saxon tower and near destruction through Georgian ambition. Then we pass Hexham's West Boat with its West (no longer suspension) Bridge and upriver to Fourstones, with more Georgian ambition but here successful in papermaking, and St Aidan's, a rare survival, a wooden mission church. Surrounded by pocket demesnes enjoying the rich land on south-facing slopes of the valley, Newbrough is a village of charm and surprises including a Town Hall. To the west, St. Peter's, occupies a 1st-century fortlet connected with the Stanegate, the original, pre-Wall, inter-coastal route created by the Romans. The church shows how sympathetic to surroundings High Victorian builders could be. In Haydon Bridge a swift walk across the South Tyne will be rewarded with tea, scones and cake at the former Oddfellows Hall.



St. Peter's, Newbrough

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St. Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge

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