

## **IHBC Yorkshire Branch Report to Council 10 March 2010**

There are now 128 Members in the Branch, with continued optimism that more Members will be drawn into the Branch activities and the positive promotion of the region's historic environment.

Despite a limited number of Committee Members at present, there is a determination by the Branch Committee to address various issues that are perhaps shared with other Branches. Better communication with other professions and organisations, with interest in the built environment, is one. In September 2009, a joint event, with other professions, was a success. It involved an interesting analysis of the heritage found at the Hall and gardens of Cusworth near Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

More joint events are being followed up this year, including the opportunity to visit some prominent historic buildings in Harrogate including the newly restored Pump Room that will involve presentation by those familiar with their history and conservation context.



Preparation is now under way for our Annual Conference "Restoration Yorkshire 2010", with key regional speakers which will take place on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hospitium, St Mary's Abbey York. (see photo left)

Organised once again with the Association of Preservation Trusts with case studies including the contribution of new architecture in historic contexts.

Both these events will be directed at welcoming a range of people to attend, particularly other professionals.

A Secretary for the Branch is still being actively sought, but the Branch has a Treasurer, at last. After tidying up outstanding finances, he will direct energy to refining the Branch's first draft Business Plan.

The Committee holds its meetings at the offices of CBA (Council for British Archaeology) at York, a further useful link with other professions with interest in "conservation".

Yorkshire Branch Committee  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2010