THE YORK CONFERENCE, 1976

The 19th Annual Conference of the Society was held in York from 9–12 April 1976. The theme was ‘Monastic settlement in Yorkshire’. On the first day, after a sherry party given by the University of York, Professor Peter Sawyer lectured on the ‘Economic and social background of Yorkshire monasticism’. On 10 April the following lectures were given: Professor Rosemary Cramp on ‘Pre-conquest monasticism in England’, Laurence Keen on ‘Mount Grace Priory’, Dr Barry Dobson on ‘St. Bernard and the Cistercians in Yorkshire’, and Dr Eric Gee on ‘St. Mary’s Abbey, York’. Mrs E. Hartley then showed the Society the York Museum and Dr Eric Gee conducted a tour around St Mary’s Abbey. On 11 April the Society visited the following sites: Rievaulx and Byland abbeys, Ripon Minster and Fountains Abbey; and on 12 April: Kirkham and Malton priories, Lastingham Church, Whitby Abbey and Mount Grace Priory. The Society places on record its gratitude to Mr D. O’Connor who acted as local secretary.

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