

ADDENDUM TO EDAS REPORT 2007/302.R01: FAIR ACRE COTTAGE, KEARTON

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On 12th August 2011, Ed Dennison received a telephone call from Adam Greatrix with some updates to the EDAS report which he had seen on the internet. Adam Greatrix's parents used to own the house to the west of the surveyed building, which was undergoing renovation at the time of the EDAS survey. It was used as a holiday cottage from the 1950s, and he stayed at the house most summers until 2004, when it was sold.

- 1) The four bedroom house to the west is actually cottage Fair Acre Cottage - the surveyed building was not specifically named but was always known by Adam as 'Bella's Cottage', possibly after a former occupant.
- 2) The cottage did fulfil a minor agricultural function, as stated in the EDAS executive summary.
- 3) Para 3.12 reference to shotgun pellets: these were done by Adam and his friends - they set up targets on the west wall.
- 4) Para 3.13 reference to 1WW soldiers from the Richmond area being responsible for some of the graffiti: the previous owner of the cottage said that the graffiti was drawn by soldiers from Catterick, who were billeted at the surveyed cottage and Fair Acre Cottage - not sure which war it was (probably 1WW).
- 5) Para 3.16 detail of graffiti on north wall: "*Chris Greatrix 28th September 1986. For this moment and forever, my actions and my dreams (Anne or Adam?) Greatrix 28.9.86. Good luck Chris!*" This was written by Adam's mother (Anne), and referred to his older brother (Chris) going to university; Adam wrote the "Good luck Chris!". Adam also drew an arrow and the words "Danger - unsafe" nearby, referring to plaster falling from the wall.
- 6) Para 4.2: the earthwork on the west side of the building was a former privy, not a small stable or cow house - all the cottages in the area had a privy against the west wall.

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