

# Educational Association

## Newcastle and its Buildings

An 8-week course led by Dr. Tony Barrow

William Elder Building, Castlegate, Berwick

3rd Sept - 5th Nov, 10 am to 12 noon



This is not a course concerned with architectural history as such but rather an appreciation of the ways in which old buildings can reflect the character and growth of Newcastle at different stages in its development. In this sense it is a course in Urban History. Beginning with an appreciation of the site/function/design of the chosen buildings, and the context in which they were built, the course gives a focus to the theme 'change over time' and the ways in which this might be detected in the fabric of buildings as well as the documentary sources available to study them. Particular buildings have been chosen for their chronological range and the ways in which they reflect different functions and building 'types'.

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## WEEKLY COURSE OUTLINE:

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept: Buildings as Evidence - How does the study of old buildings contribute to an understanding of the past? Why do some buildings survive when others don't
2. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept: The Origins of Newcastle. How did the landscape and physical geography of Newcastle influence the site of its streets and buildings?
3. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept: The Buildings of Sandhill. Sandhill was the principal thoroughfare of old Newcastle connecting the Tyne Bridge via the Side and Pilgrim Street with the higher districts of the town. It was the commercial and administrative heart of Newcastle and contains some of its best known buildings like the Guildhall and Bessie Surtees House.
4. 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: Blackfriars. A religious/monastic building which lends itself to a study of the context of the spiritual and temporal power of the medieval church. Subsequent changes of function after the Dissolution are so clearly evident in the fabric of the building that it lends itself to practical fieldwork and invites students to make connections with the documentary sources.
5. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct: The Black Gate. A defensive structure which facilitates a study of medieval warfare and the evolution of castles. Other local examples of castle design will be used for comparison. The subsequent changes of use of the Black Gate will be studied through the medium of illustrative sources
6. 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Newcastle Trinity House. The buildings of Trinity House and its comprehensive archive provides an opportunity to study the organisation and responsibilities of a Newcastle guild. Selected documentary sources from the Trinity House Collection will be the focus of this study.
7. 29<sup>th</sup> Oct: The Transformation of Old Newcastle. Explores the growth and development of Newcastle from 1760-1860 through the construction of new streets, residential districts and institutional buildings. The Grainger-Dobson re-development of the city is also examined.
8. 5<sup>th</sup> Nov: The Emergence of Modern Newcastle. The urban landscape of Newcastle altered significantly during the 20<sup>th</sup> C. The opening of the Tyne Bridge, the rise of the motor car and the implementation of some controversial planning decisions in the 1960s have left an indelible mark on the city skyline.

For more detail on the aims of the course and recommended reading, [click here](#)

For information/booking for a related field trip to Newcastle, [click here](#)

The cost of the course (excluding field trip) is £48 including refreshments. All are welcome and no previous knowledge is assumed.

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