

The Life and Work  
of  
John Carr of York

**1723 – 1807**

***Bruce Speed***

***November 2019***

# John Carr by William Beechey 1791



# HAREWOOD

Garden Front as modified by Sir Charles Barry

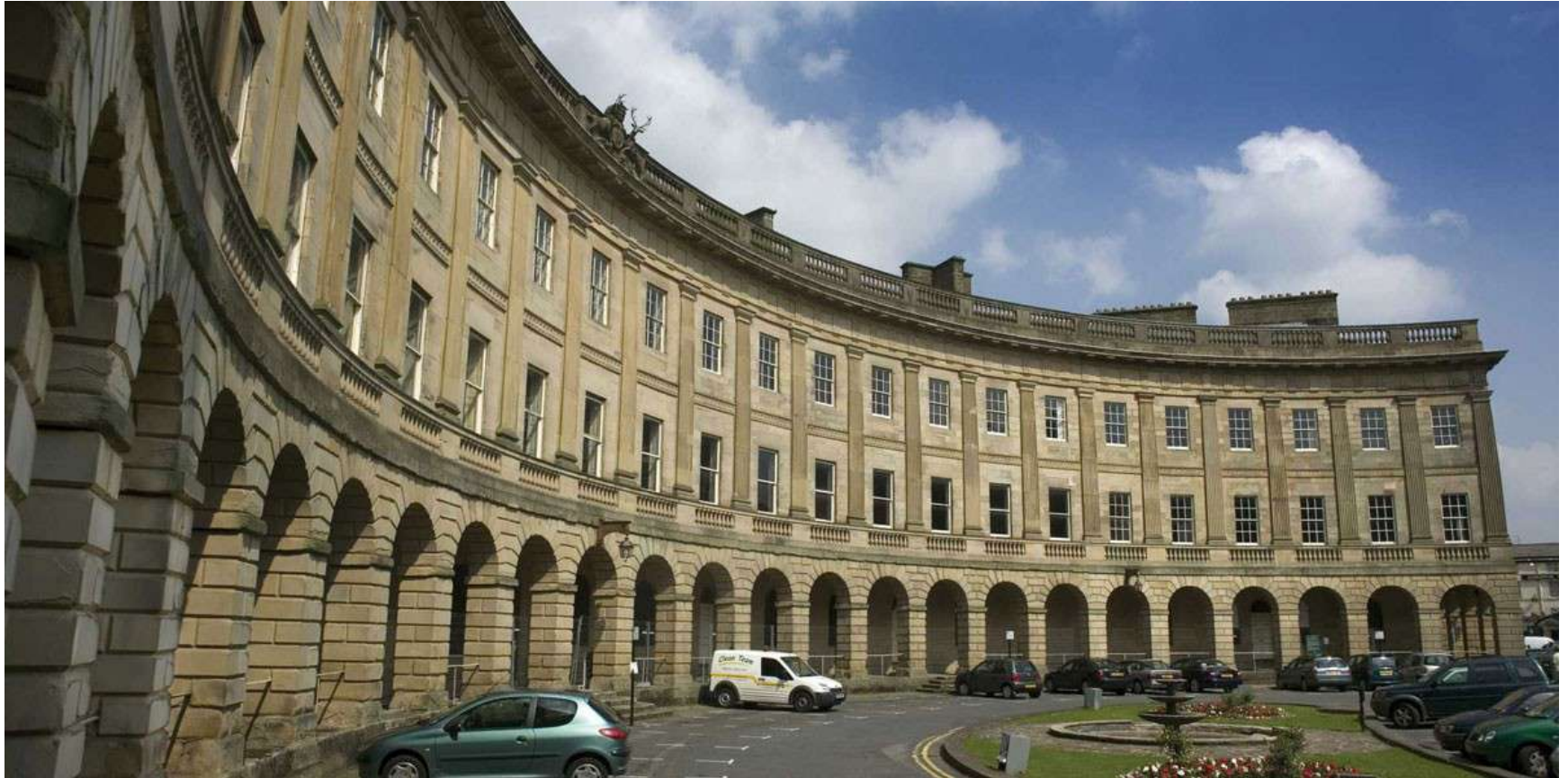




The iconic Henry Flitcroft frontage of **WENTWORTH WOODHOUSE**. Carr took over and completed the project, designing the Stables and Riding School, lodges, the Rockingham Mausoleum and Keppel's Column over 50 years.



**THE CRESCENT, BUXTON**, Carr's favourite, the drawings for which his hand rests on his portrait





CROFT BRIDGE, RIVER TEES, 1795, one many designed by Carr.



# Carr's Birthplace near Wakefield





# Huthwaite Hall, Thurgoland 1748, Carr's first

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# Huthwaite Hall, Thurgoland, as it is today



# FARNLEY HALL, CARR'S GEORGIAN ADDITION TO JACOBEBAN MANSION





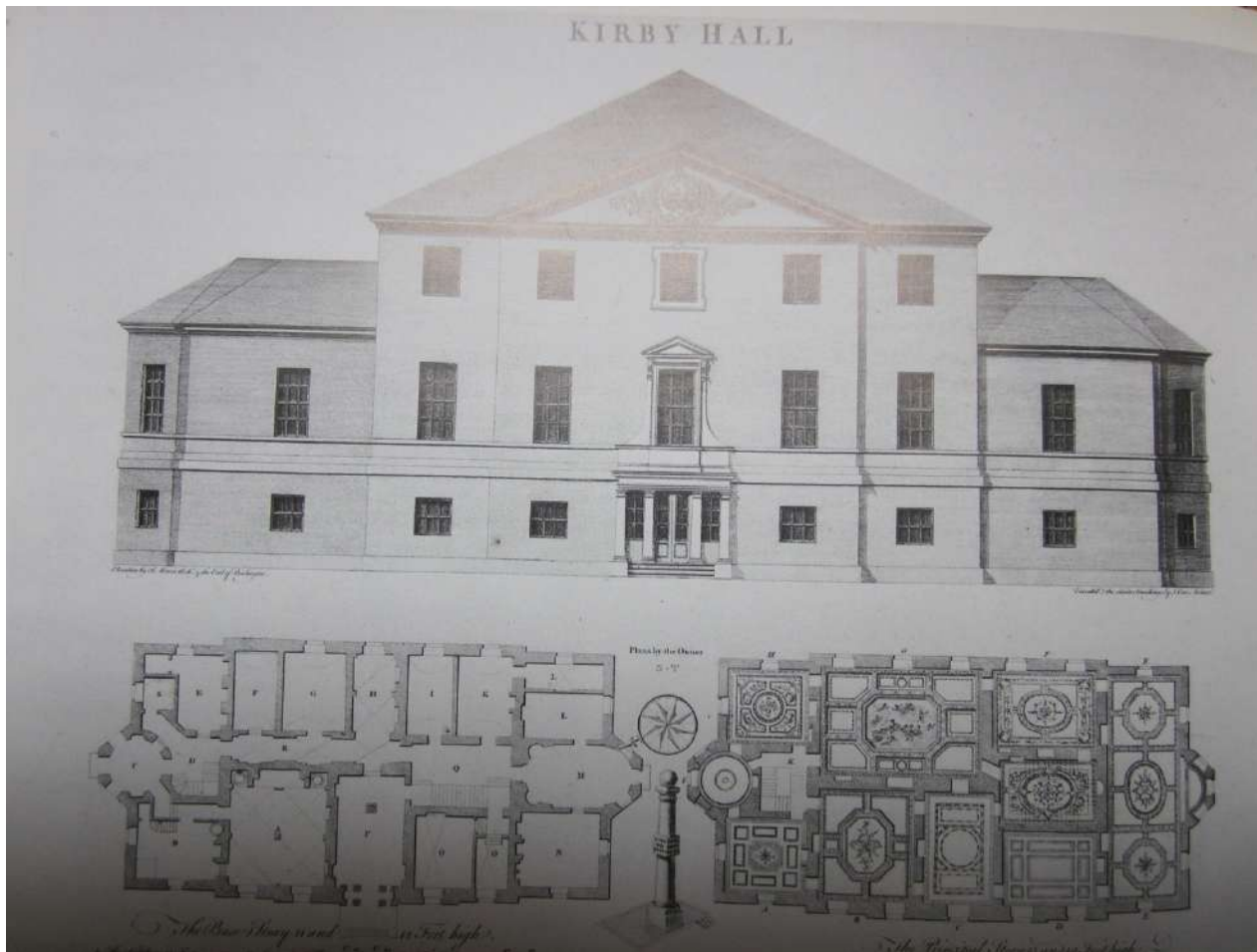
# FARNLEY HALL

Group visit in April 2019



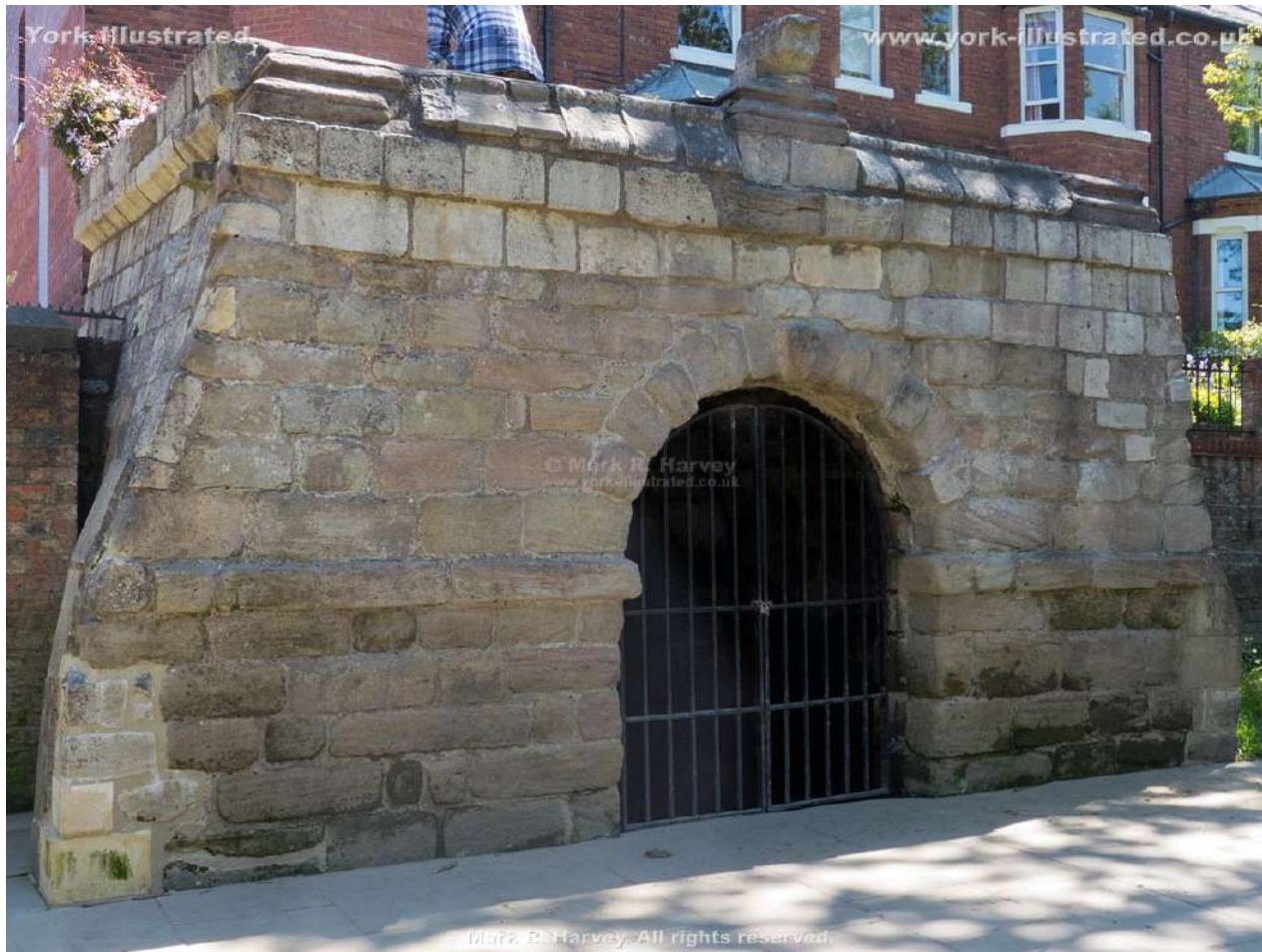
**Kirby Hall**, Little Ouseburn designed by Roger Morris and the Earl of Burlington, gave Carr project management experience, 1748 -55

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Enclosure of the Pikeing Well was Carr's first project for the City of York.

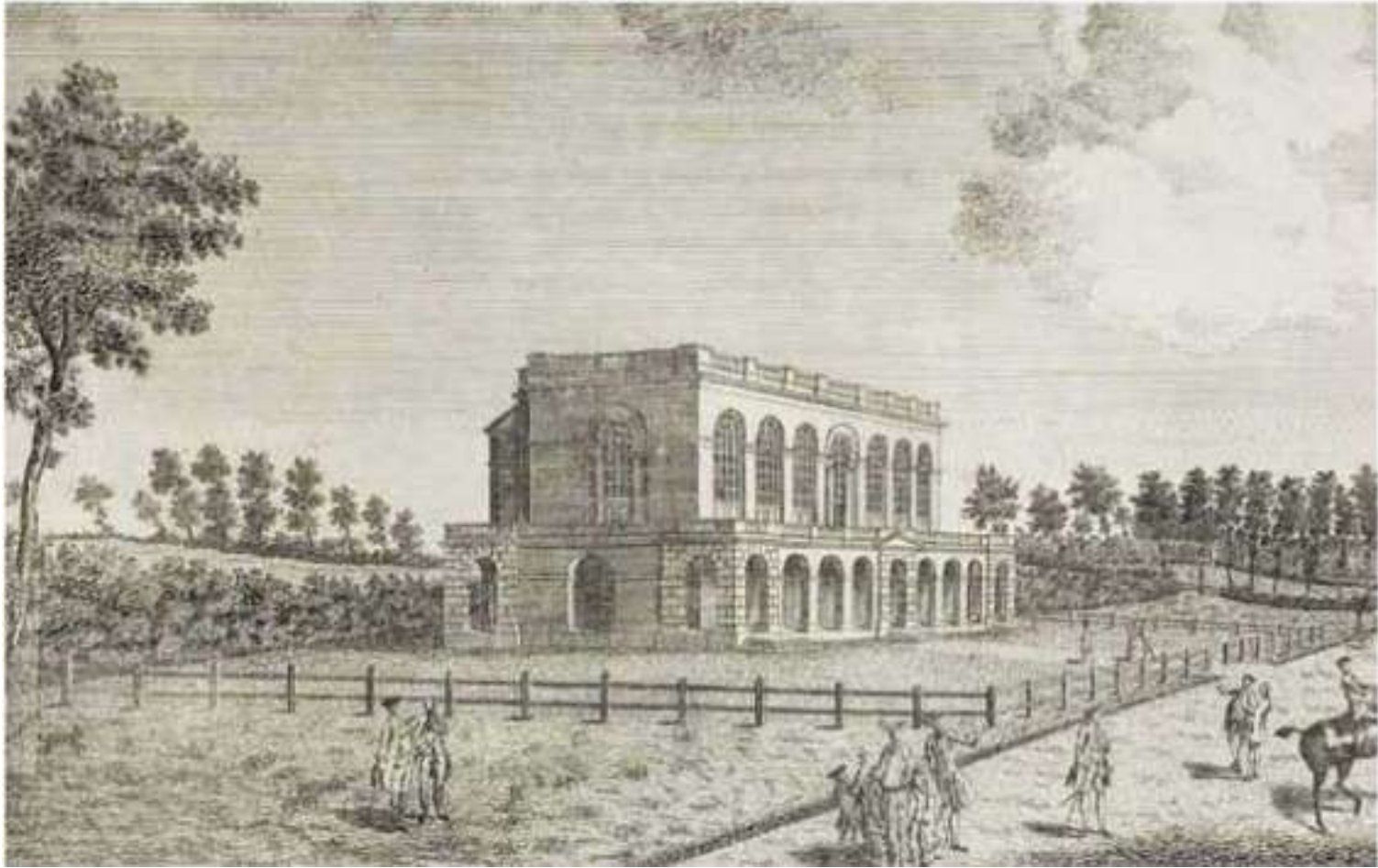


ALBION STREET, SKELDERGATE, the site of Carr's Garden. The house was demolished in the 1940's





KNAVESMIRE STANDHOUSE. Carr's design won against strong competition with the support of the Marquis of Rockingham, leading to long involvement with the family.



# 2<sup>ND</sup> MARQUIS OF ROCKINGHAM

After Joshua Reynolds





# WENTWORTH WOODHOUSE THE BARAQUE MANSION OF 1725



# WENTWORTH WOODHOUSE





# HAREWOOD

Garden Front of Carr's most important Yorkshire house



# HAREWOOD





**NEWBY HALL**, Carr turned the building making the east front the entrance and added the wing for the gallery. The interior was executed by Robert Adam.



# LENDAL BRIDGE YORK

Carr would have crossed the river here by the rope ferry, as neither bridge had been built in his time.





# MANSION HOUSE



*Significant Carr buildings elsewhere.*

Buxton, Derbyshire from 1780

Lytham Hall, Lytham, Lancashire 1757 - 64

Tabley Hall, Knutsford, Cheshire 1760 - 67

Newark Town Hall, Nottinghamshire 1773 - 76

Basildon Park, Berkshire 1776 - 83

Grosvenor Square, London (demolished)

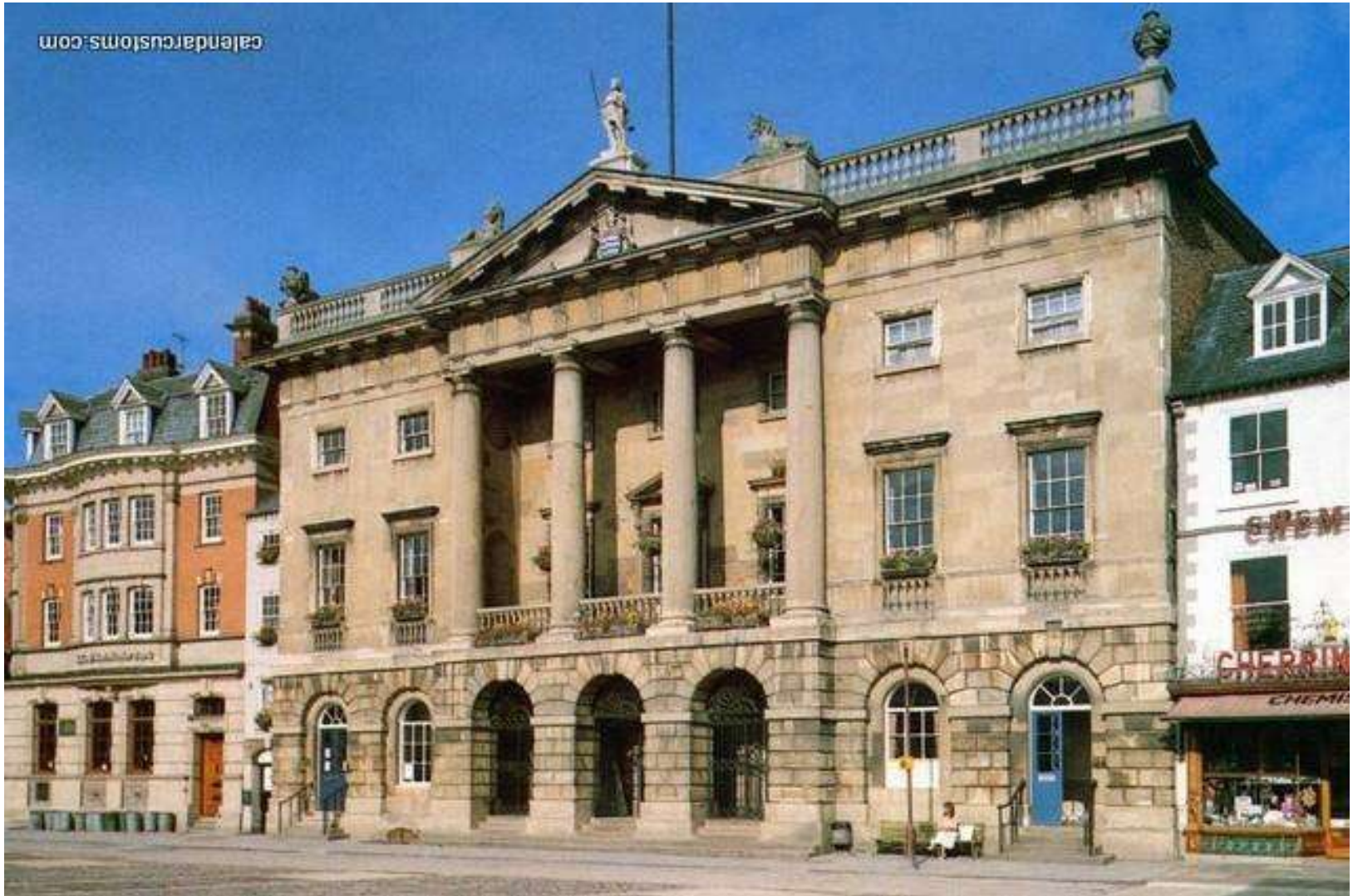
Milton House, Northamptonshire 1792, 1803

Coolattin House, Co. Wicklow

Hospital, Oporto, Portugal 1769



# Newark Town Hall 1773 -1776



# The Ballroom

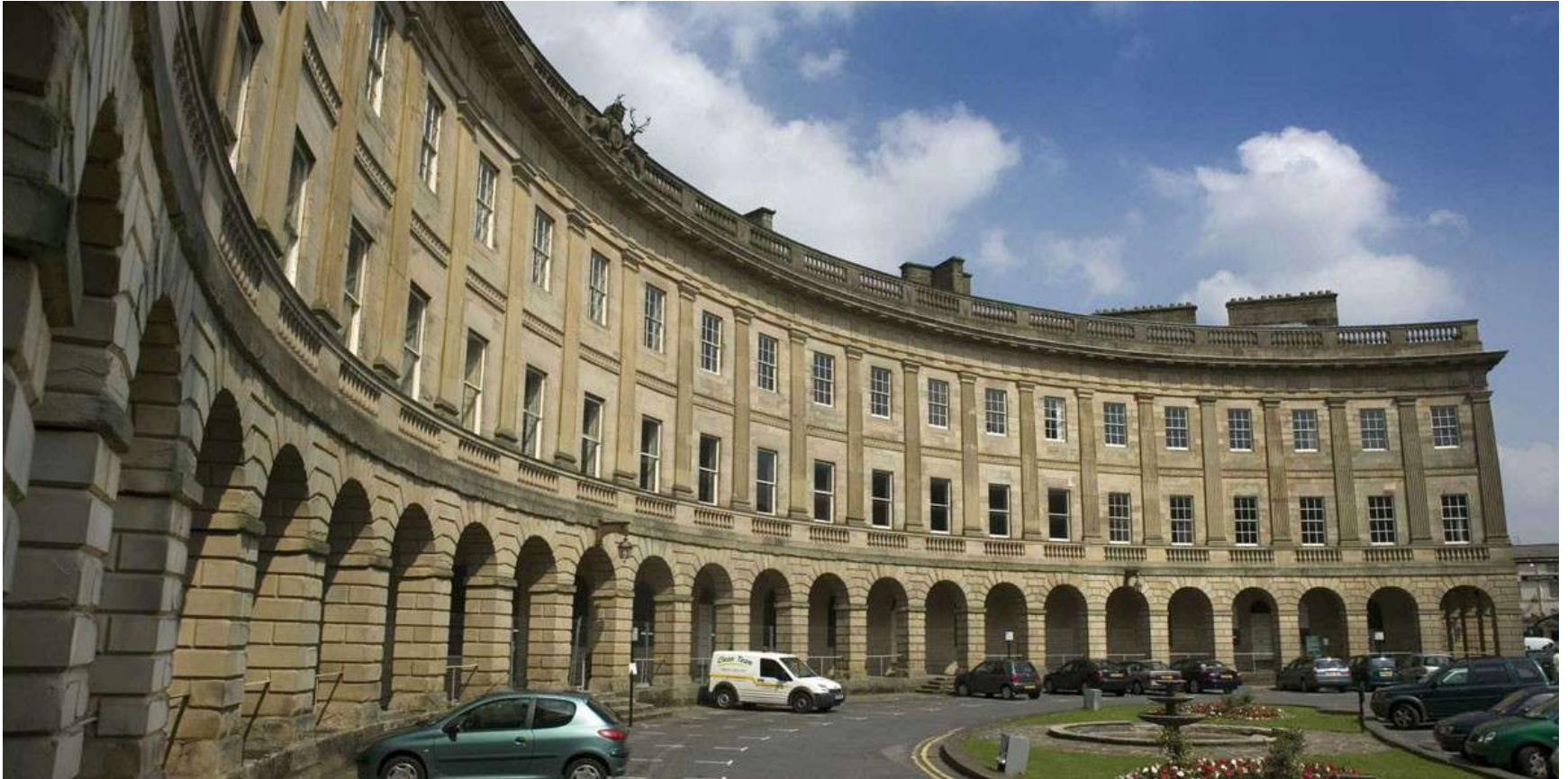
Note the fine plasterwork and fireplaces under the windows, an unusual position.





# THE CRESCENT, BUXTON

Carr was commissioned by the Duke of Devonshire



# THE CRESCENT, BUXTON 1785





# BASILDON PARK BERKSHIRE 1783

Built for Sir Francis Sykes MP between 1776 - 1783



# BASILDON PARK, EAST FRONT





# Tabley Hall, Knutsford 1767



# Skipton on Swale 1781

One of the many Carr bridges, recently refurbished.





# CROFT BRIDGE

A seven arch bridge over the Tees on A167 near Darlington, widened in 1795.



# RICHMOND BRIDGE





# FERRYBRIDGE TODAY AND THE PLAQUE TO JOHN CARR.

Rebuilt by Carr in 1765, demolished in 1797 and reopened in 1804, now blocked by the A1M.



# Cold Coniston bridge on the A65 rebuilt 1763





# 47 BOOTHAM, YORK, 1752



# CASTLEGATE HOUSE YORK, 1762 -65, for Peter Johnson, Recorder of York.





# FAIRFAX HOUSE YORK



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## The Grand Staircase, Fairfax House

Carr's impressive decoration of the grand staircase. Maurice Tobin executed the balustrade.





The 5-bay Garforth House, MICKLEGATE, 1753 -57 for the Rev. Edmund Garforth, who changed his name from Dring to inherit his fortune.



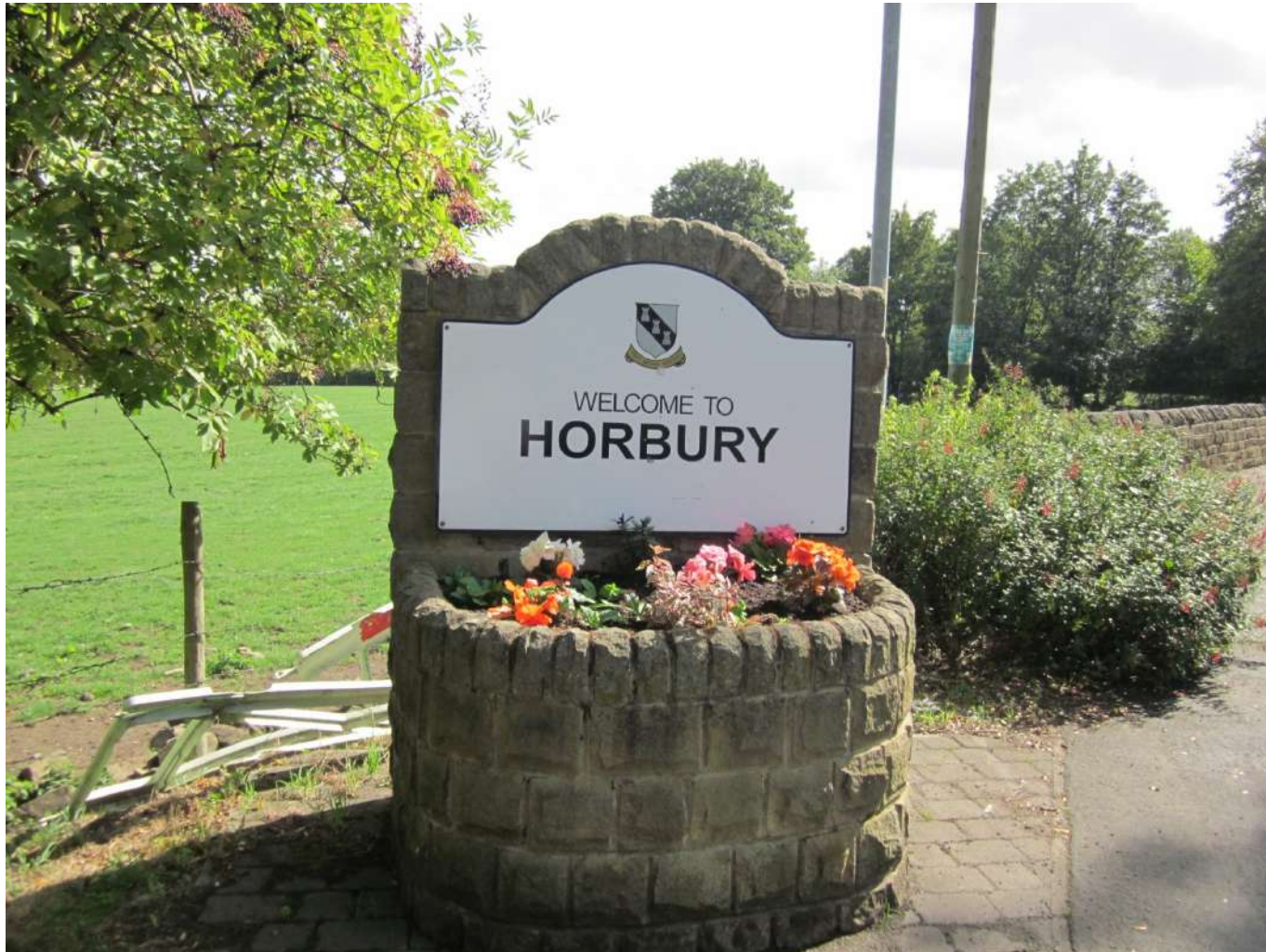
# BOOTHAM PARK

Originally the County Lunatic Asylum, 1774 - 1777





# CARR'S HOME TOWN



# ST. PETER'S HORBURY

Divine service was performed on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1794 attended by Carr's family and friends





# St. Peter's Horbury



# John Carr by William Beechey 1791

Carr's hand rests on the plans for Buxton, said to be his favourite project, and in the background is the spire of St. Peter's, Horbury next to the base of a classical column.





# CARR'S LEGACY

- Carr's practice continues under the name of Brierley Groom LLP run by Greg and Matthew Groom, who have won many awards.
- Walter Henry Brierley (1862 – 1926) had 300 buildings to his name, including Sledmere, and was known as the Lutyens of the North and his “wrenaissance” buildings
- The oldest practice in the world?

# **JOHN CARR**

**EMINENT ARCHITECT**

**28 APRIL 1723 – 22 FEBRUARY 1802**