

BRITISH BRICK SOCIETY BIBLIOGRAPHY 1

“We’re All Going on a Dragon Hunt”: An Annotated Listing of Dragons in *British Brick Society Information*

The Sunday before this listing of articles and notes about dragons in the pages of *British Brick Society Information* was compiled the BBC broadcast on Radio 3 the Big Prom Bear Hunt based on the story by Michael Rosen *We’re All Going on a Bear Hunt*, with the author as the narrator and including such pieces as Eduard Grieg ‘The Hall of the Mountain King’ from the *Peer Gynt Suite* and parts of Igor Stravinsky music for the *The Firebird*: great fun and an extremely good way to introduce small children to serious music. The audience loved it and so did this listener. Michael Rosen’s title has been adapted for this listing of the editorials, articles, and notes about dragons and other creatures employed as roof furniture which have appeared in *British Brick Society Information* since Terence Smith wrote his ‘Editorial: Roofquest for a Dragon’ almost a quarter of a century ago.

In this listing, the items are given in order of publication. One or two items do not have an acknowledged single author or compiler, or have several authors. Annotation is confined to listing the location of dragons discussed in the piece where this is not obvious from the title. Illustrations have been noted and there is a separate listing of distribution maps.

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DAVID H. KENNETT

T.P. Smith, ‘Editorial: Roofquest for a Dragon’

BBS Information, **48**, July 1989, p.2.

Dragons from

Rye House, Hertfordshire
High Street, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

T.P. Smith (compiler), ‘Here Be Dragons!’

BBS Information, **49**, 1990, pp.19-20.

Dragons from

The Ridgeway, Chingford, Essex
Beckenham Lane, Bromley, Kent
Norris Almshouses, Nottingham
Taplow, Buckinghamshire
Maidenhead, Berkshire (plus a bear)
Buckinghamshire County Museum, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire
New Walk, Leicester
Warpool Court Hotel, St David’s, Pembrokeshire, Wales

‘More Dragons’

BBS Information, **50**, October 1990, pp.5-6.

Dragons from

Ashbourne and Buxton, Derbyshire
Reading Museum, Berkshire (from demolished house)

Craig-y-nos Castle, Brecknock, Powys, Wales
Maidenhead, Berkshire (and a Swan)
Enfield, Middlesex
Tottenham, Middlesex

P. Berry, 'Addresses for Dragons'

BBS Information, **54**, December 1991, p.18.

Dragons in
Putney, London

D.H. Kennett, 'Editorial: The Dragons Breathe Again'

BBS Information, **56**, July 1992, pp.2-4, with cover illustration of the dragon then produced by Keymer Tile Company.

A general note introducing the articles published in the issue.

B.J. Murless, 'Somerset Connections'

BBS Information, **56**, July 1992, pp.4-6, with reproduction of trade hand bill of Barham Brothers, Bridgwater.

Includes trade bill of Barham Brothers, Bridgwater.

Several authors, 'Out of Grendel's Lair: Dragons, Wyverns and Others'

BBS Information, **56**, July 1992, pp.6-12;

Dragons from

Hertford, Hitchin and Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Luton, Bedfordshire

Cambridge

Products of J.C. Edwards, Ruabon, Denbighshire

Includes plate from the 1890-91 catalogue of J.C. Edwards of Ruabon, with an enlargement of the dragon shown on that plate;

Oxford Street, London (three beavers)

Salisbury, Wiltshire

with illustration of Concorde Nightclub, with at least four dragons.

Aylesbury Museum, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire

with illustration of the beast

Sloane Street, City of Westminster

between Bastia and Ajaccio, Corsica, France

Two Bears Hotel, Great Yarmouth (bears)

B. Driver and R.G. Martin, 'Dragons Wyverns and Others: A List of Terracotta Beasts in Sussex'

BBS Information, **56**, July 1992, pp.13-17.

Includes a map and a list of Sussex dragons.

D.H. Kennett and T.P. Smith, 'Dragons: a count by counties'

BBS Information, **56**, July 1992, pp.17-19.

'Focus on Dragons'

BBS Information, **60**, October 1993, pp.6-8,

Dragons from

Great Bookham, Surrey

Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire

Prospect House, near Woodbridge, Suffolk
Pavement, York
with illustrations of the dragon on no. 22 Pavement, York.
Negative report on St Andrew's Park estate, Bristol

T.P. Smith, 'Some Dragons — Literary and Otherwise'

BBS Information, **60**, October 1993, pp.9-10.

E.M. Forster's novel, *The Longest Journey*, and allusions to dragons based on those on Lower Sloane Street, City of Westminster.

D.H. Kennett and T.P. Smith, 'Dragons and Friends'

BBS Information, **62**, June 1994, p.11.

Notice of impending collection of material.

Dragon from

The Punch Bowl Hotel, Hull, East Yorkshire

'Exit the Dragon'

BBS Information, **62**, June 1994, p.24.

Dragon from

Marlow, Buckinghamshire

D.H. Kennett 'Editorial: Dragons Resurgent'

BBS Information, **73**, February 1998, pp.2-3.

Dragons from

Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire

Terracotta panels

on the George and Dragon hotel, Cley-next, the Sea, Norfolk

Several authors, 'Dragons in Surrey'

BBS Information, **73**, February 1998, pp.4-8,

County survey

Illustrations of 'The Valley Hotel', Caterham; the dragon from the 'The Valley Hotel', Caterham. Map of Dragons in Surrey.

I. Caruana, 'A Dorking Dragon'

BBS Information, **75**, October 1998, p.10.

Dragon from

Dorking, Surrey

T. Lewis, 'Dragons and Friends in London and the Thames Valley'

BBS Information, **81**, October 2000, pp.20-22.

Dragons from

Ealing, West Hampstead, Dulwich Park, Holborn, Kensington, Putney, all London

Staines, Tredington, Enfield, Twickenham, all Middlesex

Datchet, Aylesbury, Marlow, Taplow, all Buckinghamshire

Pangbourne, Caversham, Maidenhead, Reading, all Berkshire

Henley-on-Thames, both Oxfordshire

D.H. Kennett, 'Dragons at Rufford Abbey [Nottinghamshire]'

BBS Information, **82**, December 2000, p.15.

T.P. Smith, 'Fire Dragons in Bishopsgate, City of London'

BBS Information, **88**, July 2002, pp.5-6.

Dragons on
former fire station, Bishopsgate, City of London

D.H. Kennett, 'And a Dragon has Flown'

BBS Information, **88**, July 2002, p.6.

Dragon shown on photograph of building on
Chapel Street, Luton

D.H. Kennett, 'Editorial: Death of a Dragon'

BBS Information, **94**, July 2004, pp.2-3.

Dragon lost after reroofing of
No.155 Woodstock Road, Oxford

G. Brooks, 'A Cumbrian Dragon'

BBS Information, **102**, September 2006, pp.9-10.

Dragon from
Wigton, Cumbria

A. Cox, 'More Dragons out of Grendel's Lair'

BBS Information, **125**, October 2013, pp.13-16.

Dragons from
Great Billington, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire
Everard's Printing works, Bristol
Peterborough
St Austell, Redruth, Newquay, all Cornwall
Swanage, Dorset
Loughton, Essex
manufacture on the Isle of Wight
City of London
Hampstead, Harrow, both London
Minehead, Somerset.
manufacture by Barham Brothers, Bridgwater, Somerset
Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex
manufacture at Ditchling, Sussex
Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire
Salisbury, Wiltshire
Headingley, Leeds, Yorkshire
Marine Parade, Glamorgan, Wales

D.H. Kennett, 'Flying over Oxford'

BBS Information, **125**, October 2013, pp.17-21.

Dragons from
Oxford
Dallas, Texas

Distribution and location maps regarding dragons have been published:

'Sussex: Dragons and Other Figures'

BBS Information, **56**, July 1992, p.14.

‘Dragons and other beasts in England and Wales [by county]’

BBS Information, **56**, July 1992, p.18.

‘Surrey: Dragons’

BBS Information, **73**, February 1998, p.8.

‘Dragons in London and the Thames Valley’

BBS Information, **81**, October 2000, p.20.
