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# Gatehouse News

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**Developments of the Gatehouse Website. The comprehensive bibliography and gazetteer of the castles, fortifications and palaces of medieval England and Wales.**

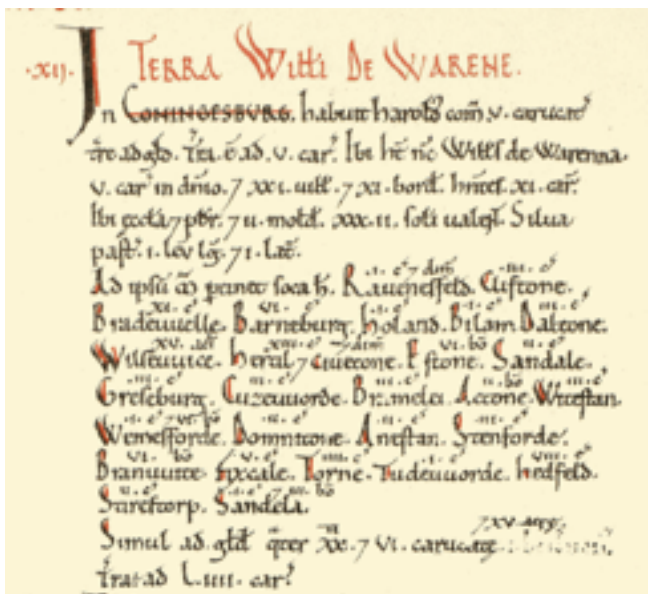
Following the work over the spring to complete the data collection part of Gatehouse I've very little news to report.

A few bibliographical records have been added to several sites; some new publications such as the [new guidebook for Conisbrough Castle](#), others older 19th century texts.

To the records for England I've added a 'button' link to [Open Domesday](#) the 'first free online copy of Domesday Book'. This link is based on the modern parish name so can be a bit hit and miss (For example [Carisbrooke Castle](#) is in the modern Newport parish which links to Newport in Wales in Open Domesday) but generally it seems to work reasonably well and where it doesn't directly work does, at least,



open a simple search page of the Open Domesday website. There are now a number of online Domesday Book resources which have their pros and cons but I like the Open Domesday for its clear and clean interface and the images of the relevant original page. Although some of Wales was included in Domesday I've not included this link for the welsh records where the number of 'null' results would make it mainly useless.



Domesday entry for Conisbrough, Yorkshire

Personally I'm mainly working on a database of bastles, which has taken me into Scotland, but this research is rather more tedious than I had initially thought and is likely to take up much of my time for the next year.

It is likely, therefore, that updates and additions to Gatehouse will be reduced and, consequently the frequency of these newsletters will also be reduced. However, I will still be actively maintaining Gatehouse and updating biographies etc. as necessary and I do still have plans to add new features.



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