LUDWIG WITTGENSTEIN (1889-1951)

STUDIED AT THREE UNIVERSITIES BEFORE BECOMING A PROFESSOR AT CAMBRIDGE:

ENGINEERING AT TU BERLIN,
AERONAUTICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER AND PHILOSOPHY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

THROUGH THREE SUMMER SCHOOLS, STUDENTS FROM THOSE AND MORE UNIVERSITIES HAVE GOTTEN TOGETHER TO HELP Dismantle THE HOUSE THAT WAS BUILT FROM THE ORIGINAL MATERIALS, MOVE THEM BACK TO THE ORIGINAL SITE AND RECONSTRUCT THE ORIGINAL HOUSE THERE, BASED ON DRAWINGS BY OLE MARIUS MANSCHOW LØKEN’S MASTER THESIS AT AHO (2015).

OLE MARTIN BAKKEN, THE BUILDER AT METRE AS, CARRIED OUT THE WORK AND KINDLY FACILITATED THE STUDENT PARTICIPATION. THANKS ALSO TO TRYGVE MARTINUSSEN, HARALD VATNE AND MEMBERS OF THE WITTGENSTEIN FOUNDATION FOR POSITIVE ASSISTANCE.

FÉW PICTURES EXIST OF THE ORIGINAL HOUSE.

FEW YEARS AFTER LW DIED, THE HOUSE WAS DISMANTLED, IN 1955, AND THE MATERIALS MOVED TO BUILD ANOTHER HOUSE (BELOW).

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED ON SITE SINCE 2015, FIRST TO CLEAN IT UP AND LATER TO ASSIST THE BUILDER.

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WINDOW ON WINDOW ON WITTGENSTEIN:

AN ORIGINAL WINDOW WAS TAKEN ON TOUR TO BOTH CAMBRIDGE AND MANCHESTER. IN CAMBRIDGE IT ‘MET’ WITH THE WINDOW OF LW’S TOP FLOOR TRINITY COLLEGE ROOM.

‘OFFERING SKJOLDEN A CONSIDERABLE ACADEMIC LIFT’, SOGN AVIS WROTE ON THE UNIVERSITIES’ ENGAGEMENTS.

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THIS CHRISTMAS 2018 PICTURE SHOWS THE HOUSE BACK ON THE MOUNTAIN SHELF.

MASTER STUDENTS FROM ONE OF SEVERAL COURSES AND SEMINARS ON THE WITTGENSTEIN HOUSE HELD AT THE MANCHESTER SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, AT CENTRE DEAN AND PROF OF THE SCHOOL THOMAS JEFFERIES AND PROF HARALD N RØSTVIK, ‘ONE LIFE’ CO-ORDINATOR.

FeW pICTURES EXIST OF THE ORIGInAL HOUSE.

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StDSTENs HVE BEEn InvOLvEd oN SITEnSiCE 2015, FIrST To ClNEnt It Up ANd lATER To AsSts THE BuILDer.

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THE LW HOUSE WAS COMPLETED IN 1915 BUT SOON AFTER LW DIED IN 1951 THE HOUSE WAS DISMANTLED AND MOVED TO THE VILLAGE. MATERIALS WERE VALUABLE. IN 1955 A NEW HOUSE WAS BUILT FROM THE ORIGINAL MATERIALS. BECAUSE THE TIMBER WALLS HAD BEEN CLAD WITH CEMENT SHEETS IN 1955, THEY APPEARED WELL PRESERVED IN 2018 AND 90% COULD BE USED WHEN THE RE-CONSTRUCTION AT THE ORIGINAL SITE IN 2019 WAS COMPLETED. LEFT: DETAIL FROM ONE ORIGINAL WINDOW.


STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER’S AND METROPOLITAN’s SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE (MSA) DESIGNED AND BUILT KITES THE WAY WITTGENSTEIN DID AND TESTED THEM ON THE HILLS OF GLOSSOP OUTSIDE MANCHESTER.

LEFT: MARKING TIMBER COMPONENTS BEFORE DISMANTLING. CENTRE AND RIGHT: DRAWING AND PHOTO BY CAMBRIDGE STUDENT EDEN M. DAY, SHOWING THE HOUSE ON THE ORIGINAL SITE DURING ONGOING WORK.

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