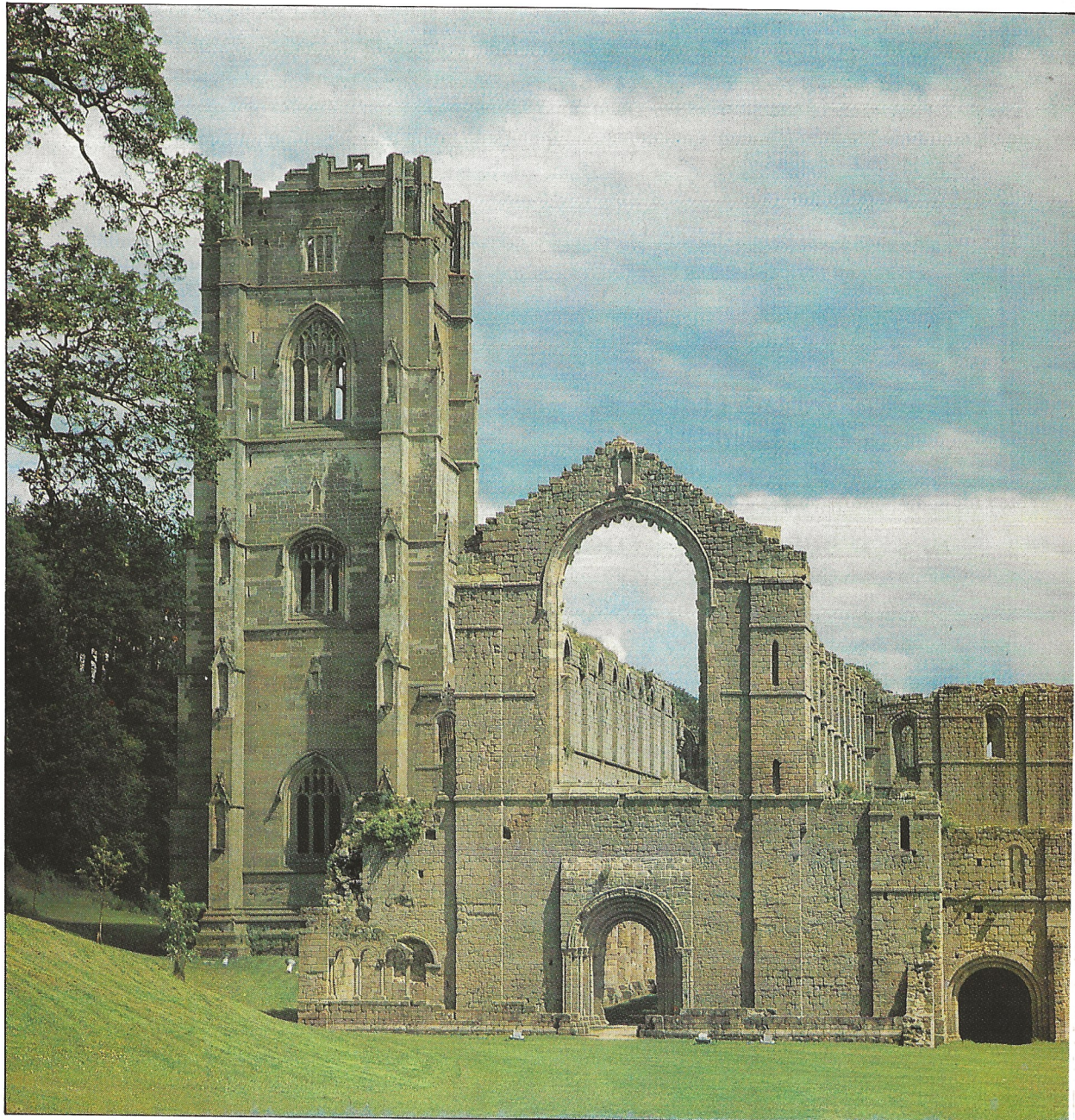


**Stables in the deer park (above) at Studley Royal**

**Fountains Hall (opposite page) — built from stone ransacked from the abbey itself**



**Fountains Abbey in tranquil Skelldale was completed over a period of some 350 years, only to fall victim to Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries**

Elsewhere the Trust is replacing old trees all over the estate and deer park, often using paintings of Aislabie's time showing where tree lines were originally intended.

Planning ahead, the Trust is also planting trees now to replace those which might not be here in 50 or 100 years' time.

Restoration currently underway in-

cludes work on Fountains Hall and on the building near the Surprise View of the abbey.

The half-moon pond is being dredged this year to remove silt that has built up over the past 20 years. The artificial drainage system in the canals and lakes also need constant attention.

A permanent garden and maintenance staff are always on hand and architects

and other specialists brought in to advise and assist on major restoration projects.

Those who work at Fountains count themselves extremely lucky to do so.

Mr Ingall: "It is to me primarily an opportunity to work at a unique and beautiful place.

"An opportunity to work among this beauty and historical treasure is really a delight."