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Youth — and Age

At any gathering of Yorkshire Dales Society members, sooner or later the inevitable question will arise. Are we doing enough to attract young people into the Society? Isn't the Society like so many other voluntary bodies dominated by grey heads?

Well, let's start by facing the fact that it is very often people of middle years, and older, who have the time, the energy and the experience to give to a worthwhile cause. One of the consolations, perhaps, for vanishing youth, is the ability to enjoy good company among like minded folk. Experts who talk of the "leisure revolution" point to the fact that as people enjoy earlier, more active, and longer retirement, they use that precious new freedom to get out to enjoy the countryside, learn about their heritage, come not only just to visit the Yorkshire Dales but to live here, and often make an outstanding contribution to Dales life. Without the "off cum'd 'uns" the Yorkshire Dales would be a very dull place indeed, and certainly the Yorkshire Dales Society would lose many of its most active and enthusiastic members.

So anyone who begins to worry that this, or any other organisation, is dominated by the newly retired, simply isn't keeping up with the times. People who have worked in industry, education, business all their lives have considerable knowledge and skills to offer; and unlike many younger people struggling to complete an education, build a career, look after a young family, create a home, older people have the time, and the financial resources, to contribute to the work of a voluntary body.

But the nice thing about the Yorkshire Dales Society is that it does have a healthy proportion of young members.

At our AGM in October quite a few younger people were present. Better still quite a few were elected onto the Council of Management - people in their 30s and even 20s.

Which means that we have a particularly well balanced Council. And our membership, too, (although we wouldn't dream of being so delicate as asking members their age) has a goodly number of young people whose concern for and love of the Yorkshire Dales equals that of their elders.

Like the young man from Southend who was at our Leyburn AGM, whose parents come from the Dales, and who sees the Society a link with his birthright. And you don't have to have Dales ancestors to believe in your birthright.

So we can and do attract younger members who enjoy walks, visits, talks, gatherings.

Maybe we should do more. The answer lies, perhaps, as John Jewitt writes on page 7 in getting active involvement in conservation projects, such as the excellent work undertaken by the Conservation Volunteers. Or projects of a different nature, as advocated by Tim Boothman and Trevor Sharpe, involving the recording and presentation of aspects of the social history and cultural heritage of the area.

Maybe younger members would like to let us know what they feel.

The columns of The Review await your contributions!

Colin Speakman

Cover Photo Three Peaks Race, Pen y Ghent
- Mike Harding

[author, entertainer and playwright, Mike, who is a YDS member with a home in the Dales, is also a fine photographer.]

Bringing a Dales Culture Back to Life

"Heritage" is an over-used word nowadays, but the Yorkshire Dales Society was created to safeguard more than a unique landscape. A landscape is also a people - the men and women who over many generations shaped that landscape, imposed upon it something of their own personalities. Dalesfolk care deeply about their own countryside, and about the rich traditions contained within it. Much of this tradition has been recorded, for example by such fine collectors and historians as Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby (whose appeal for help with the Upper Dales Folk Museum is elsewhere in this issue), but much still remains to be done. The Dales has its own rich tradition of music, folk lore, dance, poetry. The late Kit Calvert of Hawes was a passionate defender of our Dales inheritance, but with his sad loss, and the recent winding up of the world famous Department of Dialect and Folk Life Studies at Leeds University in the Government's economy cuts, there is now

a serious lack of opportunity to collect and record the oral history and traditions of the Yorkshire Dales.

What can be done about this?

Does it matter if the Dales loses part of its identity?



Traditional musicians on the Green, Linton, 1940s [Tim Boothman, collection]

Two people who care deeply about the loss are Tim Boothman and Trevor Sharpe, both members of the YDS Council of Management. Tim comes from an old Wharfedale family with a long tradition of Dales music making; he is one of the last, and certainly the youngest exponent of Dales fiddle and accordion playing in the old manner, an authority on the old Dales dances. Trevor Sharpe, youth leader and oral historian, has prepared two outstanding collections of material for BBC Radio Leeds published as The Song of Upper Wharfedale and The Song of Wensleydale.

They would like, through the Society, to form a group for the collection of folk lore, social history, poems and song and its presentation in various ways - including the making of tape recordings, video recordings, publications etc. They would be particularly keen to hear from younger members - both those who live in the dales and those who live outside the immediate area who would like to get to know more about Dales life. There could be classes in traditional music, skills, history. The group ideally should be able to represent those in their 20s or younger, anxious to learn more of their heritage. It would develop its own programme and consider such things as family exchanges, work, instructional camps/holidays. If you are interested in any way, and can offer time, experience, energy, or would like to take part please write to Trevor Sharpe, 1 Raeburn Drive, Bradford, BD6 2LL (SAE appreciated) if possible by Saturday January 19th. If sufficient interest is shown matters will be progressed. And don't forget to come to the traditional Dales night at Buckden Institute on Friday December 14th - details back page.

A Goodly Company

At the Third Annual Meeting of the Yorkshire Dales Society held in Leyburn on October 20th, a well attended occasion, the decision was taken to wind up the Yorkshire Dales Society - and to form the Yorkshire Dales Society. This was the legal requirement to allow the emergence of a new incorporated body, a company without share capital but limited by guarantee, to take over from the old, unincorporated body.

This was perhaps the most important single decision taken at the Annual Meeting, a historic step forward in the evolution of the Society from a gathering of interested people to a strong, formally constituted body capable of meeting the challenges facing it.

Keith Lockyer, Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales Society, explained the reasons for the change to members at the Annual Meeting before the matter was put to the vote. Several members raised points about the procedures. Was it really necessary, they wondered, to go through all this process when many well established organisations manage perfectly well with a simple Constitution? It was founder member Laurie Fallows, from Gayle, who moved the necessary formal resolution, explaining to members how the Committee of Management had fully explored the implications of the new status, and how he was totally convinced that this would create a stronger, more democratic body, capable of taking increasing responsibilities.



YDS members walk on Leyburn Shawl before the AGM (G. Wright)

achieve close co-operation and mutual support, and a noted success had been the seminar in May on the interpretation of the Settle-Carlisle line, with the Centre for Environmental Interpretation, leading to the commissioning of a major CEI report. The Society had also played a leading in the successful Dales Rally in Settle with the Ramblers' Association and Settle-Carlisle Joint Action Committee. Co-operation had been achieved, too with the Yorkshire Rural Community Council over the establishment of the Wensleydale and Swaledale Transport Group, which had already achieved worthwhile improvements to local transport in the Northern Dales. The Society's registration as a Charity was also another major milestone, making it possible to attract funds, donation and sponsorship from various sources, sponsors having the assurance of knowing that Charitable Status limited the Society's to those purposes, a safeguard which would be further enhanced by Company status.

Chris Alder, retiring Honorary Treasurer, was able to present a healthy balance sheet. This was circulated to members at the meeting, and is available to members on request. However this apparently healthy position disguised major fluctuations, troughs and peaks caused by the Society's continued dependence on grant aid. Money had to be spent before grant could be paid, and the Society had literally no financial reserves - a situation which had to be remedied if activity was going to increase.

Immediately after the AGM of the old body, was the First Meeting of the new Company - members present having signed the new membership form and guarantee to enjoy full voting rights. These new members of the new Yorkshire Dales Society (company limited by guarantee) then resolved to take over the assets of the old Society, and proceeded to elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Council of Management who are now responsible for the Society in the same was Company Directors are for a normal commercial company.

Meet your Council of Management 1984/5

- CHAIRMAN Keith Lockyer (Grassington)
- VICE CHAIRMAN Ken Willson (Addingham)
- HON. TREASURER Ian Hartley, FCA (Cononley)

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

- Chris Alder (Threshfield)
- Tim Boothman (Threshfield)
- David Boulton (Dent)
- Delwyn Bushell (Malham)
- Liza Forder (Dent)
- Donald Heffer (Pateley Bridge)
- Philip Helliwell (Keighley)
- David Higgins (Leeds)
- Unity Kelly (Horton-in-Ribblesdale)
- Gerry Pearlman (Leeds)
- Bill Ramage (Reeth)
- Margaret Rooker (Greetland)
- Trevor Sharpe (Bradford)
- Joyce Sugden (Dewsbury)
- Lesley Todd (Austwick)
- Trevor Woolston (Grinton)
- Geoffrey Wright (Askrigg)

- COMPANY SECRETARY : Colin Speakman BA
- HON. SOLICITOR: Gerry Pearlman, LLB
- AUDITOR: Richard Beal FCA

Council of Management meetings will be held on the following dates in 1985: January 19th, March 16th, May 18th*, July 20th, September 21st., venues to be arranged. YDS events will normally be arranged on the afternoon of Council meetings, and YDS members will be welcome to join Council members over lunch. Details from the Secretary. [* May 18th now agreed as date of AGM]



Barns near Street Head, Bishopdale

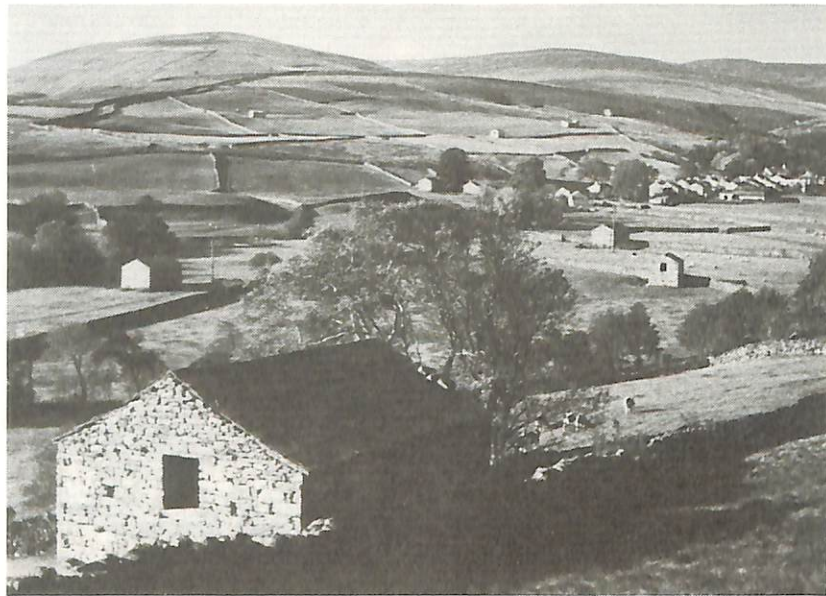
E. Charles Simpson

Themes for Conservation

Yorkshire Dales National Park Plan - first review 1984

For practical purposes, this Review of the National Park Plan offers both residents and visitors to the National Park an updated overview of the policies which determine decisions of the National Park Committee and, in the appendices, a guide to related development plan policies, to grant aid available from other bodies and persons to contact for action of advice, both within the two offices at Bainbridge and Grassington, and among the 16 elected and 8 appointed Committee members. There is also a summary of financial expenditure 1977/1985.

Chapters on main areas of activity are headed: Duties, general aims and powers; agriculture; nature conservation; forestry; woodland and trees; built environment; archaeology; mineral extraction; recreation and access; ways and means; public relations; resources. The policies form a general statement of the position which the National Park Committee would like to be able to adopt and the work it would like to be able to undertake given adequate resources. Four areas are identified where resources are considered inadequate - agricultural conservation; information services including youth and school liaison; public rights of way provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, particularly those relating to the Review of the Definitive Map; and Warden services.



A landscape to merit conservation - Geoffrey Wright
Swaledale Barns at Thwaite

whether our concerns relate to visitor information or visitor behaviour; to the establishment of Access Agreements or Conservation Areas; to landscape or wildlife conservation or caring for the well-being of those who live and work in the Dales, the quality of response will help to determine the way in which the annual work programme evolve and financial resources are requested and allocated.

The scale of the task, the constraints involve, options and opportunities can be best identified by a close study of the Plan. Yorkshire Dales Society members will surely wish to participate in translating ideas into action. Start now !

Copies of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Plan - First Review can be obtained from the National Park Offices at Bainbridge or Grassington price £3.50, or by post from the National Park Office, Yorebridge House, Bainbridge, via Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 3BP price £5.

MARGARET ROOKER

[Margaret Rooker is an Appointed Member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee]

Horton in Ribblesdale Car Park Developments

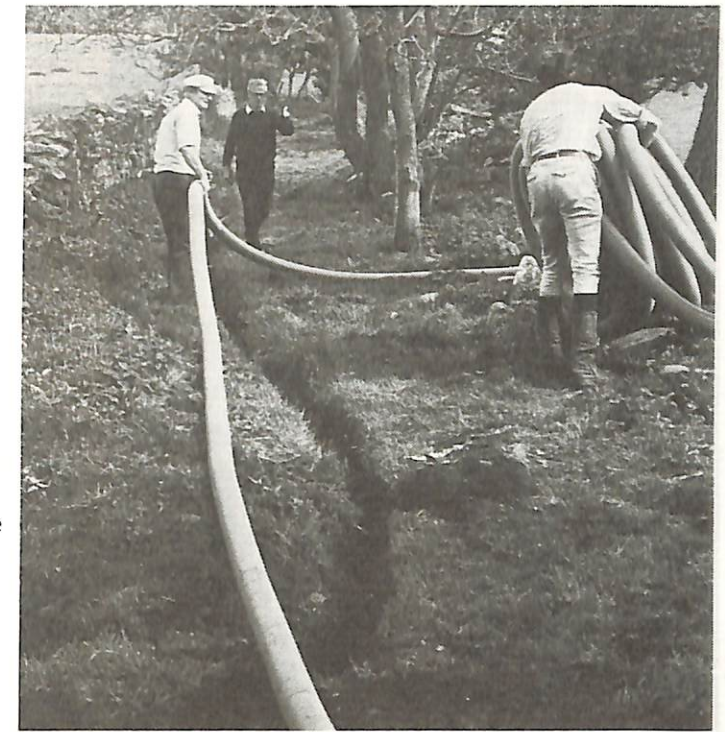
Further to Peter Kelly's article about the Horton in Ribblesdale Car Park proposal (Autumn Review), we hear that the National Park Committee has agreed to "look again" at the question of car park provision in Horton, including the possibility of alternative sites. Apologies to Peter Kelly in fact for the mystery of giving him a wrong first name - clearly the typewriter's computer to be blamed !

Volunteers for Conservation in the Yorkshire Dales

Over the past few years, members of the Conservation Volunteers have been carrying out practical nature conservation work throughout the Yorkshire Dales.

The work has been organised by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, a national charity, whose aim is to promote practical nature conservation work by volunteers.

Much of the work has been carried out in the form of residential tasks. A group of people from all over the country (and often all over the world) spend a week or ten days working under the supervision of a trained BTCV leader. The BTCV provide expert tuition in the type of work being carried out, and accommodation, usually in form of village hall or similar building. During the week the volunteers will have a day off, usually spent visiting local places of interest or walking in the area.



A wide variety of work has recently been carried out by the Conservation Volunteers at various sites in the Dales. Field staff from the recently established regional base at Kiplin Hall, Near Richmond, arrange the work with representatives of the organisation for whom the work is being carried out. They then ensure that all aspects of the task are organised, and that the task runs smoothly, often visiting the tasks themselves.

Recently, local groups, affiliated to BTCV, have been carrying out weekend tasks, which provide them with a contrast to the urban areas in which they do much of their conserving.

One site where much work is done is at Malham Tarn, which is popular with volunteers, not only because of its outstanding scenery and flora, but also because of its outstanding scenery and flora, but also because of the five-star accommodation at the Field Centre. Work here has included the formation of a number of ponds, clearance of sedge from an existing pond and repair of boardwalks.

Another current project is that at Arncliffe, where volunteers are involved in the protection of rare wild flowers on a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Because of the topography of the area, aerial spraying of invasive bracken would result in drift of herbicides onto sensitive parts of the site. Following a management agreement between the local farmer and the Nature Conservancy Council, the bracken on the lower, steeper slopes, which cannot be cleared mechanically, is cleared by hand by volunteers.



The work now in its second season is having a clearly visible effect in reducing the encroachment of the bracken.

Conservation Volunteers also carry out work for private landowners, especially those who have a commitment to conservation, but do not have time or resources to carry out the work themselves. In one such project, organised through the Yorkshire Dales National Park, volunteers have been planting trees at Thwaite bridge, near Hawes. In one weekend last November volunteers planted 600 trees, including alder, hazel, elder, birch and willow.

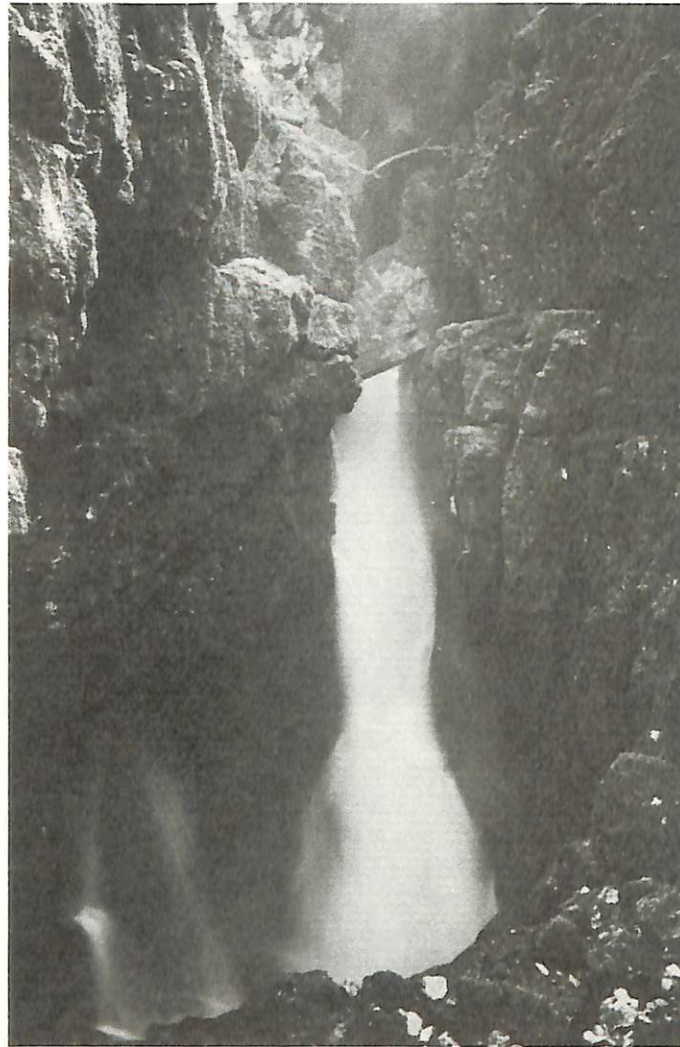
Working as a Conservation Volunteer can be an immensely rewarding and enjoyable experience. Tasks provide the opportunity to meet new friends and have a good time, as well as enabling people to do something positive about protecting wildlife and the countryside

JOHN JEWITT

Surfacing a footpath near Hawes
photos: Alan Atkinson

To find out send SAE to Conservation Volunteers, Appleloft, Kiplin Hall, Richmond, North Yorkshire tel: Richmond 811970

Christmas Books



Caves, crags and gorges - Tony Waltham

Constable Guides, (pp 335) £6.95

Tony Waltham combines a career as an academic geologist with potholing, rambling and writing. Caves, Crags and Gorges is an ingenious book, taking the theme of limestone in all its many splendid manifestations, and providing a layman's exploratory guide to some of the best limestone features in the UK. And although this book also covers the Peak District, Mendips, Wales and South Devon, at least half the book is about the Yorkshire Dales, which as any adopted son or daughter of the Yorkshire Dales will tell you, (and Tony Waltham eminently comes into this category) is what it should do.

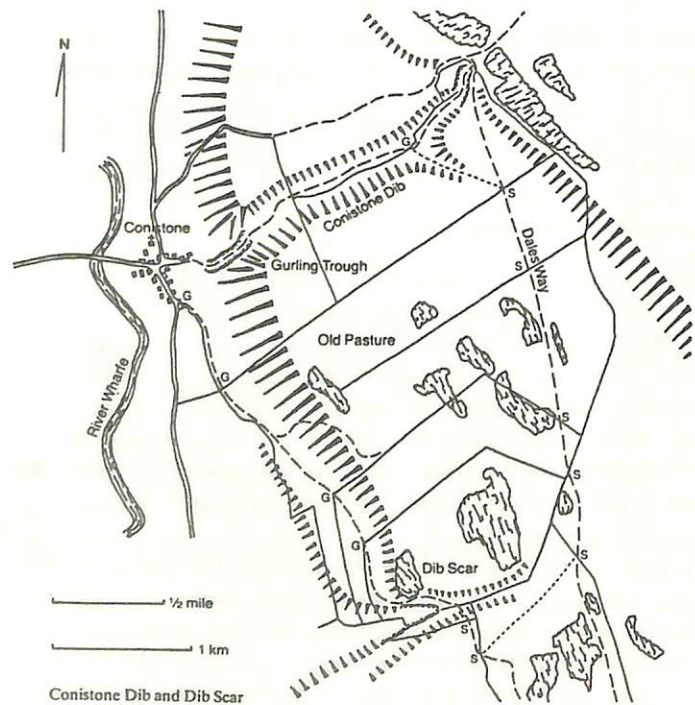
It's a book for the Rambler rather than the Caver, though potholers will find much of interest. But Tony Waltham begins from the point that most people who know and care for the Dales aren't the kind to don wet suit and helmet, but enjoy a potter around crags and dry valleys, like peering into a little cave mouth with a torch and wellies, or even scrambling up a stream bed through a gorge. As a scientist, he can explain, with sharpness and clarity, the geological forces that have shaped this spectacular landscape and landforms; as a Rambler he takes you along sometimes little known paths to peer into fissures and gorges, tells you where you can go safely and what to see, warns you where not to go without full equipment as a member of an experienced club, yet indulges you in more than a little "armchair caving" to whet the appetite for more serious stuff.

Excellent photographs and detailed maps, all by the author, are part of the temptation process, and will certainly drag even those who dread the thought of going into a dark cave away from well beaten paths to taste something of that rather less well known but dramatically beautiful underground world within the Yorkshire Dales. But much to enjoy and explore on the surface, too.

C.S.

Above: Weathercote Cove, near Ingleton - the hidden waterfall (Tony Waltham)

Left: Conistone Dib and Dib Scar
One of several sketch maps from Caves, crags and gorges



Adam Sedgwick's Dent (with an introduction by David Boulton) Boulton & Hollett pp 226 £11.50
Available from R.F.G.Hollett & Son, 6 Finkle Street, Sedbergh, Cumbria LA10 5BZ
Price £13.00 including postage.

This is a republication of two rare and precious Dales classics - Professor Adam Sedgwick's Memorial by the Trustees of Cowgill Chapel, first published privately in 1868, and the Supplement to the Memoriale etc. published in 1870. The first of these little volumes through a series of coincidences fell into the hands of Queen Victoria, who remembering the "dear friend" of her late husband, Prince Albert, authorised an Act of Parliament to restore the name of Cowgill Chapel. Both the original Memorial and the

subsequent Supplement, which recalled the victory, contain a rich treasurehouse of information about Dentdale as it was in the later years of the 18th century, written by a man who was, as Dr. Raistrick has recently reminded us, a Dalesman first and foremost, and an internationally famous scientist only second.



Dent village and the Sedgwick Memorial Fountain
(John Forder)

With impeccable timing as Sedgwick's bi-centenary approaches, David Boulton and Holletts of Sedbergh have done a major service in bringing out this new edition. Beautifully produced, in a green leather cloth which impeccably recalls Sedgwick's description of his own book - "dressed in an old fashioned dress of a child of the Dales" - ie green. A scholarly and perceptive introduction by David Boulton puts the Memorial in perspective, a valuable, richly human document of the people and character of Dentdale before and during the Industrial Revolution.

There will, of course, be many events in Dentdale in 1985 celebrating the greatest son of the Dale. Start by making sure you get a copy of this book, up till now only available in the recesses of a Reference Library. The last quoted price for the original volumes was £140, making this a comparative bargain - and certain in turn to become a collectors' item.

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Getting Publicity - David Morgan Rees (David & Charles £5.95)

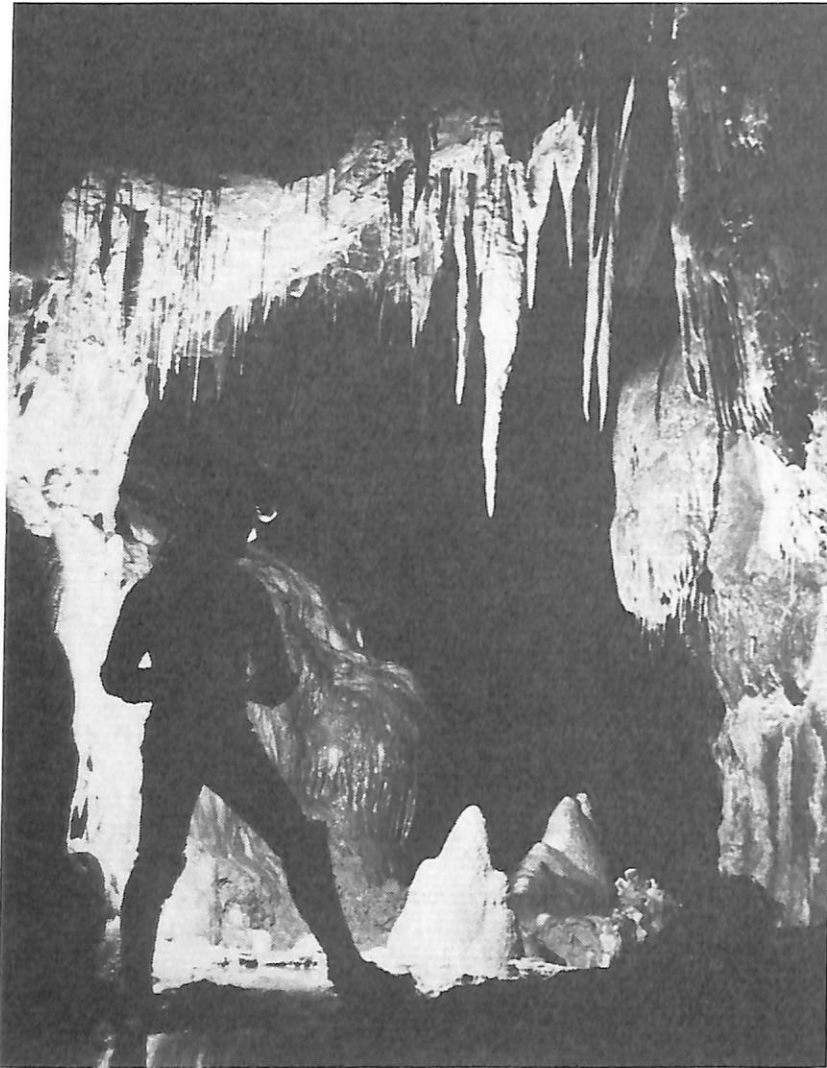
Do you wish to get more publicity for your business, hobby or local community group? If so a new book by David Morgan Rees will help. It describes the components and techniques of getting publicity for people with limited time and available finance.

This handbook distinguishes between free editorial publicity and paid advertising and explains the merits and limitations of each. It gives down-to-earth advice on how to create goodwill, communicate ideas and sell products or services. The use of press releases, photographs, interviews, speeches, exhibitions, conference sponsorship and fund-raising are all considered.

Twelve case studies of PR in action highlight the use of publicity by real-life organisations - including the Yorkshire Dales Society! Others include businesses (manufacturing, mail order, retailing and a hotel); a baby charity; a club for the mentally handicapped; a community association; and campaigns to save a village school and for plain English.

David Morgan Rees is already well known for his earlier book Yorkshire Craftsmen at Work (see Summer Review) He has long standing connections with Yorkshire, including a home in the Yorkshire Dales. As information manager to a large British industrial group he has wide knowledge and experience of publicity, including public relations work. This expertise has been utilised to provide a handbook to the subject for lay people. Checklists and useful addresses provide a starting point for all who are seeking more effective publicity for work or leisure interests. The book makes a useful gift for business people, committee members and those with a "hobby horse" that deserves to be better known.

RUTH ANNISON



Gaping Gill - 150 Years of Exploration
- Howard M. Beck (Robert Hale 192 pp £9.95).

This is another book which though, inevitably, has a strong caving interest, is far more than a cavers or potholers' book - though armchair cavers will find it hugely entertaining.

It tells an epic story - the discovery and exploration of Britain's most thrilling cave system, beginning with the mighty 340 main shaft and cavern that forms Gaping Gill itself, first bottomed out by Edouard Martel in 1895, and ending with the superb teamwork, duly filmed by Sid Perou for BBC TV, that led to the missing link between Ingleborough Cave and Gaping Gill being recorded.

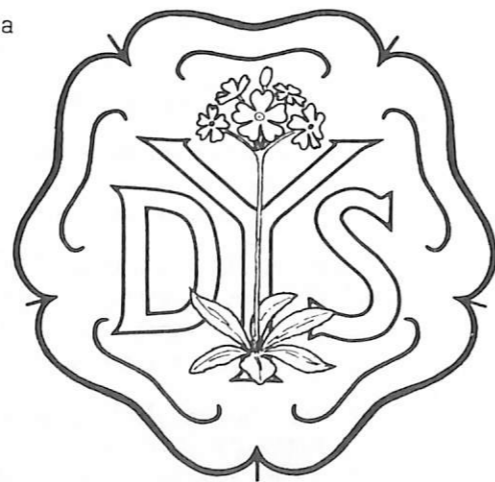
Howard Beck, who lives in Skipton, relates these and other dramas, rich in local characters and colour, in a book which is both scholarly and entertaining, and illustrated with many of his own, quite superb, photographs.

Gandalfs Gallery - discovered in the far reaches of Ingleborough Cave in 1970 by Mike Wooding, after diving almost 1,000 feet of flooded passageways. This was, in later years, to play a vital part in the final link up with Gaping Gill in 1983. (Photo Howard M. Beck)

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Be a Company Member

With this copy of The Review you will find (if you are already a member of the Yorkshire Dales Society), an invitation to offer a financial guarantee of a maximum of £5 - in return for full membership of the Society, a non-profit making company "limited by guarantee". In effect you will be accepting a small degree of financial responsibility for the Society's financial affairs in return for a full voting right - to elect a Council and Officers at the next AGM, to vote on any issue at any General Meeting. It doesn't matter if you have family or retired membership, providing you have paid (or are about to pay) the subscription of £4 per individual, £5 per family (but only young people over the age of 18 are eligible) or £4 per retired couple, you are eligible to be a full member. Please let us have your forms plus 1985 subscription as soon as possible to help the Society along. We need every member we can get - don't hesitate to recruit your friends. If you don't return your form, you will be regarded as an Associate Member - still get the Review and other YDS benefits, but no voting right. So it's the signature and the form for a vote !



The YDS logo - the white rose of Yorkshire, the bird's eye primrose of the Yorkshire Dales.

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Upper Dales Folk Museum Appeal

Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby, the distinguished Dales authors and historians, appeal to Yorkshire Dales Society members on behalf of the Friends of the Upper Dales Folk Museum.

The Upper Dales Folk Museum at Hawes has a long title, but it does describe the area covered by its exhibits drawn from the upper reaches of many dales. The emphasis is naturally on Wensleydale, and the avowed aim is to keep the displays local and relevant to former ways of life. We particularly like to show on the labels the names of the people who used the implements and tools and the farms where they lived.

Opened in 1979, the Museum is now overcrowded, and the North Yorkshire County Council to whom it belongs and who run it, are allocating £12,500 from their museum funds for an extension at the rear in the form of a compound with some buildings. The Friends of the Museum, a group formed in 1982, have been asked to donate £2,500 towards this sum. Many appeals, stalls and a coffee morning have been arranged during the year, and the Friends would be grateful for a contribution, however small, to this exciting new project.

Any donation would be acknowledged by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Maria Hartley and Joan Ingilby, Coleshouse, Askrigg, Leyburn, North Yorkshire



Swaledale Ewes near Tan Hill - Geoffrey Wright

It's a Gift!

Why not give a year's membership as a Christmas present to a friend or relative to keep them in touch with the Yorkshire Dales? We quite often get requests, with a cheque, perhaps for an elderly relative who'd be delighted to receive The Review for the first time. Membership's only £4 per annum, £5 per couple or family, or £4 per retired couple. We'll include a back number of The Review free of charge to any nominated person. Address overleaf.

If you're reading this Review for the first time, why not become a member straight away - we need your support. 4 copies of The Review per year, a special discount Dales Guest Card, and some super events in the Yorkshire Dales. Keep in touch with the Yorkshire Dales - join today !

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WE'RE MOVING. After almost a decade in the Dales town of Grassington, YDS Secretary Colin Speakman moves down Wharfedale to Ilkley, on the edge of the Dales, in December. This means that the YDS is in the process of finding a new office. All mail will be forwarded - but no phone calls please !

Winter in the Dales

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*   Friday December 14th   -   7.45pm to midnight   *
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*   CHRISTMAS DALES SOCIAL
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*   Buckden Village Institute
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*   Traditional Dales music, dancing, song
*   entertainment
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*   Pie & Peas - Mince Pies and Cheese
*   supper
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*   Coffee, soft drinks, bar extension
*   £3
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*   Bookings with £1 deposit to David Hird
*   White Lion Inn, Cray, Buckden, via Skipton
*   North Yorkshire (t. 0756 76262)
*   [overnight accommodation can be arranged]
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Saturday January 19th In Turner's Footsteps - David Hill

David Hill, whose superb study of Turner in the Yorkshire Dales was reviewed in the Autumn Review presents an illustrated lecture in The Market Hall, Hawes, at 2.15pm. Admission £1 (YDS members 70p).

Saturday January 26th Conserving Grass Wood

YDS members are invited to join in a Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Working Party undertaking practical woodland management in Grass Wood, Grassington, one of the finest small woods on limestone in the North of England. Wear old gardening clothes, gloves and wellies; bring secateurs, saws, axes etc., and sandwiches. Meet at 1030am in the Quarry Car Park, Conistone Lane, Grid Ref SD 984 651.

Saturday February 23rd A Winter Walk on Ingleborough

Meet at Clapham Car Park (off A65) at 10.30am for a winter ascent of Ingleborough (to be modified in the event of bad weather). Public transport users catch the 0835 train from Leeds via Keighley, Skipton etc., booking a Dales Wayfarer valid by bus and train from anywhere in West Yorkshire and on train to Giggleswick. Pay excess to Clapham - arrive 0959. (Dales Wayfarer costs £4, £2 for OAP or child, £8 for family).

Saturday March 16th Earby Mines Museum and Cononley Mines

Earby Mines Research Group invite YDS members to their fascinating Museum of Dales Mines and Mining - a unique collections of mining relics and working models illustrating this important part of Dales History. Meet at the Museum, School Lane, Earby (off A56 at Grid Ref SD 908 469) at 2pm, to be followed by a visit to the Cononley Lead Mines - site of much of the Group's restoration work. Walking clothes adequate - all on the surface !



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Icicles on the cross erected to the memory of five Polish RAF airmen, Buckden Pike
 (Photo: L.M.Speakman)