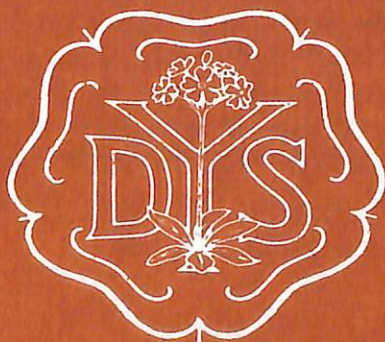


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## Achieving a Miracle

If someone had told even that eternal optimist, the editor of The Yorkshire Dales Review, in April, at the time of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee hearings into the closure of the Settle-Carlisle railway line, that by July we'd have a daily local train service serving the Yorkshire Dales, he or she would have been described as living among the clouds and the cuckoos.

Indeed, in these very pages, in the Summer Review we published a forceful and persuasive article by Ruth Annison, who runs a small business in Hawes, arguing that such a service would prove of tremendous benefit to local people and visitors alike, helping more than the tourism industry.

Yet, a few days after that article was published, stations were reopened and the train began to run.

How did it happen ?

It happened because enough people wanted it to happen. Enough people wanted it to happen enough to make it happen. Because a major nationalised industry had a local manager courageous enough to take a few risks, and to permit an unprecedented piece of co-operation between a national body and local government agencies and a variety of voluntary bodies.

Ironically enough, it was a worsening of the grim spiral of transport decline that sparked off the proposal for a regular local train service. Eden District Council, appalled at the growing isolation of Eden Valley villages as the local Ribbles buses disappeared, and the problems of young people attending school of college in Carlisle (requiring them to stay overnight to get to classes) approached Cumbria County Council. Cumbria, vigorous supporters of the campaign to keep the Settle-Carlisle line, approached British Rail's Settle-Carlisle Project Manager, Ron Cotton, who after due consideration quoted a price. Other authorities were approached, and Carlisle City Council, Eden and Craven District Councils, Appleby Town Council, and the Development Commission (the agency concerned with assisting the rural economy) were all able, at extremely short notice, to find money from tight budgets. British Rail decided to take the rest of the risk.

But the voluntary sector has also had a major role to play. The Friends of the Settle-Carlisle line as well as having helped to create, with such organisations as the Joint Action Committee and the Yorkshire Dales Society, the right climate of opinion for the reopening to happen, made a generous financial contribution to British Rail's publicity leaflet, and joint enterprise from the YDS's own Wensleydale and Swaledale Transport Users' Group and the Wensleydale Tourism Association has resulted in minibus services between Garsdale Station and Hawes and Sedburgh, together with an attractive leaflet sponsored by local businesses and the Yorkshire Dales National Park, to market the services. The Hawes service, run under the 1980 Transport Act "Village Bus" provisions was actually sponsored by the Yorkshire Dales Society itself (our first Dales bus service !) though generously underwritten by Richmondshire District Council. It has already proved a success.

See pages 6 and 7 for full details of the new services. A warning note of caution is that the services are all experimental, that the threat of closure still hangs over the Settle-Carlisle line, and whilst initial loadings on the new "Dalesman" stopping service have been excellent, it is what happens over a long Dales winter that will determine the future of the service, and with it the whole of the railway. So if you can possibly make a date with "The Dalesman" this autumn, whether alone or with a group of friends, make sure you do so !

A word of apology for the Review which this autumn is a month late. This was because of delays in finalising our grant support from the Countryside Commission which meant that things had to be rescheduled to fit in with financial targets. We are sure most readers will understand.

Cover: The first "Dalesman" stopping train service arrives at Garsdale Station, July 14th 1986

Photo: Northern Echo

## Bringing National Parks to the People

The most ambitious attempt yet to communicate the message of the National Parks Awareness Campaign to the general public is to be launched in Leeds city centre on October 20th. Three National Parks - the Yorkshire Dales, the North York Moors and the Peak District, together with the Yorkshire and Humberside office of the Countryside Commission, have worked in partnership to produce, with the support of local business, an impressive exhibition of photographs. The exhibition, complete with information desk and small bookshop, will tour northern cities during the winter and early part of next year, and it is hoped that Yorkshire Dales Society members may be involved with the manning of the show.

The idea for the roadshow came from the Dales Park. By pooling resources, it argued, not only could the three National Parks effectively reach their common urban hinterlands, but the region would have a means of keeping the Campaign bandwagon rolling right the way through 1987.

The partnership between the National Parks and the Commission was formalised in May. In June two members of the local business community also agreed to join the consortium - Warrens Professional Photolabs of Leeds would contribute towards the printing, mounting and laminating of the photographs, while Marketing Aids Ltd of Chesterfield would lend all of the "Original Eight" display units for the duration of the exhibition.

Photographers, too, have waived reproduction fees in order to help the Campaign. In fact 23 different photographers have contributed a total of 81 pictures, each of which will be displayed as a 20" x 16" colourprint. The exhibition will be a celebration of all that is beautiful and worthy of protection in the Dales, Moors and Peak Parks. In addition to the photographs, the exhibition will contain a brief description of each Park, and end panels will draw attention to the threats to these heritage landscapes

and the work being undertaken by the Countryside Commission and the Council for National Parks to alleviate them.

The idea is to bring National Parks to the people in a way that has never been attempted before. Initially twelve prime city venues have been chosen. In half of these modern shopping centre centres provide just the right platform to ensure mass casual viewing by the public, while museums and similar locations in other cities will provide opportunities for quiet study of the exhibition by school groups. And virtually all of these free of any rental - in Leeds French Kier Property Investments have offered space in the concourse of the new St. John's Centre for the grand launch of the exhibition on October 20th.

The exhibition will remain there and in each of the selected sites for a full two weeks where it is anticipated 1.5 million people will see some part of it over the next 18 months, and the exhibition will also provide a focus for local media coverage of the Awareness Campaign.

At time of writing the final list of venues dates still awaits confirmation, but it is certain that the exhibition will visit Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield, Middlesbrough, York, Hull, Sheffield, Huddersfield, Burnley, Scunthorpe, Manchester and Birmingham (though not necessarily in that order). For full details see the local press or send a SAE to Countryside Commission, 8a Otley Road, Headingley, Leeds LS6 2AD.

Chris Wood



An R.A.F. Chinook helicopter carries skips holding 30 tons of hardcore to repair eroded sections of the Three Peaks Walk on Ingleborough - part of a £20,000 pilot scheme designed by the National Park to combat erosion. News of major grants aiding from the Countryside Commission for this major £600,000 scheme has been warmly welcomed

(Photo: YDNP)



# Pennine Dales Sensitive Areas — Can they work?

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr Michael Jopling, announced far reaching measures in August, designed to safeguard some of England's finest and most vulnerable countryside, including large stretches of the Yorkshire Dales.

The new measures are wrapped up in what is even by late twentieth century standards, an appalling piece of bureaucratic jargon - "Environmentally Sensitive areas" or E.S.A.s

Now for an organisation like the Yorkshire Dales Society, that believes the only way a magnificent landscape like the Yorkshire Dales can survive is through the existence of a healthy and viable farming industry, farming communities whose good husbandry is the best way of caring for an essentially man-made landscape, such measures could not be more welcome.

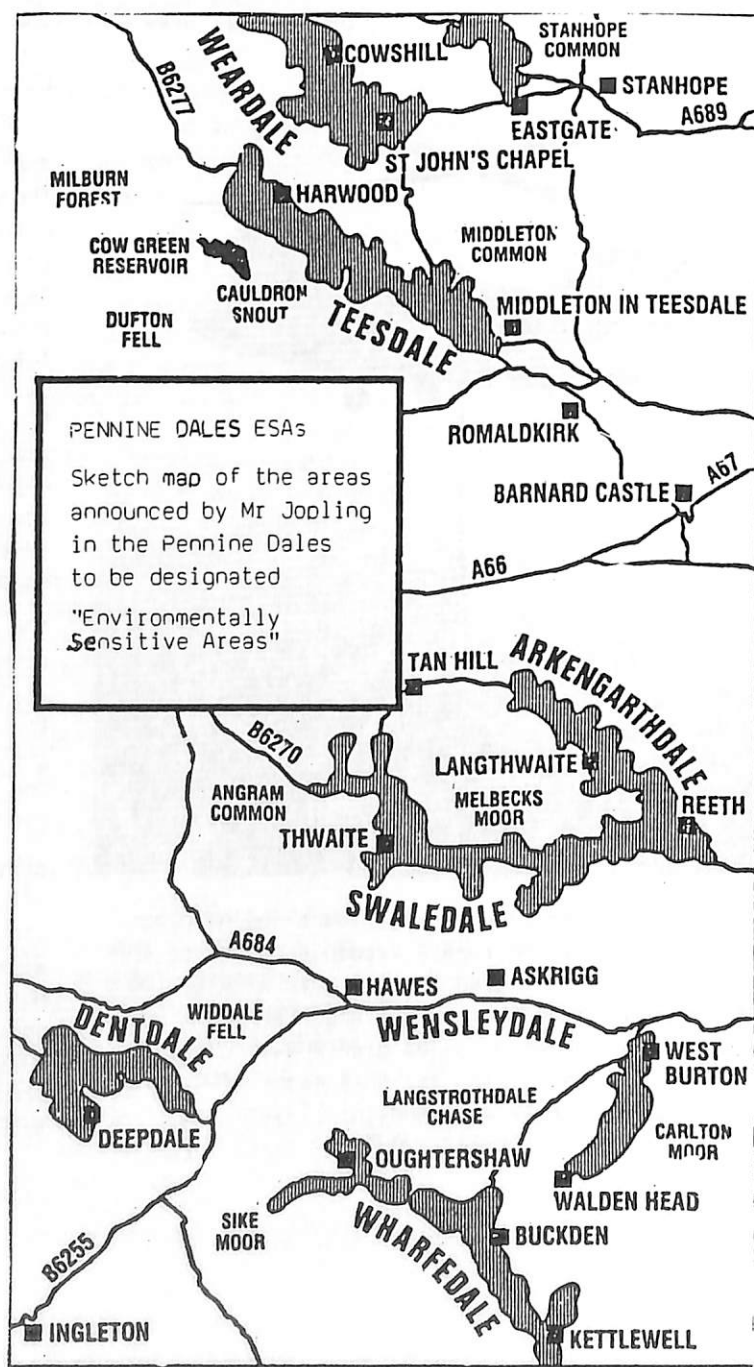
Put simply, it means that farmers with herb-rich traditional meadows can be compensated if they agree not to destroy them. It's a purely voluntary arrangement. If a farmer has a meadow full of glorious wild flowers, the temptation to increase the value of the hay or silage crop by the use of chemical fertiliser or herbicide is a very real one, and for years the environmental organisations have pilloried the Ministry of Agriculture as being the body that actually subsidises the destruction of the environment. Which as EEC food "mountains" have risen in size has not only appeared silly, but a flagrant misuse of public money. The new measures, therefore that will sacrifice the size of the crop to the quality of the value is, for the first time, putting a monetary value on the cost to the farmer.

And there are good economic reasons for doing this. If conservation is worth doing for its own sake, increasingly it has an economic value. Tourism alone now brings millions of pounds into the region's economy, and tourists don't come to the Dales to see an intensively farmed landscape. So paying farmers to help look after the nation's heritage is a good deal less nonsensical than paying them to produce butter which will lie in a cold-storage warehouse for a few years before being sold to the Russians at knock-down prices. The economic and social problems of the depopulation of the uplands are understood well enough now for Government agencies to realise that finding ways of helping farmers to survive in the uplands in the long term makes sense.

So why, therefore, the anger shown by local farmers, particularly in Dentdale?

To a degree, perhaps, it's a Dales farmers' instinctive reaction to yet more outside interference. If his father and grandfather could manage the land and the landscape, who wants yet more bureaucracy and more red tape?

But it's also a question of cash. Local farmers' leaders claim that the financial incentives are totally inadequate, even though £24 per acre offered to many people might seem generous.



The regime isn't an easy one for a farmer anxious to make the most of his land. A ban on fertiliser and drainage, manure only to be spread one year in three, no silage making and the hay crop to be cut only after a certain date. That's not exactly what young farmers are taught in agricultural college.

Whatever the reality behind the farmers' fears, the important thing is that ESA's are made to work, and the scheme is based on mutual co-operation and trust between the "men from the Ministry" and Dales farmers. If it doesn't work, and the destruction of hay meadows goes on at the present rate, it will only result in the call for even tougher, mandatory measures, making farmers feel they are losing their freedom, turned into little more than paid "park keepers". That would be as much a tragedy for the farming community as the landscape. As Farmers' Weekly has expressed in "A farmers snub will give the lie to government insistence that agriculture and conservation can go hand in hand. Both the NFU and CLA recognise the importance of staying with the voluntary principle before farmers are coerced into something harsher. It is as much in the interests of agriculture as it is the political ambitions of Government Ministers to settle the question amicably."

Another question remains. Whilst the concept of "Environmentally sensitive areas" is all very well, the Yorkshire Dales Society would argue that the whole of the Yorkshire Dales - and not just the National Park - is environmentally sensitive. If the ESA's as designated on the map are to receive special treatment, does this mean outside the ESA old meadowlands are of lesser importance? Surely in Upper Wensleydale, Coverdale, Colsterdale, Garsdale, Upper Ribblesdale the same principles also apply. Let's hope the current designations are a mere pilot study and if the scheme is a success, as surely it must be, it will be applied to all upland meadow landscape, and not just to a few jewels in the crown.



"Environmentally sensitive area" - this beautiful study of Cray Gill, near Buckden, Upper Wharfedale, shows a typical Yorkshire Dales landscape now given additional protection through the government's new ESA programme. (Photograph: Simon Warner)



## A Welcome to The Dalesman . . .

If "The Dalesman" is Yorkshire's most famous little magazine, it isn't entirely inappropriate that the restored local train service on the Settle-Carlisle line should be called "The Dalesman" because it was the present editor of the Dalesman, W.R. (Bill) Mitchell, and his colleague, David Joy, now the Company's Book Publications Manager and one of the country's leading railway historians, who in 1966 first published the first popular guidebook to the Settle-Carlisle and its history, which has since gone through several editions and is still on the best-seller lists. Already, during the summer holiday period, the new service has proved a phenomenal success - the little diesel railcars having standing passengers on many occasions. But this may be due to all the publicity and summer holiday interest; the key question is what happens over the autumn and winter months. In order to ensure YDS members get out and use it in the coming weeks (and what better time to see the autumn colours) we're putting in the whole timetable until 10th May 1987. Don't forget, both British Rail and the Government are watching this service carefully, so every trip matters !

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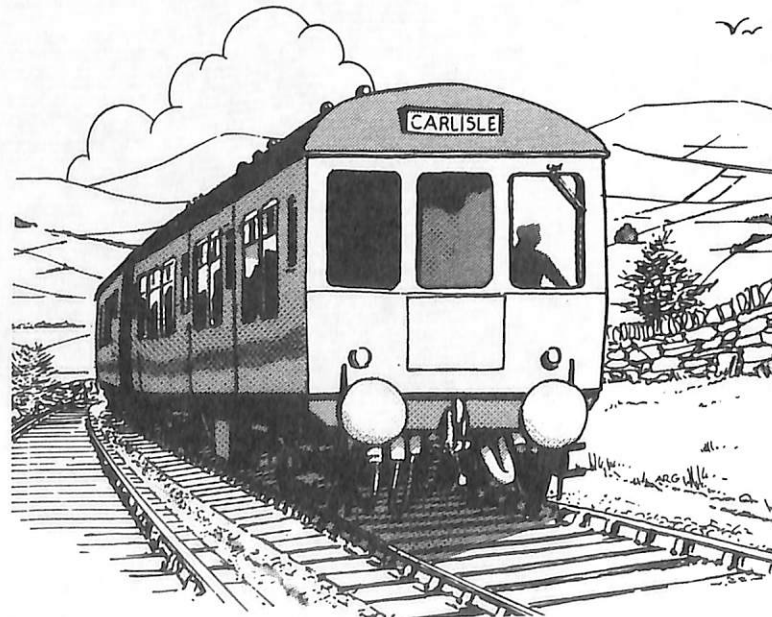
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 For trains to or from Bradford Foster Square, change at Shipley.

\* = YDNP/Cumbria CC/YDS connecting minibus service to and from Hawes and Sedbergh. Service operates until 10th October daily (Mon-Sat). For service after this date phone 0765 752748 or 0943 607868 for information

minibus service also operates from Kirkby Stephen station to Kirkby town and Brough to/from all trains; phone 0768 64671 for service after October

SAMPLE FARES (Day returns)

Leeds-Appleby	£7.70
Leeds-Horton	£4.70
Keighley-Settle	£2.40
Skipton-Garsdale	£4.30
Settle-Dent	£2.00
Carlisle- Ribblesdale	£5.60



## . . . and Autumn Breaks in Settle-Carlisle Country

Several hotels and guest houses in the Hawes, Upper Wensleydale and Sedbergh area are offering bargain breaks and special offers (including a courtesy car service to and from Garsdale railway station) to coincide with the new Dalesman service. What a great idea for an autumn break in the upper Dales !

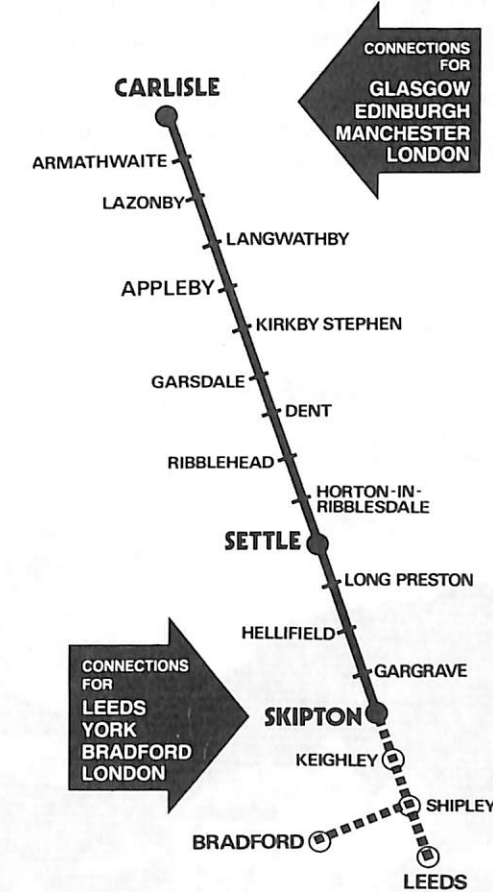
We list those who took part in our Garsdale Promotion leaflet:

- The King's Arms Hotel, Rigg - tel 0969 50258
- Rookhurst Georgian Country Hotel, Gayle, Hawes - tel 09697 454
- Simonstone Hall Hotel, Simonstone, Hawes, tel 096 97 255
- The Bull hotel, Main Street, Sedbergh - tel 0587 20264

YDS members all most welcome. Use the local train service to explore the hills and upper valleys.

Also available, close to Garsdale station and served by local minibus service:

- Mrs Harper (B&B) Brookside, Garsdale Head (¼ mile from station) tel 0587 20632
- Mrs Lockyer, Clough View, Garsdale (¼ mile from station) tel. 0587 20066
- Mrs Plumstead, Low Scar, Garsdale (1½ miles from station) tel 0587 20693
- Mrs Todd, Blades Farm, Garsdale ¾ miles) tel. 0587 20615.



SPECIAL FIVE DAY NOVEMBER BREAK FOR YDS MEMBERS As an experiment, with the needs of our retired members in mind, the YDS is planning a short five day break in Dentdale, Monday November 3rd-November 7th. We will meet off the 1319 train at Dent Station for an easy valley walk, luggage carried from the station, before staying overnight at the George and Dragon. Each day a YDS member will be on hand to lead a short walk in the Dentdale area, if possible using the "Dalesman" train, and returning on the 1040 train on Friday morning. Cost per person for dinner bed and breakfast, 4 nights, £72. Please book direct with Bill or Doreen Mulliner, George & Dragon Hotel, Dent, Sedbergh, LA10 5QL tel 05875 256. A social evening is planned in the village if numbers permit.

SATURDAY WINTER WALKS USING THE "DALESMAN" TRAIN SERVICE Every Saturday during the winter there will be a guided walk using the local train service along the Settle-Carlisle line, led by members of the Friends of Dales Rail. For details of the walks send SAE to the Yorkshire Dales National Park, Hebden Road, Grassington, via Skipton, North Yorkshire

# Autumn Reading

THE NUT BROWN MAID AND OTHER DALES STORIES - Colin Speakman, illustrations by Geoffrey Cowton. Allanwood Books, Park Top, Pudsey, West Yorkshire LS28 6BY 1985. £8 95.

Colin Speakman's many books on various aspects of the Yorkshire Dales are so well-researched, well written and well known, particularly to readers of YDS Review that they have become the authoritative works. His keen eye for topographical detail, his knowledge of an enthusiasm for Dales tradition and history, together with his affection for Dales people, are now added to his obvious talents as a story-teller in his latest book. This breaks new ground for Colin, who, exploring the rich Dales heritage of legend, folklore and romance, here presents a new and lively interpretation of tales familiar and unfamiliar spanning many centuries.

Although most of the thirteen stories originate in legend and folklore, some are based on historical facts. All are splendidly told in a clear direct prose, a measure of whose quality is that, without exception, all the stories are excellent for reading aloud to children. This makes the book not only an ideal gift for youngsters of twelve years upwards, but should be compulsory reading in schools, where it will be a reminder to Yorkshire children of their literary heritage. The author has a sure eye for landscape detail and that vital sense of place and historical period which not only flavours these tales but brings a freshness and an integrity to their telling. Dialogue is convincing and dialect eminently understandable. Characters are cleanly drawn: passion and poetry are essential constituents of romance, and a warm humanity enriches all the stories. The author is well-served by Geoffrey Cowton, of Ripponden, whose illustrations splendidly capture the settings and the characters. As to who is the "Nut Brown Maid" featured on the jacket - the Barden Tower background may provide a clue, but read it - and the others - for yourself and find out! Like all the best books for children, this one will be equally enjoyed by adults, especially those who love the Dales.

Geoffrey Wright



"Nine Standards"

One of Geoffrey Cowton's illustration to "The Nut Brown Maid and other Dales Stories"

WALKING THE DALES - Mike Harding. Foreword by Tom Stephenson Michael Joseph £12.95

This is a superb book. Sadly, it isn't possible to reproduce any other the magnificent colour photographs which make you gasp with delight at every page you open, because the YDS Review isn't that sort of magazine, but those of us fortunate enough to be at Mike's memorable Yorkshire Dales Society evening in July will know exactly what we mean.

Mike Harding is one of these astonishing individuals who is accomplished in many fields. As well as being one of Britain's top entertainers, he handles a camera as a consummate professional, and writes vividly and sharply about the area he knows so well.

So very often topographical books by well known national personalities are superficial in every sense, selling on the strength of a big name from someone who has hardly had time to get mud on his Gucci shoes before passing the task on to some hack to "ghost". Walking the Dales couldn't be more different. This is someone who knows the Dales with an intimacy that can only be hard won, a deep knowledge and understanding of an often harsh landscape. The photographs are the kind that can only be taken from love and knowledge, by someone who knows and understands the high fells, and been on the tops, many times, distilling from them great moments. But there is humour in the book too, typical Dales characters, and a gentleness. And an anger against those who would, in various ways, wish to destroy the landscape out of thoughtlessness or for private gain. Eat your heart out James Herriot. You're about to be knocked off the top of the Dales bestseller list, for no Dales-lovers' bookshelf will be complete without it.

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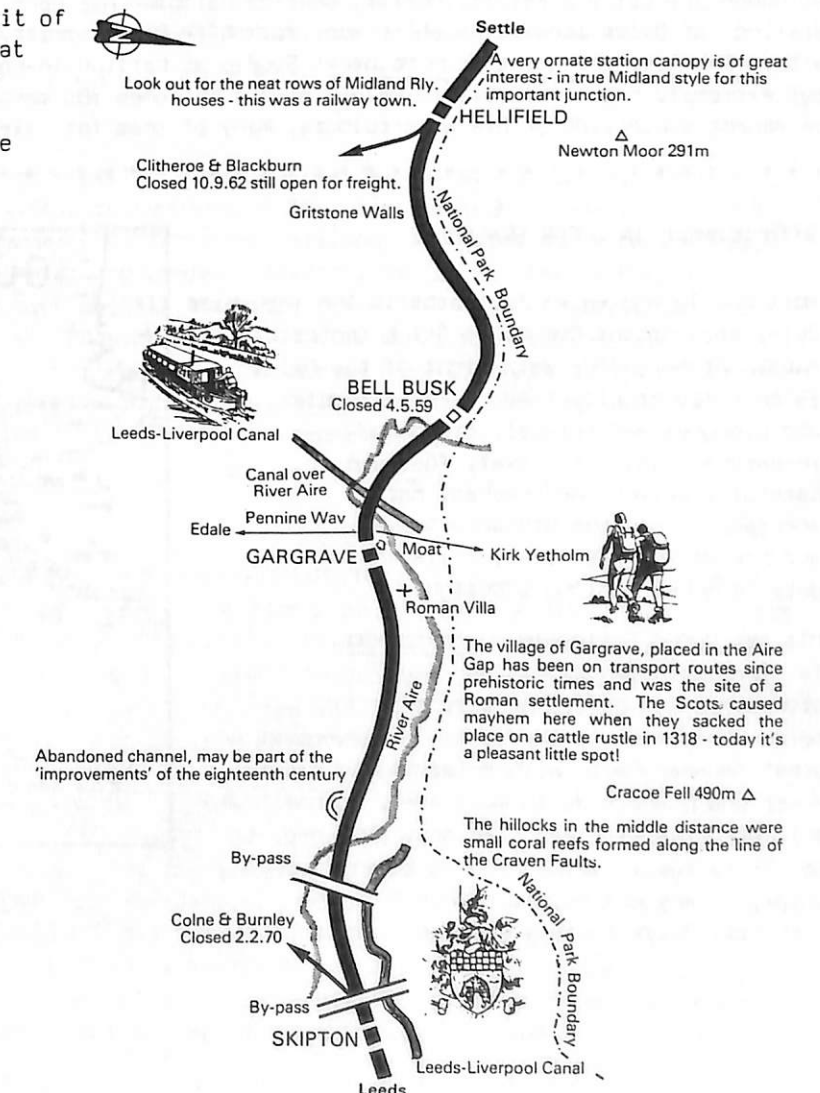
THROUGH THE CARRIAGE WINDOW 1. Leeds-Settle-Carlisle - Len Sims and Chris Darmon Dalesman Leisure £1.30

With an impeccable sense of timing the Dalesman Publishing Company have brought out another book on the Settle-Carlisle, but this time not aimed at the railway buff, but the ordinary traveller who literally enjoys what their is to see "through the carriage window" and isn't too worried about whether the engine at the front is blue or green or what the gradient is he's climbing.

In case anyone is suffering from a surfeit of Settle-Carlislitis, nice to point out that this little guide does include two other railway lines which belong to the Dales, the West Coast Main line which skirts the Howgill Fells and Lune Gorge with breathtaking views, and that fine but neglected line from Skipton to Carnforth via Clapham, with its marvellous views of Ingleborough and the Bowland Fells.

The idea is like a Victorian railway guide, with nuggets of information on what there is to see from each station. Maps and sketches help guide the travellers eye. Its an excellent idea, and good value at £1.30, but one or two extra bits of information, such as distances between station and height above sea level might have been of interest, and it doesn't quite resolve itself between being a guide to what can be seen from the train, or reached from a station. Sketches to interpret the view you actually see - hills, monuments, crags, might have had more impact on someone taking advantage of BR's Day Return tickets between West Yorkshire and Carlisle that can be used for return over the Clapham line.

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REDMIRE, WENSLEYDALE - E. Charles Simpson.

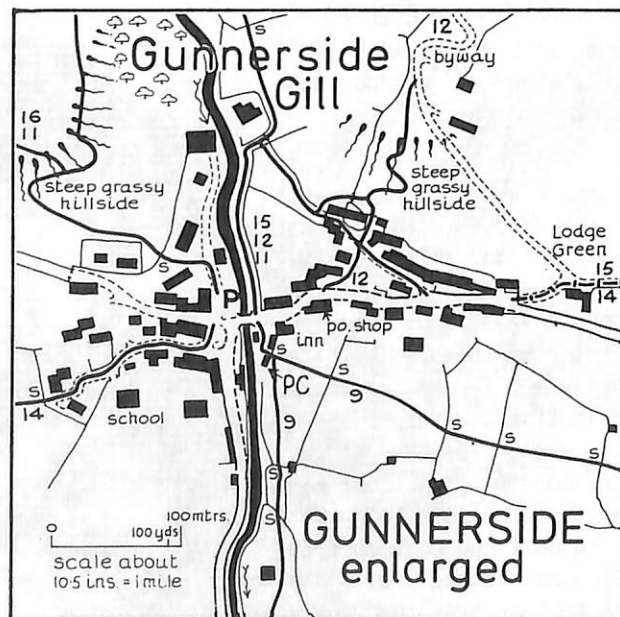
Although primarily a watercolourist, Charles Simpson has contributed a number of fine pencil drawings of Dales landscapes which many Yorkshire Dales Society members will readily identify with. Charles, who works from Melbecks Studio at Carlton-in-Coverdale, one of the lesser known but extremely beautiful eastern Dales, always welcomes YDS members to his studio where a permanent exhibition of his watercolours, many of them for sale, is a popular attraction.

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WITH GEMMELL IN UPPER SWALEDALE

Most people who walk footpaths in the Yorkshire Dales know Arthur Gemmell's STILE footpath maps. Arthur, "the Wainwright of the Dales" is an Otley architect and veteran Rambler who produces meticulously drawn and researched maps, with every footpath carefully walked and checked, more accurately than the Ordnance Survey, and presorted, with every stile and gate to make rambling a delight.

His new Upper Swaledale Footpath Map is excellent even by his own high standards, and covers an area from just below Gunnerside to the summit of Ravenseat and Great Shunner Fell, with enlargements around Muker and Gunnerside to make every "ginnell and snicket" crystal clear. At only 65 pence, the map is fantastic value, and is in most local shops, or why not buy it direct from the Yorkshire Dales Society - please add 15p postage.



Gunnerside - a detail from the Upper Swaledale Footpath Map

# Society Affairs

## OFFERS OF HELP WELCOMED

We were delighted by the warmth and generosity of the response to our request to help with the Summer Review - many excellent offers came in. Please forgive us if we haven't yet responded to all of them. This is mainly because our need to delay the Autumn Review pending our grant aid position has also delayed plans for a number of important new initiatives. The Countryside Commission has just completed a searching review of its policies towards the grant aiding of voluntary bodies in the countryside, and with the inevitable delays over summer holidays, it has only just proved possible to make the Society a formal offer of help for the present financial year. Until we knew exactly where we were, everything has had to be on ice. We shall be looking for help in a number of areas including help with the programme of exhibitions planned for Yorkshire cities (see page 3)

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## COVENANTS AND DONATIONS

Agreement now reached with the Countryside Commission for what is hoped will be a bridging period of financial support until the Society becomes completely self-sufficient, assumed that the Society and its members will be making every possible effort themselves to increase income and build up financial reserves. In such circumstances it is essential that as many members as possible take advantage of the opportunity offered by the Inland Revenue to help the Society. If you're a taxpayer, all you have to do is sign a deed of Covenant, and the YDS, as a registered charity, can claim back the tax you have already paid. It doesn't cost you a penny, except perhaps a 13p stamp to send the Covenant form back to us, and we can then claim, for four years, £1.16p per £4 membership. Please help straight away (if you've lost your Covenant form please let us know and we'll send one by return) and we'll do the rest.

Don't forget the Foundation Fund which we launched over a year ago, receiving many donations and even three small legacies. This fund is now over £600 strong, and is invested to produce interest income. Such a Fund, building up over the years, is the only sure way an amenity society can survive the fluctuations of fortune. A gift or donation to this Fund will be personally acknowledged and will built up literally the Foundations of the Society. Older members will appreciate the value of a legacy, a way of ensuring a love of the Yorkshire Dales is perpetuated for future generations.

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## MEET YOUR COUNCIL

Since the AGM in June, we haven't really had opportunity to welcome new members of Council to the membership. We've an excellent new team, widely spread through the Dales, though a bias towards the southern Dales will have to be remedied soon. Chairman is Ken Willson, of Addingham, Vice Chairman Dr. Philip Helliwell of Keighley, and Treasurer and Company Secretary is Ian Hartley of Cononley. Council members are Roy Brown (Otley), Delwynn Bushell (Malham), Betty Davison (Keighley), Ian and Mary Goldthorpe (Grassington), Donald Heffer (Pateley Bridge), Andrew McCullough (Cotterdale), Jerry Pearlman (Leeds), Joan and John Pipes (Harrogate), David Morgan Rees (Ilkley), Margaret Rooker (Greetland), Trevor Sharpe (Bradford), Dr. Lesley Todd (Austwick). Fleur and Colin Speakman act as the Society's part time administrator and consultant Secretary respectively.

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## SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

We still have supplies of the Society's popular Christmas card (which can of course be used as an ordinary greeting card) based on a charming Charles Simpson line drawing of Cotterdale. Supplies are limited - we had to reprint last year but are unlikely to do so this year - so get your supplies in early - £1.50 for ten plus envelopes plus 30p postage. Don't forget the handsome and much admired leather embossed YDS badge, with a pin fitting, priced only 80p (plus 20p postage). Once again supplies are running low, and it may be first come, first served.

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## MEMBERSHIP REACHES NEW RECORDS

The tremendous increase in membership continues. Having passed the magic target of 1,000 members in the autumn of '85, we had our 1,500th member join the Society in August. The target now must be 2,000. Help us to achieve the target this winter. Nothing works better than personal recommendation, so please recruit your friends. We'll happily send you a supply of membership forms on request, or mail a membership form and a back number of The Review if you supply a name and address. Or why not give a good friend or relative a year's membership of the YDS as a Christmas present? We'll be happy to handle it on your behalf!

# Events for a Dales Autumn

- Saturday October 18th      Forestry and Landscape in Cotterdale - a look at the impact of forestry in a remote Dales landscape with Andrew McCullough. Meet Cotterdale hamlet 2pm (cars park in laybe on hill above hamlet; public transport users catch the 0901 train from Leeds, via Skipton etc to Garsdale for walk to Cotterdale)
- Monday November 3rd-  
Friday November 7th      Autumnal Dentdale Four days exploring Dentdale at its quietest, staying at The George and Dragon, Dent. Book direct with Mr & Mrs Mulliner. See page 7.
- Sunday November 16th      Rombald's Way Philip Helliwell leads this 9 mile moorland edge ramble from Ilkley to Skipton (lunch Addingham) along Bronze Age and Roman ways. Meet Ilkley Station 10.30; hourly bus service available back to cars
- Thursday November 20th      The Yorkshire Dales - celebration of an outstanding landscape - an illustrated lecture by Dr. Chris Wood, Information Officer of the National Park, with special reference to the meaning and purpose of the CNP/CC "Awareness" Campaign. Clark-Foley Centre, Ilkley, 8pm. Admission 80p (YDS members 50p)
- Friday December 12th      Yorkshire Dales Society Christmas Social. An evening of tradition Dales music, stories, legends and dance with Tim Boothman, Trevor Sharpe and company - an evening not to be missed, this year at The Fell Hotel, Burnsall, 8pm to midnight. Tickets (to include supper) £ 4 , children £2.50 Advance booking essential - please book in advance through the YDS office, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope. Cheques to "Yorkshire Dales Society"
- Saturday January 3rd      A New Year visit to Ribblesdale A mid-winter walk by the Ribble to prove there's more to Upper Ribblesdale than quarries. Park at Settle in time to catch the northbound "Dalesman" train (through from Leeds, Skipton) to Horton-in-Ribblesdale, departing at 10.55. Return from Settle.

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Don't forget the COUNCIL OF NATIONAL PARKS/ YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY LECTURE SERVICE. Our panel of speakers is prepared to travel to any organisation in the region to present the specially prepared "Watch over National Parks" lecture. Minimum charge, for expenses, is £10. Write to the Society Office, preferably offering a choice of dates, or phone 0943 607868.

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