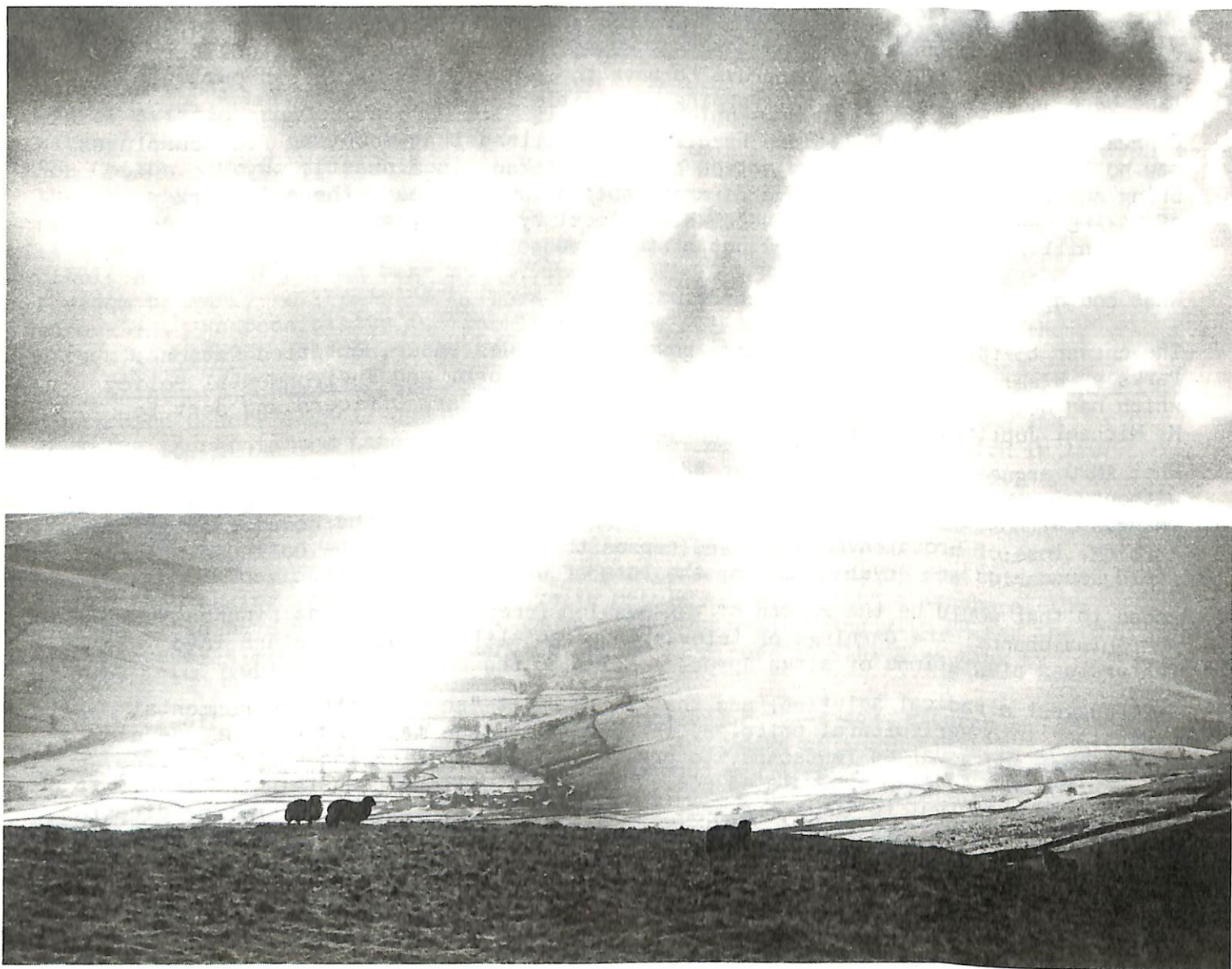


Y The **Yorkshire Dales** **Review**

No. 18
Spring 1987



Lambing Time in Wensleydale
Swaledale Woollens
Agricultural Changes Threat
Facing National Park Issues

30p.

THE YORKSHIRE DALES REVIEW is the quarterly journal of the Yorkshire Dales Society and is published by the Society with the help and support of the Countryside Commission who contribute to the development and work of the Society. Views expressed in The Review are those of individual contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the Society.

Agricultural Changes - Threat or Promise?

Brussels and Whitehall might seem a very long way from Langstrothdale or the top end of Coverdale, but decisions now being taken in offices and council chambers so remote from Dales hillsides may prove to have the profoundest effect on our Dales landscape and way of life of hillfarming communities.

Expressed simply, the politicians have finally realised that mounting food surpluses can no longer be tolerated, and action has to be taken, in a drastic way, to bring supply and demand into some form of equilibrium. Already there is talk of taking so-called "marginal land" (which almost by definition must include most of the hill land of the Pennines) out of food production.

What could this mean for the Yorkshire Dales ?

The answer to this question lies in a powerfully argued paper, entitled National Parks at Risk: the case for a new Integrated Agricultural and Environmental Policy which has been produced by the Association of National Park Officers and sent to Mr Michael Jopling, the Minister of Agriculture.

What ANPO argue is that the proposed EEC/Whitehall changes could, if implemented without special thought to the nature of National Park landscapes, produce a dramatic changes in those landscapes - new unsightly buildings to meet the need of ranch farming, loss of broadleaved woods and copses through neglect, the collapse of field boundaries and drystone walls, the loss of wildlife habitats.

Added to that would be the growth of tax-evasion forestry schemes as finance companies channel the earnings of television personalities and pop stars into featureless plantations of sitka spruce - alien to the Dales countryside.

ANPO suggest a radical solution, and that is to built "an explicit environmental dimension" into agricultural policies, which will include measures to conserve a traditional and a valued landscape, to create new, harmonising landscape features, develop low-key tourism and related activities which will help sustain the local communities. Central to their argument is that financial incentives must be directed towards conservation and landscape improvement ends which, in the final analysis, have a profound economic benefit. The "engine of destruction" as Junior Minister William Waldegrave has described many current agricultural policies in the countryside, could be a force to conserve and recreate some of the world's finest landscapes.

The Yorkshire Dales Society warmly support ANPO's stand. If we have a reservation it is that such enlightened measures should by no means be confined to National Park boundaries, least of all in the Dales. All around the Park are areas of superb countryside - Nidderdale, Washburndale, Mallerstang, the Northern Howgills. These areas, too, deserve the highest standards of protection, if for no other reason than they are, in recreation terms, vital buffer zones for the heritage landscape. But why not, indeed, apply such an approach for all Britain's upland landscapes ? Given their importance for the tourism industry alone, there is an unanswerable economic case for the ANPO approach not just in our National Park.

Colin Speakman

Cover: Raydale (John R. Fawcett)

Settle - Carlisle — A new chapter opens

11TH May 1987 will open a new chapter in the 111-year old story of the Settle-Carlisle railway, with the launch of a brand new daily service.

How has this happened on a line still officially up for closure ?

The reason is quite simple. Such has been the success of the new Dalesman service of local trains that additional trains have been justified, many improvements achieved simple by making better use of existing resources. Such imaginative developments could not have happened without the flair and energy of the man originally set on to close the line - Ron Cotton. Mr Cotton, whilst setting about his task of BR's "axe man" (and thereby earning the odium of the rail enthusiasts' lobby) was always a professional railwayman, concerned to win back traffic for the railways. His marketing of the line during the last year can only be described as brilliant always, of course, within a remit of making best use of what was there. His decision to take the freedom of early retirement will lose British Rail one of their most remarkable advocates. Responsibility for the line has now moved to Eastern Region in the person of Mark Causebrook, Provincial Services Manager.



"Leander" at Garsdale Station (Photo: Joe Shevelan)

Though the new service offers superb opportunities for sightseeing and rambling, Lancashire County Council and the National Park have, quite rightly, taken the decision to retain the Lancashire Dales Rail service via Hellifield, which in 1987 will include a new Sunday service. Less satisfactory, perhaps, is the decision by Friends of Dales Rail to charter their own Sunday Dales Rail services which will inevitably compete against the new Sunday Dalesman service, causing great confusion in the public's mind, with one service (Dalesman) available for railcard users, booking on the day of travel, the other needing advance booking by post (Dalesrail). Rather than taking great financial risks to retain a bogus "club" atmosphere, the Friends would have served their own cause better by negotiating with BR and the YDNP better Sunday timings on the BR service rather than put everything at risk by splitting the market.

There will also be linking bus service at Garsdale for Hawes and Sedbergh and at Kirkby Stephen for Brough from certain trains. A summary of train times is given below. For full details look out for the sumptuous new timetable to be produced by the local authorities along the line in April. If you have any difficulty, an SAE to the Yorkshire Dales Society Office will supply one as soon as it is available.

		TIMETABLE (from 11 May, 1987)							
		Mon-Sats	SO					Sundays	
LEEDS	SX	0604	0842	1042	1321	1625		0948A	1511B
SKIPTON	0600	0650	0919	1120	1401	1711		1026A	1550B
SETTLE	0626	0716	0942X	1146	1421	1729		1046A	1609B
APPLEBY	0733	0823	1044	1253	1529	1836		1153A	1719B
CARLISLE	0821	0911	1127	1344	1622	1927		1245A	1810B
<hr/>									
CARLISLE	BHX	0630	1005	1237	1615	1745		1024B	1557A
APPLEBY		0717	1054	1324	1702	1834		1115B	1648A
SETTLE	0736	0826	1202	1433	1811	1942		1227B	1757A
SKIPTON	0805	0857	1227	1457	1831	2012		1250B	1823A
LEEDS	0847	0934	1309	1534	1907	2056		1325B	1859A

NOTES: A - until November 1st 1987; B - 5 July - 30th August 1987; X - stops at Dent, Garsdale, Kirkby Stephen, Appleby only; SX - Saturdays excepted; SO - Saturdays only. BHX - Bank Holidays excepted.

Times subject to alteration - please check before travelling

DALESRAIL from Preston, Blackburn and Clitheroe (connections from Manchester, Liverpool, Wigan, Bolton, Burnley) will operate May 9, June 6, July 4 & 5, Aug 1 & 2, Sep 5, 19 & 20, Oct 3. Details from National Park Office or rail stations. Advance booking essential for Dales Rail and linking buses.

Facing the Issues in a National Park



Photo: View of Raydale and Semerwater (John R. Fawcett collection)

In this issue of The Review, we begin a series of features which takes a closer look at the working of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

Many people are concerned about the Yorkshire Dales - amenity groups, local residents, farmers and landowners and ordinary visitors - but only one group of people meet once a month to face the real-life issues of a National Park. They are, of course, the 24 members of the National Park Committee, led by their Chairman, County Councillor John Piper.

The prospect of a full day meeting in County Hall may, to some people, seem quite tedious and boring, but members of the public who do attend have been quite surprised and fascinated at the wide range of issues which are tackled and the lively debates which take place. Development control is on the Agenda every month with formal considerations of anything up to 50 planning applications, but apart from that no two Agendas are the same. Last December, the topics included flood damage in Arkengarthdale, the protection of endangered species, recreation surveys, the effects of bus deregulation, policies for historic buildings, waste disposal plans and a management agreement for Grinton Lead Smelt Mill. In January the issues included the future of Whernside Centre, The Three Peaks Project, walls in Malham Cove, archaeological research in Swaledale, motor rallies and, most important of all the budget for 1987/88 and how to handle a situation where the Government's grant is insufficient for the Park's needs.

Two thirds of the Committee Members are elected Councillors, either from North Yorkshire (12), Cumbria (1) or the three District Councils, whilst one third of the members (8 in total) are appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment. John Piper is a Dales farmer and an Independent County Councillor who is proud that National Park Committee debates do not follow party political lines. In fact all members, whether elected or appointed, seem fired with a common cause - a concern for the National Park and a willingness to look for constructive and positive solutions which lie within their general powers in relation to conservation, recreation and planning.

The Committee's complicated decision making is made easier by the full time staff led by National Park Officer, Richard Harvey. His job is to advise the Committee on its policies and programmes, and to ensure that these are

then implemented. When he was appointed in 1974 he set up a Department with 33 full time staff. That was thought to be quite sufficient for the work undertaken at that time, but since then the powers, responsibilities and influence of the National Park Committee has gradually grown and this summer the team will increase to 48 staff plus seasonal Information Assistants and Field Assistants, as well as the MSC Three Peaks Team.

Just what these people actually do should interest and might even surprise YDS members. The National Park Department operates from two offices - at Yorebridge House, Bainbridge, and at Colvend, Grassington. Richard Harvey is based at Bainbridge where planning and administration are principally located under Assistant National Park Officer, George Hallas. Park Management (conservation recreation, information and wardens) are based in Grassington under the direction of the other Assistant National Park Officer, John Baker.

In future issues of The Review we hope to explain to YDS members the sort of issues which confront the different sections of the National Park Department, giving examples of how these issues were eventually faced by the National Park Committee.

THREE PEAKS MAN GETS STUCK IN



Simon Rose, a 31 year old former farmer, also a graduate of Environmental Science from Bradford University, has been appointed as Project Officer in charge of the Three Peaks Project in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Simon will be in charge of the 11-person strong MSC team, working on a massive, five year 3/4 million pound project to help stabilise the damage being done to the Three Peaks area by tens of thousands of walkers, and to help restore footpaths in ways which will harmonise with the natural vegetation.

Funds for the Project are coming from various sources, including the Manpower Services Commission, the Countryside Commission and the National Park itself.

Simon has an enormous task in front of him, requiring tremendous energy and skill, to help restore this superb area without destroying its sense of wilderness and unspoiled beauty. We wish him every success in this demanding task.

YORKSHIRE DALES CYCLEWAY

A growing recognition of the importance of cycling as a quiet, health giving recreational activity, and a superb way of experiencing a National Park, has led to the creation of the Yorkshire Dales Cycleway, a 130 mile route on quiet lanes and backroads in the Dales. A "pilot leaflet" outlining the route and many attractions on it is available free of charge from the National Park Office, Hebden Road, Grassington, North Yorkshire BD23 1BR. The route is in six short sections designed to be an easy day's cycling, and the YDNP welcome suggestions and comments from cyclists.

WHERNSIDE CENTRE WELCOMES CHILDREN.

The National Park Outdoor Recreation and Study Centre in Dentdale is once again in 1987 running special summer courses for children aged 9 -15, July 25th - August 22nd 1987. For full details, plus information about the Centre's other activities write to Neil Birkinshaw, Centre Manager, Whernside Centre, Dent, Sedburgh, Cumbria, LA10 5RE (05875 213). YDS members are particularly welcome - and the new Dalesman train service now serves Dent !

Lambing Time in Wensleydale

Six years ago, there was heavy snow in Wensleydale on April 26th. "It was totally unprecedented," says a Wensleydale sheep farmer. "It started snowing and just kept going. The old fellows say we'll never have another lambing-time like it in our lifetime."

"The sheep managed wonderfully well. Whilst it was snowing you couldn't do much except go round and see they were alright. We had lambs burrowing along under the snow like moles underground"



"We had to put all the twin lambs inside because the ewes could manage one lamb but not two. The barns were full, with more than sixty pairs of twins in for 24 hours, all milling about together. It was chaos. But when they were let out they were all mothered-up (each lamb back with its mother) within five minutes."

"We were better off than some people because we'd been lambing for about three weeks so most of our lambs were at least a few days old. They're hardy little things by then. The people who lambed later, in Swaledale and on the higher farms, were right in the thick of lambing and in trouble."

"My main concern after the lambs was that the gimmer hogs (the previous year's females kept for replacement) were up on the high side and we had to leave them there for two days. Maybe twenty out of the sixty were overblown and under the snow."



Swaledale Ewes near Tan Hill (Geoffrey Wright)

"there were two that had been trapped under the snow and couldn't stand. I had to carry them home. It was six weeks before one of them got on its feet properly, but it came right eventually." A special baby-walker type exerciser was made by the farmer so that sheep could practise for two hours each day until it learned to stand again !

"I think sheep can always find something to die of if you give them half a chance. It used to be the clostridium diseases such as pulpy kidney in lambs which was the bane of my Dad's life. Now there's vaccines. We got on top of pulpy kidney then it was pneumonia in the ewes.

"One year we lost eight ewes, all with suckling twins. They were all fit until they got pneumonia. Vaccines were just being developed, so the next two or three years we vaccinated. Vaccinated ewes respond to antibiotics if they get pneumonia."

"Now our biggest worry is rattle-belly (E. coli) which upsets their digestive systems and is often fatal. One of a pair of twin lambs often gets it."

"It's more important that the ewes are reasonably well-kept over winter. Since I was a boy, more concentrate feeds have been used for sheep. They don't need a lot, but I wouldn't like to farm sheep in our area without concentrates; they're a life saver."

"We haven't the facilities for having them in through winter because under normal conditions we don't need to. If you in-winter them you are starting on a whole new set of problems. Pneumonia would almost certainly get worse than with outside lambing and inside management is more difficult. You have to prevent a build-up of infection."

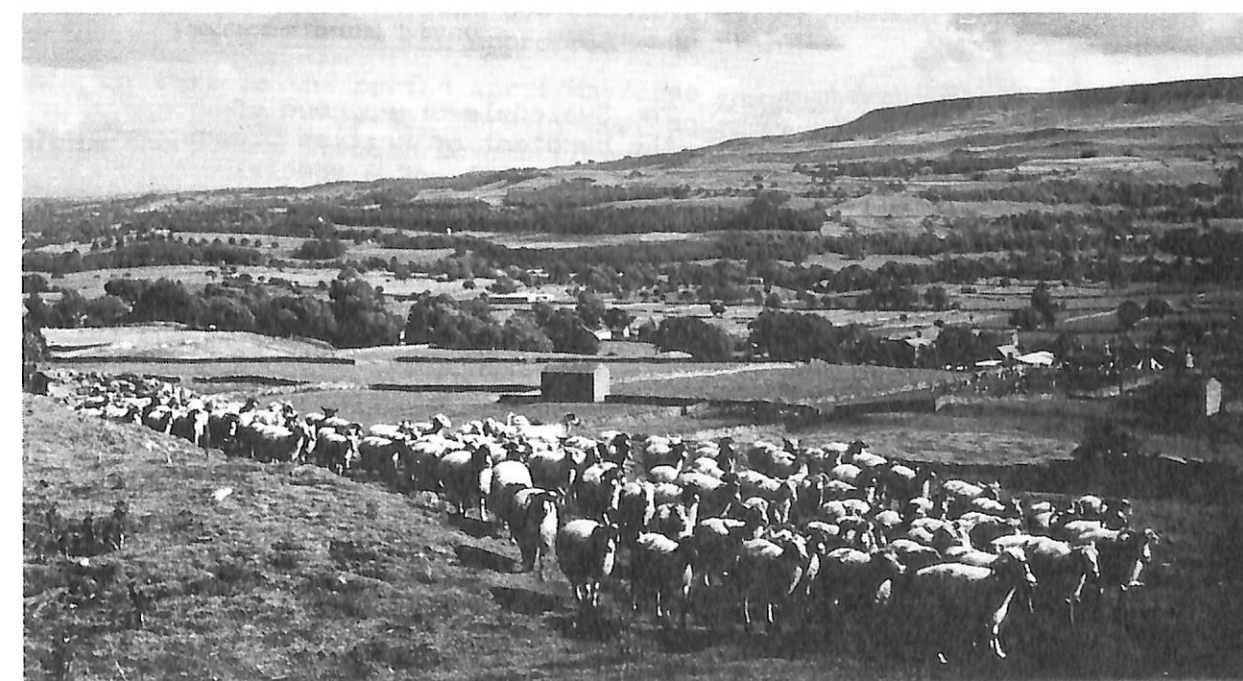
"I don't go round at night at lambing-time. I have to look round just before dark and then I go to bed. This was an idea from my Dad who felt that going round with a flashlight disturbed the sheep. Also a shepherd has to sleep sometime."

"The main help for good lambing-time is good mothers. I'll have to put in a word here for Swaledales and their cross-bred offspring. The lambs want to live and they stand up and look for the teat straight away. The mother helps them and that's a good help."

"I can sit down, as long as all's going well, and watch a ewe giving birth. The lamb stands up and the ewe licks it and you can see the conversation between the two. It's a good feeling."

Ruth Annison

(reproduced by kind permission of the Wensleydale Advertiser)



Above Carperby, Wensleydale (Geoffrey Wright)

Swaledale Woollens - the Rebirth of a Cottage Industry

Most visitor to Muker, Swaledale, will have seen the Swaledale Woollens shop. David Morris, founder of this remarkable Dales enterprise, has invited YDS members to hear about Swaledale Woollens on May 16th (see back page). He writes here about how it all started:

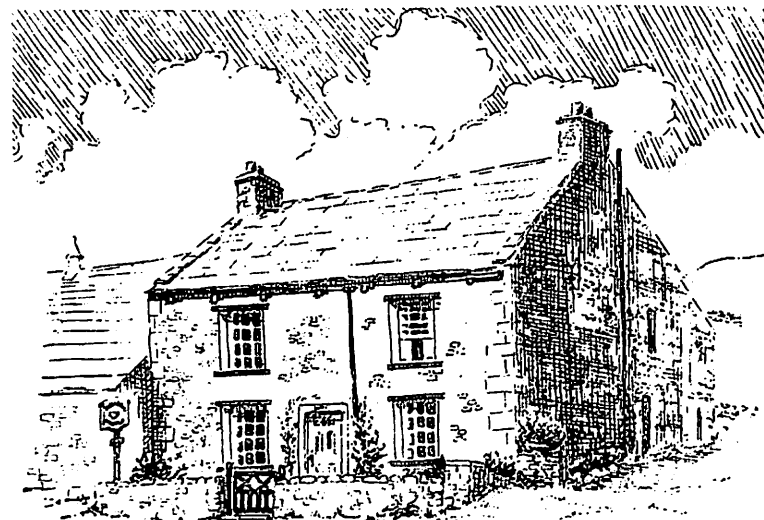
We have been going now for some twelve years. It all really started from a village meeting in 1974 called by the then Vicar to discuss any ideas for starting a new activity to help keep some of the young people in the village rather than leave them to look for work in the big city. My wife and I could see that not much was going to arise from this meeting but it was plain to us that the best attack on the problem would be to revive the custom of hand knitting in the area using the local Swaledale sheep wool.

This involved a slow build-up and a lot of understanding of the local people. It also called for some real study of the Swaledale wool itself, its characteristics and its problems. We had considerable encouragement from the International Wool Secretariat and from the British Wool Marketing Board, but of course it was very much a "do it yourself" project at the end of the day. We began knitting some gloves and mittens for a Canadian Arctic Expedition organised by Newcastle University and asked them to report on the success of failure of our knitting and we supplied another Expedition to Mount McKinlay in Alaska. From these two trials, we learned quite a lot.

The Wood Board Commercial Section was already making some Swaledale tweed and a conventional Swaledale sweater, and we made use of these in starting a mail order business. Then we opened some very small premises at the back of Muker and, to this day we remember our very first customer - a German with a £20 note and quite unable to speak any English ! -

By this time we were beginning to build up a goodly circle of knitters and we were able to open our shop quite regularly during the summer months. As time went on, the numbers of our knitters grew, and we subcontracted some machine knitting to some small firms not too far away. We were able to move down to a shop in the middle of Muker next to the Farmers' Arms and from then on the business has really become established and we have a permanent and very able Manageress to supervise the selling operations. She has a very good team of ladies to help her and my wife and I are able to look after the administration and accounts, though I do a lot of visiting the knitters and my wife supervises the machine knitting side of the business. Some fifty people are involved in one way or another and we span the area between Richmond and Keld in Swaledale and also Arkengarthdale and some of Wensleydale.

David Morris



Swaledale Woollens, Muker (reproduced from an original drawing by Ruth Francis)

The Swaledale Sheep, one of the hardest of British breeds, provides wool of a special character giving high insulation and endurance needed to withstand icy winds and the tough conditions of our most exposed countryside.

It is this wool from the fleece of the Swaledale that is used, sometimes in conjunction with other British natural wools, in the knitting of Swaledale Woollens garments.

Swaledale Woollens can be contacted at Strawbecks, Muker nr. Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL11 6QG t. 0748 86251. Catalogue on request.

Into the Computer Age . . .

Fleur Speakman, the Yorkshire Dales Society's Administrator, explains some of the changes now taking place as our membership is computerised.

We are delighted to announce that membership has grown to such an extent over the six years the Yorkshire Dales Society has been in existence that a decision was taken to computerise the membership records. This has proved to be a highly complex task for a variety of reasons: the writing of a special programme for our needs, etc. Checking of the information is now in its closing stages and it is hoped that everything may be complete in time for this Review. Our grateful thanks go out to the many people who have been associated with this process, particularly Leeds member Anne Halloran who has given so much time and expertise, but also to those many volunteers who unstintingly have given up so much of their time and energies. The Yorkshire Dales Society could not function without them, and in the name of the Council of Management, we would like to record our special thanks for their achievements and enthusiastic support.

In order to clarify the new system, and assist members in renewing their subscription, we offer some guidelines. Originally, in the early years of the Society, membership was paid once a year at the beginning of the year. This was changed to a quarterly system to enable members to join at any time and obtain a year's benefits irrespective of time of joining, and to ensure the Society's income had a steadier pattern.

Membership renewal is now due at the beginning of a quarter for the whole year irrespective of the actual date stated on your membership card - usually, the start of the quarter in which you joined. This simplifies our system and saves sending out reminders except with The Review.

Bankers' Orders are an excellent way of paying your YDS subscription, acting as an automatic reminder and saving us having to send out a reminder slip. But Bankers' Order subscribers with us more than two years may be sending their subscription to our old Grassington branch causing considerable delay in us receiving the money. Please check that your Bankers' Order is payable to: Barclays Bank PLC, 9 Brook Street, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, LS29 8AD (Account No 60993964, Bank Sort Code 20-44-35).

New Bankers' Order members please note that your Bankers' Order form must come to the Society first, not your bank, otherwise we shall not know about it and will be sending you unnecessary reminders.

The reference Q1 on the new address label signifies Quarter 1, ie the first quarter of the year, payment due January 1st. Membership cards are sent out with the Review in the appropriate quarter.

Q2 therefore is the period April/May/June and membership is due on April 1st. Q3 is the period July/August/September and membership is due on July 1st. Q4 is the period October/November/December and membership is due October 1st.

Please help us by renewing at the right time - this reduces our administrative costs.

Information is stored on the computer concerning methods of payment, Associate or Company membership (represented by an A or a C on the label), Covenants, and addresses. The household number on the label is for internal use only, but please check your name and address carefully, including the postcode, and let us have details of any errors and the postcode if it doesn't appear, as soon as possible. PLEASE print your name and address clearly on all correspondence - many people are unaware how many duplicate names and near duplicate names and initials exist. DO double-check you have included your cheque or postal order where necessary. Avoid sending coins through the post as a badly torn envelope - and no cash - can result. Whilst we make every effort to correct inaccuracies, please do remember most of our work is undertaken by volunteers, and we don't have the resources of large, professional organisations.

Finally, our warm thanks to the very many people who have written so positively to us about the work of the Society and have shown themselves so appreciative of the Society's endeavours - we are all greatly encouraged by your support !

Dales Bus Changes

Many members have expressed concern about the impact of de-regulation on Dales bus routes. YDS transport expert Alan Sutcliffe outlines some of the main changes.

In North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire Road Car Co have introduced their "Hoppa" minibuses in York and Harrogate - also in Ilkley. The Harrogate services have proved so successful that two further routes were added to the network in January, along with those of a new operator, Harrogate Independent Travel, competing on busier routes. In the more rural areas, however, West Yorkshire RCC and other operators have had to reduce services on many routes. To take a few examples. In Upper Wharfedale, villages north of Grassington are now only served by shoppers' services on one or two days a week, apart from school contract journeys. In Ribblesdale, Pennine motors, no longer benefitting from joint operation with Ribble, have curtailed many of their Skipton-Ingleton journeys, leaving a much thinner service at Austwick and Clapham, and no service west of Giggleswick on Sundays, although Lancaster City Council are understood to be operating a tendered service Lancaster-Ingleton-Settle on this day. When speaking to Ribblesdale bus operator Donny Whaites last autumn, I gathered he would need to reduce his Settle-Horton service, being no longer able to support some journeys from his charter/contract work.



Barden Tower, Wharfedale (still served by DALESBUS services from Bradford and Leeds) Colin Speakman

As many of predicted, the controversial Transport Act 1985 has not led to the promised "much improved services in rural areas."

To end on a brighter note, and by courtesy of Mr Brian Horner, Managing Director of West Yorkshire RCC, I am pleased to say that the Company will again be operating their traditional Summer DalesBus services this year. Although full details are not available at time of going to press, it is expected that the pattern of service will be similar to 1986, when I noted excellent loading during visits to the Dales in May, July and September. Meanwhile I commend members to look out for the publicity for the new services in spring, and to make use of them to ensure their continued success !

Alan J. Sutcliffe

ROADSIGN MANIA

Esme Kirby, Chairman of the Snowdonia National Park Society, has written to the YDS soliciting our support over the recent Department of the Environment decision to allow every tourist attraction (however so defined) camp site and caravan site to have three directional signs. The Snowdonia Society look with dismay on the prospect of a huge proliferation of tourist signs in the heartland of their National Park, and the same situation could occur in the Yorkshire Dales. Better signing could, Mrs Kirby suggests, be achieved by one "small symbolic sign" opposite the attraction rather than the kind of large signs designed to be read at 50mph. What do Yorkshire Dales Society members feel ?

GREENPRINTS FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE - THE STORY OF BRITAIN'S NATIONAL PARKS by Ann and Malcolm MacEwen will be published by Allen and Unwin in June. It is likely to be one of the toughest, and hard-hitting accounts of the evolution of Britain's unique, and sometimes contradictory, National Park system, and to outline portents for the future. The book, priced £9.95, is being offered at a special discount price, via the Council of National Parks, to YDS members. Look out for the special publicity insert in this or the next issue of The Review.

Guest Card 1987

The YDS "Guest Card" has proved very popular with YDS members. Remember that you can easily recoup the price of your membership from the discounts and benefits available to YDS members. These include FREE car parking in Yorkshire Dales National Park Car Parks, FREE guided YDNP walks, 10% discount on National Park publications, plus many other offers. Please note that the Guest Card is valid until December 31st 1987 only (irrespective of the date on your membership card) and a new one is issued each Spring. This takes account of any annual increase in the price of admission, changes in opening times etc. Please print your own name on the Card. Each member of a household who has joined as a member of the Society - wife, husband, children etc. - is entitled to their own personal Guest Card. For example Mr and Mrs J. Smith, John and Sarah (children) would receive four cards. If you have family membership and haven't received enough cards, that's probably because you haven't named the members of your household who you want included. Send us their names (and address) and cards will be sent.

Always take your Guest Card with you as proof of identity and in order to obtain the various benefits.

THE YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY OFFICE is usually manned by volunteers at least one day per week. We're usually there on MONDAY MORNINGS from 10am - 12 noon at the very minimum - often very much longer when major jobs, such as The Review, have to be done. We're situated by The Fleece, Addingham, and our address is 152 Main Street, Addingham, near Ilkley, West Yorkshire LS29 0LY. We're always delighted to see visitors, and offers of assistance always warmly welcomed. We are not on the phone at the office, but Colin and Fleur Speakman can be contacted at home on 0943 607868 - evenings most likely.

DALES MEMORIES We often get fascinating letters from members who live, work, visit or simply have happy memories and associations with the Dales. If you would like to share any of your experiences with us and think that they might be suitable for inclusion in The Review, let us have them. Black and white photographs also particularly welcomed. We are particularly interested in accounts of any Dales based work in the present or in the past. We can't guarantee to include everything that is sent to us - space doesn't always permit, but we'd love to know of your experiences.

DALES WATCH The response to our initial request for assistance has been superb, with nearly a score of members living in almost every Dale willing to assist us in the job of keeping an eye on what's going on, and helping to channel local views and opinion through the Society. We're still looking for local volunteers from the Ingleton area, Washburndale, Clapham, Buckden/Langstrothdale, Mallerstang/Kirkby Stephen. Let us know if you can help. We'll be in touch with everyone soon.

YDS/CNP NATIONAL PARK LECTURE SERVICE Bookings are being taken for one of the Society's expert panel of speakers who are prepared to lecture interested organisations and groups on Britain's ten National Parks, and the Yorkshire Dales in particular. A normal "expenses" fee is charged for this service of £10. To arrange a booking contact Meg Knight, "Waymarks", Pletts Barn, Grassington BD23 5AT telephone 0756 753083 or 752590 (home); lectures for groups can be arranged in Grassington. Date for Diary: September 20th - National Park Festival at Chatsworth House, Derbyshire. Details in next Review.

Spring Events

Saturday April 4th

Grassington Moor Lead Mines A Walk around one of most extensive area of lead mining and smelting in the Dales. Meet Yarnbury (above Grassington) 2pm

Sunday April 26th

Burley Woodhead Mill Some informal industrial archaeology looking at the remains of a small lower Dales textile mill. Meet on Burley Woodhead-Menston road, at lay-by 100 yards beyond Hermit Inn at 2.15pm (park cars on Burley-in-Wharfedale road and walk).

May 2nd-21st

The Richmondshire festival music, drama, lectures; details from Tourist Officer, Richmondshire DC, Swale House, Frenchgate, Richmond, DL10 4JE

Saturday May 16th

Swaledale Woollens Hear the story of the remarkable revival of a traditional Dales industry with David Morris of Swaledale Woollens (see page 8). Meet at Muker Village Hall, 2pm, to precede visit to shop and short local walk.

Saturday May 30th

Annual General Meeting of the Yorkshire Dales Society to be held at The Red Lion Hotel, Burnsall at 2pm
See seperate Agenda sheet.

June 20th-July 4th

Grassington Festival For details SAE to Meg Knight, Waymarks, Grassington, nr Skipton BD23 5AT

Saturday June 20th

Wildflowers at the Tarn Our annual visit to this superb Nature Reserve to catch the wildflowers at their finest. Meet Malham Tarn Field Centre (allow 20 minutes' drive from Malham village) at 2pm

Saturday July 4th

Folk at Hubberholme A special folk evening at Hubberholme Church to help raise money for the church roof - 7.30pm.

The Yorkshire Dales Society
152 Main Street
Addingham
Via Ilkley
Yorkshire
LS29 9PQ



Muker in Swaledale

(Drawing by
R. Nicholls)