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### Our First Decade

Ten years are an important slice of anyone's life, and especially of a voluntary body. What began as a small group of people meeting in someone's home in Grassington, Wharfedale, who determined that "something should be done" to help the Yorkshire Dales and its communities cope with the increasingly harsh and uncaring world of the 1980s, is now an organisation of some 2,200 members, many of them in the Yorkshire Dales, but others from all over Britain and indeed the world. As a means of bringing together people who love and care for the Dales, the Society has proved a success.

What has changed over those ten years, and has the Yorkshire Dales Society had any influence on that change?

Like most things in life, there have been gains and losses. Many of the same problems that faced us in 1981 remain, and in some ways are even worse. The quarries are even larger, there are ever more, ever more waggons serving them; tourist traffic still congests summer roads, and improved motorway links and by-passes have made it ever easier for wealthy commuters and the affluent retired to urbanise Dales villages. Second homes still occupy Dales villages, and young couple find it even more impossible to buy the smallest dwelling since the huge price inflation in property during the 1980s, fuelled easy credit.

But there have been a few victories. The Settle-Carlisle railway earned its reprieve, narrowly, after a protracted battle in which the Society had a role. Large scale conifer monoculture funded by tax evasion ceased in the Pennines at least, whilst the Environmentally Sensitive Areas concept offered farmers a way of looking after the land in ways which respected the traditional landscape and natural habitats. The National Park had more funds to plant trees and open footpaths, whilst the Three Peaks Project has at last been able to make progress in coping with the vast backlog of neglect on an overused work.

The Yorkshire Dales Society would be naive to claim that any of these things could only have happened because of its influence or presence, or that, conversely, our existence was unimportant. Reality is more complex than that. It is to do with a climate of opinion which, hopefully with facts rather than emotional arguments, can be changed. Along with other responsible voluntary and statutory bodies, the Society can and is helping to shape the world of the 1990s and, beyond that, the challenges of the coming century.

What are the targets for our next decade? Few would deny that the great challenge of the 1990s will be the environment, on a global scale forcing politicians, worldwide, that unless there are fundamental changes of perception and attitude, the human race faces extinction through a combination of pollution, overheating, mass starvation and environmental degradation. Ecologically sound principles need to illuminate every aspect of our life and work, and the Yorkshire Dales Society, as an educational body, will have an increasingly vital role to play not only in helping to protect a unique environmental and cultural heritage, but contributing to a European-wide movement for conservation.

Nothing could be more appropriate, therefore, to begin our next decade with the visit, at our Tenth Anniversary Conference on April 27th, of two major figures of the European National Park movement - Eva Pongratz and Theo Burrell. It will be an auspicious occasion. Join us if you possibly can.

Colin Speakman

Cover: A Winter view of Dent Keld, Dentdale (Eliza and John Forder)

### Enterprising In The Dales

Adrian Martin, Director of the Dales Enterprise Agency, Gargrave, explains about the work of the agency and his role within it.

I took up post as the Dales Enterprise Agency Ltd. (DEAL) in July 1989, on secondment from the Department of Employment, the secondment to last 18 months. I had had working connections with the Dales since 1983, and for the previous two years I had been the Manager of Skipton, Keighley and Bingley Jobcentres. I had also been a regular visitor to the Dales for leisure purposes. Despite all this I was not too well prepared for the task that lay before me.

DEAL had opened its offices to the public in November 1987 and had the great benefit of a visit by HRH The Prince of Wales in March 1988. Despite this and my predecessor's background in public relations, it proved to be a long slog to get DEAL recognised as the place to go for people contemplating setting up their own new businesses. I soon learnt that it takes time to get any new idea accepted in the Dales and this delay can all too easily be seen as a bad thing and can prove to be a source of some frustration, when one is attempting to get ideas off the ground, either your own or on someone else's behalf.

The fact is that the Craven area is successful economically. Despite the fact that there is only a handful or large businesses operating in this rural setting, the unemployment figures are some of the lowest in the country, wages are relatively good, certainly compared with level further down the Aire valley, and the standard of living and life style are enviable. The success I believe stems from doing things that are proven and not latching onto the latest idea from the city. The above has given the local economy a stable but yet diverse base.

The variety of new businesses seeking DEAL's assistance never ceases to amaze me. Recently I was asked to look back at our last fifty and found two hairdressers and to guesthouses. The rest were all different. The only conclusion one can reach is that if it can be done in the Dales, sooner or later someone will try and do it.

DEAL's main aim is to assist new businesses setting up in the Dales - any new business. This means that if someone seeking to establish a chemical waste reprocessing plant next to Malham Tarn sought our help, we would do everything we could to help them bring their ideas to fruition, whilst of course pointing out to them that their chances of receiving planning permission were less than good. Whilst the above example is extreme, it serves to illustrate the possible conflict that exists between DEAL and other organisations and interests in the Dales - everyone seems to have their own view of what the countryside should be and how it should look. In terms of industrial and commercial development in the Dales the cult of the NIMBY (not in my back yard) seems to be growing. Whilst many people agree that there should be good local employment opportunities and cheap housing available for Dales people, no one wants industrial units in their village. Many people forget (or never knew) that not so long ago, the Dales had a proliferation of mines and that villages have always been a place of industry. The type of sanitised countryside that seems to be the growing desire of many people never really existed in the past, but yet appears to be the goal of the modern resident. The NIMBYs (often not genuine local people) are having their effect on the economic future of the Dales - perhaps that is what they want. As a business advisory service in 1991, one might expect new entrepreneurs' main complaint to be interest rates or perhaps business rates, but no, the main source of moans we hear are from those who are refused planning permission.

As I have already pointed out, the Dales are very effective in picking out what is good and adapting over a period of time, but there is an increasing danger that all development and all change is seen as bad. The Dales are many different things to different people, but it must not be forgotten that they are a place of work and of wealth generation for their inhabitants.

Adrian Martin

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## Faith In The Countryside

Alison Ravetz introduces this major new Report presented to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York (Churchman Publishing 1990 - £12.50)



Burnsall Church and Village, Wharfedale (Photo: John Edenbrow)

This thick, 400-page report is about, not the countryside, but the Church in the countryside. It is, however, amazingly thorough: the people consulted and places visited run to 15 pages, and there are valuable appendices on rural government, population and economy. Since the literature on today's countryside is not abundant, this is likely to serve as a useful sourcebook for some time to come. Besides this, it is likely that, like its distinguished forerunner, Faith in the City, it will have a gradual but continuing influence on policy for rural areas.

The first part is about the meaning of the countryside in the deepest sense: its relation to nature, humanity and the need of people to be refreshed by it and to be reminded of their stewardship role. This not done to perpetuate any romantic myths about the supposed "innocence" of rural areas but as a serious reminder of how deeply both town and country people can feel about the issues and what, for them, is at stake.

Part Two, on the 'rural context' should dispel any lingering myths about the countryside as a peaceful or easy place in today's society. Even though some important aspects are ignored (notable quarrying, water extraction, some of the less desirable aspects of mass tourism and the vexed question of new villages), the picture is not a comforting one. In particular the Report finds 'rural communities deeply affected by public policy that militates against corporate responsibility and concern for the disadvantaged.' The key to living a good and full life in the country is, quite simply, access to transport. Villages have progressively been stripped of the jobs, schools, shops and other services that once made them self-sufficient. Those who can drive, or in increasingly rare cases take the bus or train, to remedy the local deficiencies, do not miss out. Those who are poor or aged, who were once in fact the backbone of rural communities, are penalised. Much of the countryside is being gentrified by people living, not rural, but ex-urban lives. This sets up conflicting interests and social tensions

with the rural clergy often caught uncomfortably between two poles of an increasingly polarised society.

The third and longest part of the Report is about the work of the Church in the countryside, how it can make itself relevant to such complex and fast changing conditions. Many practical issues are discussed, including the conflicts in federated parishes, the pressures upon ministers and their wives in trying to spread themselves over wide areas with inadequate resources, the help to be offered by lay ministers and readers, and the role of English Heritage which, perversely, gives more money to redundant churches than to churches still in use. The approach is open-minded and wide, thinking, for instance, how the clergy can reach out to the young and to those many non-church members who nevertheless have genuine needs and spirituality.

The Report is not specific to any particular region (although its cover picture illustrates what must surely be a Pennine village - I wish I could identify it) but readers of this Review will surely recognise its applicability to our own area. Its recommendations will not startle us, but they are still far from implementation: the maximum planning gain for local communities to be got from new development; transport and housing reviews and parish surveys; more generous payments to farmers for conservation and, in particular, retraining and other help to be given to redundant farm workers. They include a call for local authorities to be allowed to resume house building and to prevent sitting tenants from the full right to buy houses built with public subsidy. In regard to the clergy they call for more realistic and better training, support and pay; and anyone working in a pressure group or voluntary society must surely be sympathetic to the statement that 'all through our study we have come up against the image of an amateur Church being run on the cheap and resisting the help that can be given through advanced technology' !!

I find this a timely and sensitive contribution to the rural debate - a debate that is likely to become even more intense as the full implications of various privatisation policies become more apparent, and as we enter Europe. Its proposals are far from revolutionary but, if taken seriously, they could go far to address a problematic and increasingly conflict-ridden state of affairs in the English countryside.

Alison Ravetz



Transport - 'the key to living a good and full life' (Photo: Geoffrey Wright)

### Daleswatch - The Ripon Canal Warehouses



YDS Council Member Chris Hartley draws our attention to the plight of a group of 18th century canal warehouses in Ripon.

Photos by the author

During the summer of 1989, whilst enjoying a guided tour around the City of Ripon, my attention was drawn to the ruinous state into which the buildings around the Canal Basin have fallen. The Warehouses in question were built in 1781 to serve the Ripon Canal and Ure Navigation which was constructed between 1767 and 1773. The whole venture, some 10 1/4 miles long, was intended to make the River Ure navigable from York for commercial enterprise, from its junction with the River Swale up to Boroughbridge and Oxclose, a point 2 1/4 miles from Ripon, from whence the Canal to the latter was cut.

The scheme was surveyed by one William Jessop and supervised by the great John Smeaton, with John Smith as the Resident Engineer. Locks were installed at Milby, where there was also a short Cut, and at Westwick on the river section, at Oxclose at the start of the Canal, plus two more at Ripon itself. It was finally completed at a cost of £16,400 in 1772.

Tolls were fixed between one shilling and sixpence and three shillings, depending on type of cargo carried, and it wasn't long before a regular service between Ripon and York was in operation. Early cargos included stone, bricks, coal and timber and, after the turn of the 19th century, lead from mines on Greenhow was shipped to Hull. Flax was also carried for the linen industry of Knaresborough. A very wide area of the eastern Dales depended on the waterway.

Although hit by the advent of the railway era, the Ure Navigation and Ripon Canal continued operation with mixed fortunes into the present century. The Canal was finally abandoned in 1955 and fell into disuse. But in recent years it has been restored to within about half a mile of the Canal Basin, where it is blocked by a road crossing. From there onwards, the Canal has yet to be restored, but there is hope that if the new Ripon by-pass is built, hopefully by 1992, the crossing and one or two other obstacles will be removed, making it possible to restore the Canal up to its former terminus.



If the Canal is ever restored to the basin area, it only makes sense that the Warehouse buildings should be restored also. The Ripon Civic Society and the Ripon Canal Society are both rightly concerned about their current state of dereliction. An article in the Civic Society's Newsletter of August 1989 highlights this and they have taken the very positive step of writing to the Harrogate Borough Council, requesting an urgent works notice as they are in fact listed buildings. I have since been informed that a survey has been done along the lines of turning them into a Museum. This I feel would be a fitting tribute to the Canal and the people who lived and worked upon it.

Unfortunately, during the survey, one of the buildings was found to be in such a state that it is beyond restoration, but there could be the possibility of it being rebuilt from scratch. It is surely to be hoped that this will be so, as all the buildings are very important historical and industrial monuments. The idea of having them as a Museum would add one more jewel to the crown of Ripon's heritage.

For anyone who is unfamiliar with Ripon and its environs, the buildings are situated alongside the Boroughbridge road not far from the Cathedral, just over the bridge across the river. They lie behind a wall and iron gates, but can easily be seen from the roadside and their condition noted by all.

Please support the Ripon Civic Society's fight to save the site. You can do so by writing to the Chief Executive, Harrogate Borough Council, Council Offices, Harrogate North Yorkshire HG1 2SG. In doing so, you will be supporting a worthwhile cause and helping to preserve a valuable piece of Yorkshire history. For further background reading see The Canals of Yorkshire and North East England Vols 1 & 2 by Charles Hadfield (David & Charles).

Chris Hartley

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### Daleswatch - A Golf Course For Catholes

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee has approved the building of a 9 hole golf course at Catholes, by the River Dee, at Sedbergh.

To many people a golf course in the countryside may appear innocuous. But in a National Park, a landscape of unique distinction, razored greens, flags, and above all club houses and car parks bring an alien urban intrusion into a traditional agricultural landscape.

The Yorkshire Dales Society and the Countryside Commission were amongst objectors to the proposal. Our objection centre on the issue of what National Parks are about - are they "leisure areas" for affluent urban refugees or areas of special landscape quality whose conservation must override all other considerations, by definition a national asset? Worst, we know that golf courses are, on their own uneconomic, and require attendant facilities to make them profitable - accommodation club houses, bars, leisure centre. As pressure on the Lake District reaches saturation, eagle eyed developers and investors see rich pickings in the Yorkshire Dales whose Committee have accepted meaningless "assurances" about the eventual scale of the development in a particularly beautiful and fragile part of the National Park.

Mike Harding, the writer and entertainer, who lives in Dentsdale, expresses our concerns well when he says "There is already a nine hole golf course at Sedbergh and plans for the extension of Kirkby Lonsdale Golf Course into an eighteen hole pro-standard course. Even if there were a need for another course, I believe it should be met outside the park and not within it.....A golf course effectively closes off part of the landscape to private use; footpaths become corridors through which walkers travel ever aware of the threat of flying balls so that though footpaths are not threatened, the walkers themselves lose much of the enjoyment of a walk in the country.....The idea of a gold course in the Grand Canyon or Smokey Mountains National Parks would be laughed to shame. Why should we so careless over our own national assets. "

The Yorkshire Dales Society know has a Dentsdale/Sedbergh/Garsdale group in being. Members in the area wanting to help develop this watchdog group concerned with an area at especial risk please contact the office and we'll pass on details of the next meeting.

### Goodbye Addingham - Hello Otley

After almost exactly five years, the Yorkshire Dales Society has left its premises at 152 Main Street, Addingham, next to The Fleece to move to a room in Otley Civic Centre, Otley.

We originally came to be in Addingham thanks to the kindness of Fleece landlord David Harrison who allowed us the use of the old shop premises. Agreement <sup>with</sup> Tetley's brewery gave us temporary accommodation but without the security of a lease. Facilities were extremely restricted, with no proper heating and use of a shared electricity supply with the pub. But it was a home.

Sadly, this autumn, Tetley's took the decision to charge an "economic" rent for the premises which would have been totally beyond the Society's means, even ignoring the desperately needed improvements required to bring the shop up to basic standards for office use which the Society would have had to finance. Our landlord, David Harrison, who had been such a supporter and ally, was also about to retire.

To our rescue, after many appeals, came Otley Town Council who have leased us a secure, centrally heated room, with good, shared facilities in Otley Civic Centre - the old Town Hall - in Boroughgate. Otley is one of the oldest market towns in the Dales, still the centre for mid Wharfedale and Washburndale, and a small town centre office, convenient for local buses and parking, at a very reasonable rent, has proved perfect for our needs, and we moved in at the year's end. We don't yet have a phone (the Secretary is willing to continue to offer his own home/office phone on a temporary basis) there is a line in for future use, and good secure accommodation and workspace. Please note our full address on Page 12.

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### The Erosion Of Village Open Space

Richard Harland of Grassington, is a leading authority on the Law of Commons. He writes of the growing threat to informal space in Dales villages which Daleswatch groups need to keep a careful eye on in future years.

Choose any village in the Dales and bring it to mind in detail. What land lies outside the property frontages? There may be a traditional village green, or little gussets and patches of land, or land alongside the beck, or simply a verge which is wide beyond the needs of the highway. It is hard to discover any village or hamlet which enjoys no such open space.

However, it is only too easy to think of villages where this open space is being eroded. Sometimes, frontagers' gardens are overflowing their boundary; maybe attractive in itself, but curtailing the public. More often, the motor car's demands for parking space and for driveways is thieving our open space, sometimes justifiably, sometimes avoidably, often unlawfully.

For those who see this as a sad degradation of our villages, their visual texture and their recreational potential, the first need is to get to know the individual plots of open space in detail. Especially study the boundaries, which often hold great botanical and archaeological interest. One trick is to envisage on the site, or to draw on a 25-inch map, how the village would look if all the tarmac and hardcore were to be replaced by a continuous sweep of grass bounded only by the property frontages; this may well reveal how the little residual bits of open space came to be.

The next step could be to look at the registers of Village Greens and Common Land at County Hall in Northallerton or Kendal, where they are open to public inspection in the County Secretary's Department. Many of our open spaces appear on the Register maps, and ownership claims are also stated.

In surprisingly many cases the ownership is not known. Within the Yorkshire Dales National Park more than 50 areas of registered Common Land are without any known owner to protect them against encroachment or misuse. But the law meets this problem by giving the protective powers of an owner to the local authorities - the Parish, District and County Councils. Within the YDNP the County Council have delegated their powers to the National Park Committee who may well need the help and encouragement of the public in discharging what amounts to a new local government function.

The Village  
Green at  
West  
Burton,  
Wensleydale

(Photo:  
Christine  
Whitehead



Where ownership of registered Village Greens was not known, they have now become vested in the Parish Council where there is one, and in the District Council elsewhere. Whoever the owner, there are legal remedies to protect Village Greens.

One serious problem remains for which there is no full solution. Not all open land was registered, so if ownership is unknown the land is at risk. One good safeguard is for the Parish Council to take control under the Open Spaces Act 1906. But legislation is needed to deal adequately with these cases which are far from uncommon. The Open Spaces Society are pressing for this to be enacted.

Indeed the Open Spaces Society are the specialist body, and where a problem seems insoluble, they may have some local contact to whom it could be referred. I myself, as Vice Chairman of the Open Spaces Society should be happy to discuss problems with fellow members of the Yorkshire Dales Society.

Getting to know village open spaces, big and little, photographing them, studying their boundaries, watching against misuses, would make a splendid hobby. It would be a happy armchair occupation to think in detail of all the open space in the villages one knows. There is far more such land than one would suspect.

Richard Harland

(Individuals, voluntary bodies or Parish Councils wanting advice on open spaces can contact Richard at Four Winds, Grassington, Skipton, North Yorkshire).

### Winter Reading

#### BARLEYBRIDGE

Richard Muir has devised a delightful portrait of an imaginary Yorkshire Dales village increasingly confronting the pressures of twentieth century living. From the tussles with the Hardcastle squirearchy who had won wealth and respectability by the exploitation of their fellow men, to the village's increasingly successful attempts at resisting further domination, whether it be from the world of property developers and wheeler-dealers to the "heritage" bandwagon, there is much implied criticism underneath the comedy and plenty of Yorkshire "in-jokes".

Richly comic is Jack Pullan's fox sanctuary and novel hunt saboteur methods, and Barleybridge's success in the Worst Kept Village Competition is another splendid vignette. Perhaps less successful is the persona of Herbert Postlethwaite who lovingly chronicles the village doings in suitably pompous and purple prose, but Muir's chapter headings are a constant joy. Village rustics such as Amos Raw whose privy doubles as study and reading room and who communicates in elaborate code with his farm worker Jim Clough, are in the splendid tradition of the immortal "Cold Comfort Farm". Just occasionally, the grotesque gains the upper hand and the set-piece of the RAF raid with the partial demolition of the vicarage might work better in televisual terms.

Barleybridge by Richard Muir is published by North Yorkshire Marketing, Harrogate at £4.95.

Fleur Speakman

#### WOOLCOMBERS, WORSTEDS AND WATERMILLS

Subtitled "Addingham's Industrial Revolution", Kate Mason's superb little study of Addingham's industrial past traces that remarkable period of change during the late 18th century when hand-loom weaving moved out of farmhouses and into loom shops leading to mills driven by water and later steam power.

Kate Mason examines a number of Addingham's mills and details, looking both at their technical development and their social impact as a typical Dales community went through a period of dramatic change and development, again helping to explode the myth of the Dales being some kind of rural backwater. Indeed, as a case study of the emergence of the factory system, Addingham can claim to have national importance, for as Kate demonstrates much remains to be seen even though buildings may now be put to other uses.

Significantly enough it was the people of Addingham who made the publication of this book possible, in particular Addingham Civic Society and individuals who have sponsored its publication. Now freed from its trunk road traffic thanks to its new by-pass, Addingham is again undergoing a period of change, and though no longer the HQ of the Yorkshire Dales Society, there will be chance to learn something of the village's history in the company of Kate Mason in February (see Events on page 12).

Woolcombers Worsteds and Watermills by Kate M. Mason is published by Addingham Civic Society, The Old School, Main Street, Addingham, LS29 ONS price £2.95 (add 50p for postage).

Colin Speakman

NB Kate Mason will lead a guided tour of Addingham's history on Saturday February 23rd. See page 12 for details.

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### Covenants - A Way Of Helping

If you are a taxpayer, did you know that the YDS can claim up to 25p in the pound back from taxes you have paid? As a registered charity, YDS is eligible for this important concession, but only a small minority of YDS members have so far signed a Covenant Form. If you'd like to help, let us know and one of the new Inland Revenue forms will be sent to you - all at no extra cost to yourself.

Please note, however, that if you don't pay taxes - ie you live on a small income, such as a retirement annuity - you could be liable to pay the additional amount we receive, but we suspect that most people will be in a taxpaying position.

### Geoffrey Smith And The Blizzard

When Geoffrey Smith, writer, broadcaster and gardener extraordinary, agreed to give a lecture to YDS members, we knew the event would be popular. Our first attempt to have him with us in 1988 was cancelled owing to Geoffrey's sudden illness, so Saturday December 8th 1990 was looked forward to with even greater anticipation, with every one of the 150 seats available in Bolton Abbey Village Hall being sold out weeks before hand.

But the Almighty had other plans, and the most ferocious blizzard to hit the Dales for many years struck the North of England that morning. Geoffrey was snowed in in his Nidderdale home, the road to Bolton Abbey was blocked and even if we had struggled through, the Village Hall had neither heat nor light in region-wide power cuts.

Geoffrey has kindly agreed on a new date which for lots of reasons, including crowded diaries and accommodation restrictions, will have to be on a winter evening - Wednesday 20th February, which we hope, third time lucky and blizzards permitting, will allow us to finally share an evening with Geoffrey.

All tickets already issued will be valid, but we recognise that this new date will be inconvenient or impossible for many people who have already booked. Please accept our sincerest apologies if this is so. If you can't come, please let us know. A postcard to YDS, Otley Civic Centre, Cross Green, Otley, West Yorkshire LS21 1HD and we will then be able to make the place available to someone on the mailing list. We will refund your payment on request, but are sincerely hoping that, bearing in mind the cost of postage and of issuing cheques, that some members may feel able to treat it as a small donation.

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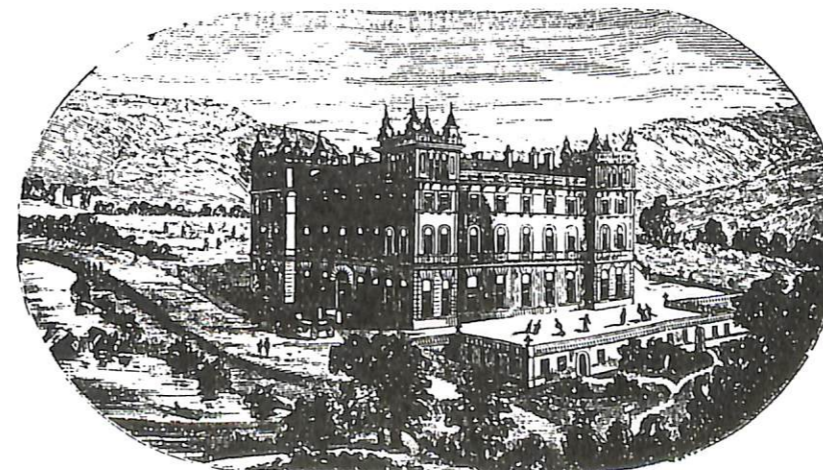
### Tenth Anniversary Week — April 10th - 27th

The Yorkshire Dales Society was officially formed in April 1981, and we celebrate our first decade as a Society with a week of celebrations, culminating in a major Conference with a European flavour.

With this copy of The Review will be further information and booking forms for the Conference. Extra copies are available from the YDS office or ring 0943 607868.

But in addition to the Anniversary Conference on Saturday 27th April, we have planned a full week of events, starting with the traditional Dales Night in Kettlewell Village Hall on the 20th and running through a programme of walks and a lecture to the Conference day itself.

We hope that as many members as possible will attend all these events, and that some living further away will decide to combine it with a short visit to the Dales to be sure of something on every day. Accommodation will be available at Ilkley College after the Conference to avoid the need for a long drive home.



Victorian view of Wells House Hydropathic Spa on Ilkley Moor - now Ilkley College, venue for the YDS anniversary Conference and dinner.

## Events (including Anniversary Week)

- Saturday February 9th Landscape in the Dales. The celebrated landscape historian Richard Muir explores aspects of Dales landscape. Victoria Hall, Settle 2.30pm (walk at 10.30am, meet Settle Market Place [not car park]; train ex Leeds 0903)
- Wednesday February 20th Random Thoughts on Dales and Gardens - Geoffrey Smith. The re-arranged December lecture, Bolton Abbey Village Hall 7.30pm. It is anticipated there will be seats available but please check with YDS office.
- Saturday February 23rd A Walk in Historic Addingham Local historian Kate Mason (see page 10) explores some of the fascinating **places** of this early Industrial Revolution village. Meet outside the Memorial Hall (car park) at 2pm; 784 bus from Leeds.
- Saturday March 9th Middleham and the Richard III Connection - Peter Hibbard, of the Old School Arts Workshop, Middleham, writer and lecturer, on Middleham's royal history. Dacre Village Hall at 2.30pm; walk from Dacre Church at 10.30am. (24 Harrogate & District bus from Harrogate Bus Station)
- ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL WEEK
- Saturday April 20th Old Dales Night A traditional Dales night of folk music and dancing with the fiddle and accordion of Tim and Rose Boothman, and supper. Details on separate booking form.
- Sunday April 21st Washburndale with Richard Musgrave who operates his own specialist guide company, Yorkshire Dales Enterprise. Meet at the Farnley end of Lindley Wood Bridge ( GR 209 498) at 10am with a packed lunch. Public transport users should walk from Otley. About 9 miles.
- Monday April 22nd Malhamdale with John and Joan Pipes. Meet outside National Park Centre (car park) at 1.30pm. Pennine bus 1235 from Skipton. About 6 miles.
- Tuesday April 23rd Wensleydale with Desmond Todd; an eight mile walk via Danby Hall. Meet Middleham, lower Square at 10.30am
- Wednesday April 24th Langstrothdale with Eric Jackson. Meet Yockenthwaite Bridge for four mile walk over Horse Head Pass at 1.30pm. Morning bus to Buckden (service 71). Park along riverside verge above Yockenthwaite.
- Thursday April 25th Crummackdale and the Norber erratics with Colin Speakman, walking from Horton in Ribblesdale on the Settle-Carlisle line to Clapham Station - about seven miles. Catch 0903 train from Leeds, Skipton d. 0948 (book Horton day return; motorists park Skipton or Settle). Bring packed lunch.
- Friday April 26th The Hill Shepherd A photographic lecture by award-winning Dentdale photographers John and Eliza Forder. Clark-Foley Centre Ilkley (opposite central car park) 8pm MetroTrain services from Leeds & Bradford.
- Saturday April 27th The Yorkshire Dales Society Tenth Anniversary Conference to be held at Ilkley College 2pm. Guest speakers Eva Pongratz and Theo Burrell.
- The Yorkshire Dales Society Anniversary Dinner - guests Mike and Pat Harding. Ilkley College 8pm.

Full details of the Conference and dinner are enclosed with this Review. Early booking is advised.

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