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TO THE YDS REVIEW – A SISTER

'Congratulations to all concerned' – 'excellent' – 'very impressed – please pass on my congratulations' – 'super – what an improvement – the cover is particularly pleasing'; these were just some of the MANY comments which have arrived in the Yorkshire Dales Society office as members have reacted to the new-look Yorkshire Dales Review.

Paradoxically, this very success has brought problems. Some outstanding contributions from top Dales writers and photographers had to be left out of the last issue and with so much happening in the Dales and to the Society itself, it was clear that we needed a very much fatter magazine. Whilst our publishers, North Yorkshire Marketing, were able to offer us an outstanding deal to produce just such a magazine economically, costs would rise and, most significantly, so would postage to members which leaps up once you pass the basic weight limit.

Would it be reasonable to ask members to pay more for a super magazine, or would, as we suspect, (especially so soon after a significant increase in membership fees) this result in people not renewing and membership recruitment declining?

To price people out of the Yorkshire Dales Society, especially some of our older members who have to get by on a modest pension, would not be acceptable.

After much heart searching and debate, the Yorkshire Dales Society's Council of Management decided on what we believe will be an excellent compromise. We will retain a 32 page Review, partially sponsored by advertising, but which will be exclusive to members, 'our' magazine, which will focus on the Society's own work, and on key National Park and environmental issues, though with some general features. But we will also have a sister magazine, The Yorkshire Journal, which will carry a much wider range of general Dales articles. This magazine will be commercial, and be on sale to the public through booksellers and newsagents, and also by postal subscription. But it will retain close links with the Society, and promote the Society through membership recruitment and publicity for YDS events. However, members will be offered it at an extremely advantageous 'exclusive' rate only available to members on a special form. This way, we can keep the YDS membership subscription as low as possible, but give members in effect an opportunity of having the bigger magazine for a modest supplement.

We believe this is an exciting way forward not only to spread the word about the Society, but also to carry forward one of the Society's main objectives to 'advance the public knowledge and appreciation of the social history and physical and cultural heritage of the Yorkshire Dales'.

We hope you are going to continue to enjoy the new-look **Yorkshire Dales Review** and support and enjoy in equal measure the **Yorkshire Journal**. You'll find full details of how you can subscribe to our sister journal inside.

Colin Speakman

FOCUS – FINDING THE BALANCE

When we picked up a copy of a magazine published in April entitled *DALESFOLK – The Magazine of Everyday Life in the Yorkshire Dales* – apart from the twee title, we wondered if we had found a rival Yorkshire Dales Society. Because the magazine is published, it seems, by an organisation known as 'The Yorkshire Dales Association' and for £6 per annum you can subscribe, and for between £15 and £100 depending on whether you're an individual or a large enterprise you can join the Association and presumably have a vote in its affairs – address Yorkshire Dales Association, Skipton Commercial Centre, Water Street, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 1PB, tel 0756 798391 for anyone interested.

Now the magazine is an interesting read, with some good environmental articles linked, for example, to caving and organisations such as Craven Tree Trust and others with a subtle commercial slant – about various activities and enterprises in the Dales, for example Dales artists and potters, some of whose work is advertised in the magazine. Nothing wrong with that, especially if it helps people who live and work in the Dales.

Association or Society?

In fact, what emerges is that the magazine and the Association is very much the brainchild of Skipton businessman Tony Macaulay, who, with his wife Bernadette also runs Yorkshire Dales Publicity, an advertising and promotion agency. Yorkshire Dales Publicity occupies the same address as the Yorkshire Dales Association and the magazine is produced by the Macaulays together with the help of artist Barry Charles and writer-photographer Howard Beck. The group also produce a 68 page Dales guide called 'Enjoy the Yorkshire Dales' price £1.50.

So far so good.

Of course it's a little sad that the organisation, which is really a trade Association, should choose a name not dissimilar to that of the Yorkshire Dales Society, because it could cause not a little confusion, at least from people from outside the area who might pick up the new magazine and not realise that we are a very different kind of organisation. Not that we have a monopoly of the name Yorkshire Dales.

National Park hostility

More seriously, part of the magazine is taken up with an extended feature about the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. There is, according to *Dalesfolk* 'open hostility' between the National Park and the local community in the Dales, with 'relations close to breaking point'. After a reasonably factual statement of aims and objectives of the National Park, and a summary of the legislative background there follows a section called 'The Tragedy of the Yorkshire Dales' with a series of cases allegedly showing glaring examples of poor or bad planning decisions, and one a dreadful effect these decisions are having upon the local economy. Then



Helicopter in action at the Three Peaks Project. The National Park has done outstanding work on footpaths within the Dales.



Bainbridge village – the beauty of this village is protected because it is within the National Park.

follows an emotive piece from the late Mr Arnold Fell, the Littondale caravan site owner and self-appointed scourge of the National Park, whose letters to the *Craven Herald* for over 40 years often provided a lively, if not always accurate, read.

Not surprisingly, the National Park Committee took a somewhat dim view of the article and the Park Officer, Richard Harvey, has issued a detailed statement pointing out some of the misrepresentations and errors of fact in the article.

Myths

There's no point in repeating allegation and counter-allegation here. But one repeated myth that needs to be tipped into oblivion is that the Dales suffer economically because of the existence of the National Park. This is simply untrue. A recent survey of businesses in Craven in the 1980s proved that Craven is in fact one of the most prosperous areas in the North of England, with lower than average unemployment. Much of the prosperity directly comes from visitors to the National Park whose tourism and visitor spend acts as an important 'multiplier' in the area economy. To what extent designation as a National Park brings visitors can be debated. But you only need to look at typical Dales villages with beautifully restored cottages and many two car households to know you're in a very prosperous part of England. There is, indeed, a small but significant minority of people who suffer deprivation, for example because of lack of transport, and the current plight of hillfarmers must cause everyone concern. But to blame the National Park

Authority for this situation, whilst ignoring the very many benefits of living in the National Park, is to lose all sense of balance. Compared with many areas of Britain, life in the Dales is to be envied, and there are many people, including many members of the Yorkshire Dales Society, who would more than willingly 'suffer' the miseries of living in a protected area like the National Park if they had half a chance.

Another absurdity is the hoary old myth that the National Park Committee is run by 'outsiders' with the Ministerially appointed members singled out for special spleen. In fact if Tony Macaulay looks at the addresses of the Appointed Members he prints on page 14 he'll see that all but two actually live within the Dales, and some like Dr John Farrer of Ingleborough Hall, come from a famous Dales family of several generations. They include people like the eminent architectural historian Jane Hatcher (of Richmond) or Dr Nigel Roome whose expertise lends considerable weight to the Committee's deliberations. As for the idea that 'local people' ought to be on the Committee, local elected members actually dominate the Committee – and rightly so. Men like the National Park's Chairman County Councillor Bob Heseltine, who comes from a long line of Wharfedale farmers, or Vice Chairman John Piper who has farmed for many years at West Burton, Wensleydale, simply would not be re-elected year after year by local people if the situation was half as bad as the article in *Dalesfolk* alleges.

Fallibility

Not that the National Park is perfect or infallible, far from it. Few human institutions are. But for every blunder (and there have been a few over the years) there's at least a dozen success stories, where Park Officers have come up with the right answer. The trouble is, in planning terms, when you get it 'right' nobody notices – the good quality housing development, the carefully integrated new cottage are seen to be a natural part of the Dales scene.

Whilst we believe the Committee didn't fully grasp the issues over the Dentedale golf course, on another political hot potato, the Grimwith Leisure Centre, developers and conservationists were invited to a site meeting with members of the Park Committee to put their case. Members of the Committee listened to both sides and took a decision in the light of what they heard. Despite the inevitable howls of rage from those seeking to profit by the situation. this was democracy in action and we would have said so even if the decision had gone the other way.

The longer view

Taking a longer view, on many matters, such as much of its conservation work, its tree-planting programme, its high quality footpath maintenance (used and enjoyed by local people every bit as much as visitors), the Environmental Management Scheme with hill farmers, the National Park Authority is doing excellent work and we have cause to be grateful to them. There are also some areas, for example the development of not especially well-thought out 'commercial' activities competing with local traders, where the National Park Authority needs to think carefully about the nature of its promotional work and its real priorities. This is also an issue raised in *Dalesfolk*.

A public relations problem

The Park Authority itself recognises that it has a public relations problem. Planning authorities everywhere have a difficult, unenviable role when tough decisions have been taken. The tragic recent murder of a planning officer – not in a National Park – highlights the kind of emotions raised by planning decisions throughout Britain, and the pressures officers are under.

Often those who shout loudest when planning decisions don't go their way have a variety of motives for doing so. Everyone sympathises with the little old lady who can't extend her porch, but a typical property developer or speculative builder, wearing green wellies and travelling around the Dales in a Range Rover, hiring plausible architects and prepared to go to Public Inquiry because he knows in recent years the Department of Environment has been 'soft' on planning (except in the Minister's own backyard), deserves few tears. Take a look at the Threshfield-Grassington complex in Upper Wharfedale, much of it won on Appeal, to realise how thin the line is between charming Dales villages and edge-of-West Yorkshire commuter suburbia.

The Yorkshire Dales Society itself owes its origin to a concern that there needed to be better understanding between local people and the National Park. Our Daleswatch Groups are in part aimed to do just that. We haven't been afraid of criticising the Park in the past and will do so in the future, if and when we feel it's not doing its job. We are aware of how on occasions the Park Authority – sometimes individual officers – have alienated the National Park from local people. Lack of sensitivity when dealing with people is something no amount of public relations can put right.

But equally, the bar-room anti-National Park opinions that so often get into the press, don't always reflect what many local people actually think and feel. Nor are locals, many of whom have only recently come to live in the area, always right, whether they are defending the right to quarry away as much of the Dales hillsides as the motorway builders desire, continue to drive heavy waggons at high speed past their neighbours' homes, or park their cars wherever they choose. 'National' means that the nation has a legal interest in protecting a unique and precious landscape. By law, the National Park Committee have to balance the often varied and contradictory needs not only of the 20,000 people lucky enough to live in the National Park, with the wishes of the 55 million people of Britain whose birthright that landscape also happens to be and in whose name Parliament has established the National Park. Far from taking heed of the detractors, the Government's clearly stated intention following the Edwards Committee Report is to strengthen the National Park Authorities by making them independent Boards, as intended in the 1949 National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act.

A privilege

The freedom to criticise those in authority, including the National Park Committee, is an important and valuable privilege of our democracy. In that respect we are totally at one with *Dalesfolk* and their friends. But what is needed are not emotional broadsides and bar-room politics based on hearsay and riddled with contradictions and errors of fact, that only inflame prejudice and weaken understanding, but constructive criticism and positive ideas.



Limestone 'Clints' – Ingleborough N.W. edge of Monghton scar, with Ingleborough summit beyond.

Like it or not, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is the only National Park Authority we've got, and it's up to all of us to make sure it works as effectively as possible, both for the sake of local community and for the nation as a whole. We look forward to seeing future issues of *Dalesfolk* – and hope that it will eventually reach a more balanced view.

*Tom Twisleton, Dialect Poet of Craven
'A Fine Type of Old Dalesman'*

'Thaar cliffs uprear their shaggy waus,
An' down below a streamlet flows,
 Wi' rough an' blusterin' din;
While masses of projecin' rock
Owerhing as if the slightest shock
 Wad send 'em thunderin' in.'

Gordale Scar is not easy to describe in a few words but these lines make a brave attempt. They were written by Tom Twisleton, as a young farmer at Winskill in the 1860s.

Tom Twisleton was born in 1845. According to the introduction in verse to the first (1867) edition of his 'Poems in the Craven Dialect', he had early abandoned book-learning in favour of working on his father's farm;

'But often, when my wark I plied
To mak a verse or two I tried,
 To pass away the time;
An', when I sud hev been asleep,
I wacken lay, i' study deep,
 Thrang makkin' bits o' rhyme.'

His friend, the Rev. George H. Brown, would later outline his method of composition; 'Suppose he were at Settle and heard or was concerned in some incident that had its comical side, he would, as he went back to Winskill, turn the thing over in his mind and his thoughts easily ran into rhyme. Then, next day, he would commit them to paper'.

By his early twenties, Twisleton had written enough poems for his collection, originally known as 'Splinters Struck off Winskill Rock'. His titles tend to be precise and quirky: 'On Shooting Two Dogs That Were Worrying Sheep': 'On the Night of the 3rd January, 1865': 'Composed on Both Barrels of my Gun Missing Fire at a Hare One Wet Day, On Account of my Not Using Waterproof Caps': 'On Hearing a Volunteer Called a Goose by the Drill Instructor': 'Lines Composed On Seeing a Woman Intoxicated in Settle Street on a Market Day'.

Like many nineteenth-century dialect poets, Twisleton's work was profoundly influenced by Robert Burns (indeed, he used to wear a Scots bonnet and plaid to encourage comparison!), and like Burns he drew his inspiration from the simple activities of the country folk around him – their picnics, fairs and Christmas parties. He combined a sense of timeless human nature with mid-Victorian detail:

'Thaar deck'd out fine, wi' crinoline,
 The lasses they are flirtin';
They pass you by, wi' dress held high,



Tom Twisleton

To show their fancy skirtin'.
An' if ye chance at them to glance,
 They, wi' a queen-like air, sir,
Will stretch away, as if to say,
 "Come near me, if you dare, sir!"

His interest in the Volunteer movement and teetotalism characterises much of his work – he was an active temperance lecturer, writing such verses as 'Johnny Bland, the Blacksmith' to recite at the Settle Temperance Festival of Christmas, 1865. Yet such pieces survive, not for their propaganda, but for their broad good-humour. His 'Woman Intoxicated in Settle Street' seems less memorable than the Settle market-day against which he sets her:

'Yan day, it was Tuesday, an' Settle was thrang,
For fooaks to an' fro in the market did gang;
There were warkman an' tradesmen, an' farmers an' squires,
An' some com as sellers, an' some com as buyers;
Some med theirsels thrang amang hampers an' crates,
An' some stood i' clusters an' held girt debates;
Whal others, who seem'd to hev nowt mich on hand,
Wi' their hands i' their pockets, at t'corners did stand'.

Similarly, the moralistic finale of 'The Fair'

'An' now, I say, ye lads sa gay,
An' lasses neat an' tidy,



Green Lane, North of Twisleton Hall, Twisleton, Scar end, Nr. Ingleton.

Whare'er ye be, whate'er ye see,
Let prudence allus guide ye . . .'

pales beside the lively fair itself, with its stalls, shooting-booths, quacks, auctioneers, ale-sellers, dances and menagerie.

Also a non-smoker, Twisleton's poem on "Bacca Smooking" is typically humorous:

'For meet that man whene'er ye may,
Be t'summer time or winter's day,
Ye're swere to see him smookin';
Wi' his black pipe, beneath his snout,
He thrahs girt clouds o' reek about,
Just like a chimley walkin' '.

Tom Twisleton quickly grew so popular that, by 1876, his 'Poems in the Craven Dialect' had run into a third edition. 'We should add,' a note from his publishers pointed out, 'that Mr T. Twiselton has not indulged in composition for several years, the engagements of an active business life neither giving leisure nor the inspiration for his muse which a strictly rural occupation afforded'.

This turned out remarkably prophetic – for almost the latter half-century of his life Twisleton wrote next to nothing. He told the Rev. George H. Brown that 'making rhymes was right enough for his younger days. He seemed to feel that there was not much place for making rhymes when life had charged itself with its larger tasks and cares'. He also felt (this is the early years of the present century)

that due to 'elementary schools, railway facilities and the influx of visitors', the speech of the Craven dales was 'losing its purity and forcefulness'.

When still young, Tom Twisleton left Winskill, set up as a corn dealer, moved to Burnsall, then Burley-in-Wharfedale and finally Menston. He worked up an insurance agency amongst farmers with an area extending from Leyburn to the outskirts of Huddersfield. He married twice and had eight children.

He remained a familiar Craven figure, making a point of always visiting the Settle fairs each April, August and October. He was a big, strong man, over six feet tall and proportionately broad, 'a fine type of the old Dalesman', as one of his obituaries would describe him.

Appearances, however, could be deceptive. As a corn dealer, Twisleton had lifted and carried too many sacks of flour and strained his heart. The Rev. George H. Brown, who had known him for more than forty years and who would conduct his funeral service at the Burley and Menston Cemetery on January 16th, 1917, poignantly summarised the circumstances leading to his death: 'Eighteen months ago there were many soldiers quartered at Menston for rifle practice on the moor. Some of these had made a gap in my friend's wall-fence, and in rebuilding the wall and lifting heavy throughs and coping-stones he again strained his heart, and after that there was gradual loss of strength . . .'

'Poems in the Craven Dialect' went through no less than six editions, but the last of these was in 1907 and, apart from an occasional anthologised example, Tom Twisleton's work is hard to come by. This seems a pity, for his poems, in the perceptive words of the Rev. Brown, 'were the effusions of a youth of buoyant health, of happy spirit, with a keen sense of humour, in close touch with Nature and in love of Nature, living most of his time in the open air, and delighting in the breezes that blew across Winskill Rock with the smell of the thyme and heather on their wings'.

HAWES CREAMERY – A FAILURE OF IMAGINATION

The imminent closure of the Dairycrest Creamery in Hawes, Wensleydale, the town's largest employer, will cost 60 jobs within this small Dales town. But the loss doesn't end here. There will be a 'knock-on' effect as spending power is taken out of the economy. Individual families will suffer in an area where there is little alternative full time employment, and one of the last real working communities of the Dales will watch its identity slip away as homes put on the market are bought up by outsiders for weekend retreats and tourism dominates even more.

It was the late T.D.C. 'Kit' Calvert, prince of Dalesmen, who helped to establish the Creamery which made those little one pound round Wensleydale cheeses, famous for their excellence. They still say that the true tang of a Wensleydale cheese comes from milk from cows reared on limestone pastures. Kit's trip to London in the 1940s with his friends to see the politicians and help save the unique Wensleydale cheese and the Hawes creamery is one of the great stories of the Dales. To see Kit's achievement wiped out at the stroke of an accountant's pen is an insult to his memory.

There is a case for supporting the EEC campaign to ensure that Wensleydale cheese is only made in Wensleydale (and its tributary valleys) and not as the Dairycrest managers propose, with a clumsy lack of tact, in Lancashire. Worse, reports reach us of plans to strip the factory of essential equipment to make it difficult for potential future owners to re-equip in case they compete with Dairycrest. Difficult to imagine that the Milk Marketing Board – from which 'Dairycrest' has evolved – was originally established to help farmers and rural communities, not to prevent them from helping themselves.

The whole sorry affair reveals the inadequacy of letting so called 'market forces' affect wider social and economic planning decisions. What makes sense for Dairycrest accountants doesn't make sense for Hawes people or for the taxpayer who has to pay out social security payments to the dispossessed. What's the use of the Rural Development Commission investing in small advance factory units and craft workshops in areas like the Dales when a basic employer, central to the upland farming economy, can happily pull the plug on an entire community in order to make a balance sheet look more favourable. When such a body is a quango with a social remit, it is time serious questions were asked.

We wonder how the faceless men in distant offices who took the decision to close the Hawes Creamery would react if there was a resultant boycott in the Yorkshire Dales and elsewhere of Dairycrest produce. Kit, were he alive, would already be organising another delegation to London to see John Major and put the point of view of Dales people to the Prime Minister in his characteristically blunt and forthright way.



Kit Calvert – fighter for Hawes Creamery.

He'd be arguing that if Dairycrest can't manufacture a quality product like Wensleydale cheese in Wensleydale and sell it worldwide, then the company should move out and not in any way hinder those who can. And he'd be absolutely right.

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SUMMER READING IN THE DALES

Freedom of the Dales – Paul Hannon (Hillside publications £17.95). If ordered direct from the publisher at 11 Nessfield Grove, Keighley, West Yorkshire add £1.55 postage and packing.

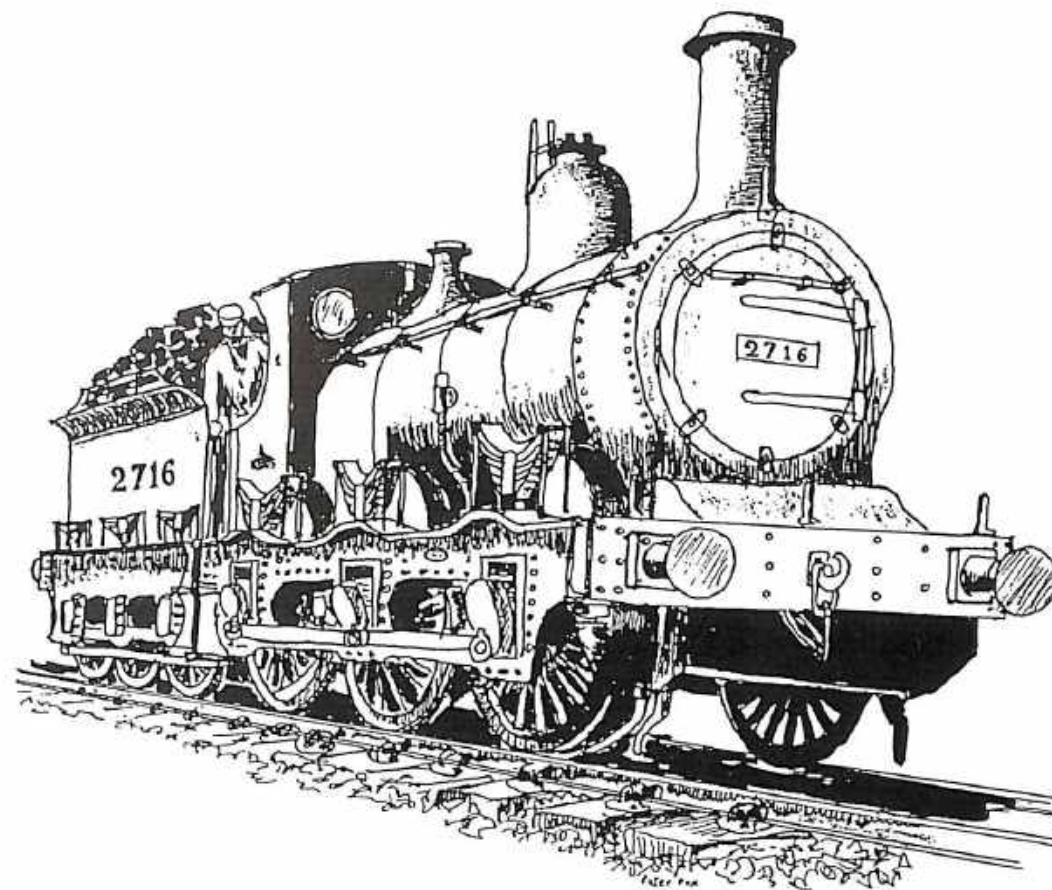
Subtitled 'Exploring the Yorkshire Dales on Foot' publisher-author Paul Hannon has produced a beautiful book of evocative photographs of the Dales linked with a walkers' love and depth of knowledge of the Dales landscape. Many walks are familiar Dales 'classics' but there are some new ones – increasingly difficult to discover in the Dales. Prominent in the text are the kind of Wainwright-style maps which have made Paul's excellent pocket walking guides of the Dales so popular and successful. Though this isn't a field-guide in the sense of fitting into a rucksack, it will give armchair ramblers and dedicated fellwalkers alike hours of insight and pleasure, and inspiration to get boot and camera out to capture those superb moments. Whether we can do so as well as Paul Hannon is doubtful – which is reason enough to buy the book to share the pleasures.

Shorter Walks around Bentham – Bentham Footpath Group (Mewith Publications, Bentham, North Yorkshire LA2 7DL £2.50; add 50p postage).

Bentham, on the south western edge of the Yorkshire Dales has some delightful, relatively little known walks, and the enterprising Bentham Footpath Group has put together another collection of ten walks around the twin villages of Low and High Bentham, all 4–6 miles long, well researched with woodcut style illustrations and clear maps. At £2.50 that makes just 25p a walk – superb value. Another plus point is that most of the walks can be done from Bentham Station on British Rail's neglected Leeds-Skipton-Lancaster line, so get the book and take the train to Bentham to escape the traffic and the crowds on the Three Peaks or at Malham this summer.

Locomotives seen on the Settle-Carlisle – W. R. Mitchell and Peter Fox (Castleberg publications, 18 Yealand Avenue, Giggleswick, Settle, BD24 0Y £2.60; add 40p postage).

Anyone who knows the difference between a 'Kirtley Goods' and a 'Crab' let alone a 'Jubilee' or a 'Rebuilt Scot', will revel in this essay in photographs and drawings by two author-photographers who suffer severely from what Bill Mitchell accurately describes as 'Settle-Carlislitis'. Even in these days of boring if efficient 'Super Sprinters' whisking us the traffic-free way to the Dales, there can be moments of pure poetry, as when in February 1983, a grand old time steam locomotive, the celebrated Midland Compound 1000, superbly restored and turned out in Midland Railway crimson livery, pounded its way between the snow-capped fells – whistling determinedly but plaintively, a sound that moved even a local farmer who had known steam of old. "Beautiful," he muttered as he clambered back into his Land Rover.'



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LETTING THE BUS AND TRAIN TAKE THE STRAIN

'Sussex Dalesman' Alan Sutcliffe travels extensively through the Dales without a car and urges fellow YDS members to do likewise.

There are now many more opportunities for access to the Dales without a car, and I commend all YDS members concerned with the environment to use both **Dalesbus** and other rail and bus services whenever possible to help ensure their continuation, and to help reduce traffic congestion and pollution.

Electrification of the Airedale and Wharfedale lines to Skipton and Ilkley has been authorised with a target for full operation by May 1994, improving links to the Dales; however this means that Leeds/Bradford Ilkley service will be replaced with a shuttle bus from Shipley between July 25th and the end of August. On the Settle-Carlisle line, the extra summer mid-morning train from Leeds is running for a longer period this year hopefully easing overcrowding problems experienced in 1991, whilst the service from Blackpool and Stockport/Manchester is running as two separate trains this year. Connecting bus services to Hawes, Swaledale, Sedburgh, Alston and the Lake District are also running again. On the Leeds-Lancaster route the reduced level of service remains, but some trains are running at times more convenient for a visit to Gargrave, Long Preston, Clapham and the western Dales.

The popular Keighley & District, Harrogate & District **Dalesbus** services are running again, including 800 from Leeds to Grassington, Hawes, Ingleton and Keld, the 803 to Hawes via Swaledale (starting from and returning to Wetherby this year) as well as the X98 Lakes Express to Grassmere via Settle and Ingleton and the Lancashire County Council supported Leisurelink Sunday service 749 from Preston and East Lancashire to Skipton, Grassington, Bolton Abbey and Ilkley. The long established Tuesday and Friday 809 services from Keighley and Skipton to Hawes and Leyburn respectively, whilst the all-year-round weekday service 72 between Skipton, Grassington and Hebden now enjoys an almost hourly frequency, making it very much more useful for walkers and general visitors as well as local people – most services operate to and from the railway station to link with trains.

New for 1992, and in some cases arising partly out of discussions between the Yorkshire Dales Society, the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the bus operators, following the publication of the Edwards Committee Report and its statements about traffic and transport, are a number of interesting new recreational services.

One of these, and of great value to our members in Teeside and the Darlington areas, is United's 799 supported by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee and North Yorkshire County Council, which will operate on just ten Sundays from



Bus services in the Dales.

5th July and 6th September inclusive, leaving Darlington Railway Station at 1010, and Darlington Bus Station at 1015 for Richmond, Leyburn, Aysgarth, Hawes, one journey connecting at Hawes to afford a new midday link into Swaledale. A regular extension of service 36 and other services starting in late July will link Leeds, Harrogate and Ripon with Fountains Abbey, on the opening of the new National Trust Visitor centre.

Day Explorer tickets (adult £4.80, child under 14 £2.40, family £9.60, senior citizen) are available on all Harrogate and Keighley and District services – simply buy the ticket on the first bus you board, whilst United have the **Explorer North East** ticket (adults £4.25, child/senior citizen £3.25 family – 2 adults, 2 children or 1 adult 3 children – £8.75. New for 1992, all three companies accept each others tickets on services 799, 800 and 803 within the Yorkshire Dales area to give maximum flexibility on a day out.

A new company, Horseless Carriage Services, based at Threshfield, has commenced a minibus service, **Pride of the Dales**, in Upper Wharfedale with assistance from the Rural Development Commission, operating Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays serving several Wharfedale and Littondale villages with little or no regular services – Skyrethornes, Conistone, Arncliffe, as well as Kettlewell (including Scargill House), Buckden, Burnsall and by request to Litton, Halton Gill, Foxup, Yockenthwaite and Parceval Hall. Routes vary from day to day – for details and information ring 0756 753123.

Another interesting service which will provide access into an area of the National Park where car parking is a problem on Summer Sundays is Dalesbus 801 between

Ilkley and Skipton via Bolton Abbey, Halton Heights (for Barden Moor Access Area) and Embsay Steam Railway on Sundays and Bank Holidays until 27th September as follows:

Skipton Bus Station	1020	1220	1420	1620
Embsay	1028	1228	1428	1628
Bolton Abbey	1043	1243	1443	1643
Addingham	1046	1246	1446	1646
Ilkley	1103	1303	1503	1703
Ilkley Brook Street	1120	1320	1520	1720
Addingham	1128	1328	1528	1728
Bolton Abbey	1136	1336	1536	1736
Embsay	1156	1356	1556	1756
Skipton Bus Station	1208	1408	1608	1808

Full details of all Dalesbus times can be obtained from West Yorkshire Metro, Keighley & District, Harrogate & District or United Travel Offices. All bus and train services are included in the excellent Yorkshire Dales timetable booklet **Dales Connections** obtainable free of charge from National Park Centres, local TICs or by post (enclose a 6" x 9" self addressed envelope with 50p to include postage and packing), to Elmtree Publications, The Elms, Exelby, Bedale, North Yorkshire DL8 2HD, whilst United's new **North Yorkshire and Teesdale Travel Guide** includes travel and tourist information for the northern Dales, including Teesdale, with English Heritage and National Trust vouchers giving reduced price access for bus ticket holders to such attractions as Fountains Abbey, and both Middleham and Richmond Castles. The Guide is free of charge from the above centres or by post from United, United House, Grange Road, Darlington, DL1 5NL.

And to prove the YDS mean business on the carfree way of enjoying the Dales, on July 26th, August 16th and September 6th we're planning three 'Dalesbus' walks in the Dales. Come all the way by bus or leave your car at the suggested park and ride point outside the National Park – see Events on page 27 for full details.

The Yorkshire Dales Society is one of the sponsors to the superb Friends of the Settle-Carlisle line 1992 Train and bus guide – available from stations and Tourist information centres or in case of difficulty direct from FOSCLA, (plus 6" x 9" SAE) 16 Pickard Court, Leeds LS15 9AY.

ROUNDUP – NEWS AND VIEWS FROM AROUND THE DALES

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has sharpened its 'green' credentials by supporting the 'One World Day' at the end of May by distributing 'Tree of life cards' which pledge individuals to conserve the natural resource of the world in such ways as reducing the use of cars, making greater effort to recycle waste and to write to banks, urging cancellation of Third World debt to reduce the threat of environmental exploitation.

Support by the National Park for a number of recreational bus services during 1992 (see Alan Sutcliffe's article), begins to put one of these suggestions into action, though it is a pity that the otherwise excellent guided walks programme (details from National Park Centres) tacitly encourages increased use of car travel by largely ignoring public transport, even when good bus services are available. This contrasts with the 1992 Moorsbus network in the North York Moors National Park which has guided walks specifically linked to buses. We welcome the appointment of Jonathan Smith as the Park's new traffic management and transportation officer and look forward to some innovative ideas from the National Park for '93 and a badly needed increase in resources for traffic and transport planning.

The National Park Committee is likely to support nation-wide measures to limit the hours of quarry working and transport, to reduce nuisance at night and weekends. The Committee also plan to meet in Dales villages to make their meetings – which are open to the public – more accessible to local people (including YDS members) by having them in the Dales. Dates so far agreed include July 16th Arncliffe Village Hall, August 20th Danton Room, Sedburgh School, September 17th Fountain Hotel, Hawes.

At its first meeting, the **Mid Wharfedale** Daleswatch Group expressed concern that much fine countryside lying as it does between the proposed Nidderdale AONB and the West Yorkshire conurbation is at risk, a risk increased by the proposed linked series of by-passes (the Department of Transport claim that they are not linked but purely coincidental) along the A65 which threatens to devastate much fine countryside, including areas of ancient woodland. Over 250 people turned up on a protest ramble and rally in April organised by Friends of the Earth, and addressed at Middleton Monastery by, among others, local MP Gary Waller, Tommy Flanagan leader of Bradford Council and Colin Speakman of the Yorkshire Dales Society. Next meeting is on July 6th.

Nidderdale Group had its first meeting in Dacre Banks with members expressing an interest in the AONB, traffic and transport matters, a proposed Otter farm at Padside (excellent in principle but badly thought out in practice) and issues relating to Yorkshire Water's management of its lands in both Upper Nidderdale and Washburndale, including the possible re-use of redundant and semi-derelict buildings.



Skipton Market.

Wensleydale Group operates with other local bodies in the Dales, including CPRE, the Wensleydale Society, the Wensleydale Railway Association and environmental groups within the Wensleydale Countryside Forum designed to improve communication between organisations. Issues of immediate concern include the Redmire line – now with six months stay of execution and a national 'cause célèbre', the need for innovative transport, possible 'one way' coach routes to reduce congestion and ways of assisting farmers to diversify in ways which meet the need to conserve the environment. Next meeting will be October 13th at West Burton Institute – all are welcome.

Ribblesdale Group are perhaps most exposed to the problems of quarries and their traffic, and the complicated local politics reflecting an unwillingness of local people to do anything allegedly to threaten local jobs, despite the extreme nuisance being caused to these same communities. Housing, transport and the plight of hillfarmers remain high on the agenda with a desire to see a seminar or forum with farming organisations to see what solutions are possible, an initiative the YDS hopes to pursue now the election is behind us.

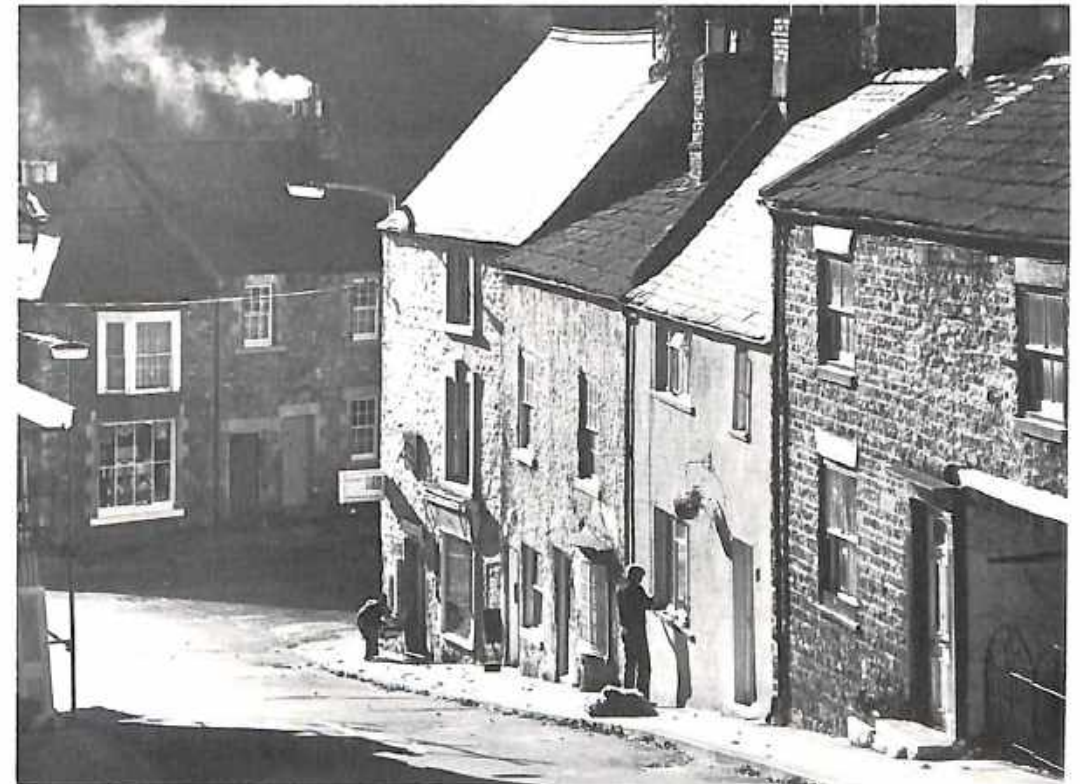
Dentdale Group watch with concern progress on the Cat Holes golf course and wonder if this is only the first of other leisure developments planned for the Dales. Members note the problems the National Park appear to have in communicating with local people, but proposals to extend the Environmentally Sensitive Areas

scheme have been warmly welcomed, providing that rewards to farmers are sufficient to make it worth their while.

Upper Wharfedale faces a slight crisis in lacking a volunteer co-ordinator – perhaps one of our (many) members in the Grassington/Threshfield area might be able to help. If so, please contact Sheila Marks on 0943 608968. Current issues include plans to put housing on the green at Hardy Meadows, an idea strongly resisted by local people, but on a more positive note members welcome the new Horseless Carriage minibus service serving parts of the Dales not served for many years – see the article by Alan Sutcliffe for details.

Can you help with your local group or are there issues in your area which should be discussed? As well as a Convenor, each local group has a Council of Management member to act as direct representative/liason with Council, and to make sure suggestions or comments raised in meetings are acted upon, so if you feel you have a little time to give, please contact either the Convenor or the Council member concerned to find out more information about the next meeting or get in contact with fellow YDS members in your area. We are also looking for help to establish new groups in the mid-Craven (Skipton) and the Swaledale areas. Please contact the office if you think you can help.

The Daleswatch Group Chairman Dr Jim Burton – newly appointed member



Richmond Hill, In Richmond Swaledale Yorks.

of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee will be contacting groups during the summer to establish a regular line of contact, among other things with a 'hot-line' on Park issues and regular surgeries on key issues. Jim can also be contacted on 0943 602918.

Dentdale: Convenor Louise Hunt (0576 400); Council Contact Member Ann Halloran (0532 438398).

Upper Wharfedale: Convenor vacant; Council member Sheila Marks (0943 608968).

Ribblesdale: Convenor Hilary Baker (0729 840649); Council member Barbara McCloughlin (0729 822197).

Wensleydale: Convenor Jeff Taylor; Council member Celeste Bonfanti (0539 740825).

Mid and Lower Wharfedale: Convenor Peter Young (0943 466858); Council member Chris Wright (0937 573427).

Nidderdale: Convenor Jean Johnson (0943 880234); Council member Chris Hartley (0943 872511).

The highly praised **Daleswatch Digest** bulletin of current information about Dales issues culled from local and national press by Dawn Burton is available to YDS members from the YDS office at a cost of £5 per annum (to cover postage and photocopying) for four issues – starting from no. 17. Any cuttings from whatever source – local and national newspapers, specialist and professional magazines – are extremely welcome. Send them direct to Dawn Burton, 139 Curly Hill, Middleton, Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

ANNUAL MEETING IN ADDINGHAM

At a packed Annual General Meeting at the Addingham Memorial Hall on May 23rd, following the highly successful Stitch and Thread prizegiving, YDS Chairman Ken Willson spoke of the twin highlights of the past year as being the competition itself and the emergence of the new look Yorkshire Dales Review. Both would do much to promote the work of the Society.

The Society had enjoyed another excellent year, with some outstanding events – lectures, walks and visits, and an extremely enjoyable Old Dales Night at Kettlewell as part of the Society's Spring weekend. A number of new Daleswatch groups had been formed, and issues arising from meetings were being pursued by the Society in various ways. These included ways of assisting hill farmers in perhaps the most difficult economic climate since World War II, and support for the campaign to retain the Redmire-Northallerton freight line, as well as action on traffic and transport matters leading to two recreational bus initiatives in the Dales. The Society is also establishing good working links with other voluntary organisations in the Dales.

He thanked his colleagues on the Council of Management for all their hard work during the year, and paid tribute to Joan Crabtree and Meg Knight who were retiring from the Council, and to Sheila Marks who had served so ably as Vice Chairman (and who was continuing as a very active member of Council). Thanks were also given to the Secretariat, Fleur and Colin Speakman – Fleur's exceptional hard work to make the Competition such a success earned especial gratitude, as did the contribution of the Society's hardworking team of volunteers both in the office and leading walks and organising events, selling teas and merchandise, and helping the Society in so many different ways.

Honorary Treasurer David Smith briefly introduced and responded to questions on the accounts which indicated that despite increased costs the Society had achieved a small financial surplus, largely due to the increased membership fee now benefiting income, and continued generous donations. Alan Pease, Company Secretary, explained the requirements of the Inland Revenue over the need for members to make accurate Covenant returns on the required form if payment was to be received. (Full copies of the accounts are available for members not present at the meeting on receipt of a large stamped addressed envelope.)

After the meeting, Amanda Nobbs, Director of the Council of National Parks, gave a lively introduction to the work of the CNP, to changes in National Park legislation which were expected and ways in which the voluntary movement, including the Yorkshire Dales Society, could work more effectively together. This was followed by questions.

The following officers and members of Council were elected for 1992/3: *Chairman* Ken Willson (Addingham); *Vice Chairman* Dr Chris Wright (Bardsey); *Company Secretary* Alan Pease (Bardsey); *Hon. Treasurer* David Smith (Ilkley); Hilary Baker (Long Preston); Celeste Bonfanti (Kendal); Dawn Burton (Ilkley); Dr Jim Burton (Ilkley); Anne Halloran (Leeds); Chris Hartley (Guiselley); Eric Jackson (Otley); Sheila Marks (Ilkley); Barbara McLoughlin (Settle); Dr Alison Ravetz (Leeds); John Ward (Ilkley).

Joint Secretaries (appointed by Council) Fleur and Colin Speakman.

COMPETITION A REVELATION

Many people who attended the packed Addingham Memorial Hall on Saturday May 23rd for the presentation of prizes and awards for the Yorkshire Dales Society Tenth Anniversary Competition 'Through Stitch and Thread' found the entries a revelation as regards quality of workmanship, variety of interpretation of Dales themes and for originality of ideas.

The 88 entries were drawn especially from Yorkshire's farms, dales, market towns and larger cities, but there was also a considerable number of entries from other parts of the U.K. including Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Cumbria, Cleveland, Durham, Hampshire, Somerset, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Wiltshire and even one entry from Takong, Pagno USA!

The 4 sections: Dales Landscapes, Dales Related Tasks and Activities, Dales Architecture and Dales Leisure Time Activities gave plenty of scope with the emphasis being on conveying an appropriate atmosphere or mood rather than necessarily a literal representation. Inevitably and unsurprisingly, the landscape section with strong motifs like The Three Peaks, Hardraw Force, Aysgarth Falls, Fountains Abbey and the Settle-Carlisle Railway proved the most popular. Techniques ranged from the bold and dramatic, to the atmospheric and the quietly lyrical and even to the delightfully humorous. Many proved ingenious in giving a strong tactile effect to both landscape and people.

Range and variety

Several entrants chose to concentrate on a telling detail such as part of an abbey pavement, clints and grykes covered in snow or plants growing in the crevices. Others conveyed a particular season to telling effect. Objects such as specially constructed boxes with Dales motifs, a spectacular honeycomb puzzle box, a pair of book ends evoking open moorland and wet rocks, a delicate lacy waterfall lamp with a drawn thread background by Janet Morris, a book with pages of finely worked Dales motifs, hangings of various kinds, samplers and maps contrasted with a huge selection of pictures, framed and unframed of varying sizes. Techniques ranged from woven pictures where in some cases entrants had dyed their own wools, to tapestries, embroidery in all its variety, stamp work, and an entirely knitted picture, fabric collage and use of crochet, macrame and even tatting. A particularly striking design was one dramatically lit potholer by Barbara Wright, entitled 'The Colonnade at Lancaster Hole' while the delicate stitchery of Rubina Porter's 'Haymeadow' was reminiscent of the pointilliste school of French Impressionist painting. A group entry from an Infant Class in Consett, Co. Durham was a charming hanging entitled 'Lambing Time' while another group entry, a hanging from Whetley Hill Resource Centre for the Disabled at Bradford, caused the judges to respond to this dramatic piece by offering a special award. An individual Whetley Hill entry which also deserves special mention was Ian Hamilton's very striking 'Hardraw Force'.

Judges Betty Garrard, Val Orr and Janet Rawlins are to be congratulated on their professionalism and skill in making what were often difficult, but unanimous



Joan Cooke of Doncaster receiving 1st prize in class 1 for her entry 'Wet Rocks Open Moorland' 'Bookends' with Judges Val Orr and Betty Garrard.

choices and their stylish presentation of the awards. In the words of Val Orr, 'We had such a happy day viewing the 88 entries, and we were all most encouraged by the wide diversity of subjects, the skill of execution and the many and varied forms of presentation.' A keynote of this competition was also the immense enthusiasm of the entrants themselves. Perhaps some of the countless people who came to view the Addingham Exhibition may be inspired in their turn at some future date to create their own very personal interpretation of the Dales.

A selection of the exhibits can be seen later in the year at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes August 31-September 27th, Cliffe Castle, Keighley October 3rd-November 1st and Kirkstall Abbey House Museum, Leeds, November 9th-20th. Please check that the exhibitions are actually available on those dates, especially if you are travelling any distance. Phone numbers of the museums and opening times are given on the Events List page in the magazine.

There is a possibility of small-scale exhibitions in the summer months, please look out for press announcements. In addition, the 'Dalesman' magazine will be carrying an article with photographs of the competition later in the year.

Competition Prizewinners

Class I Dales Landscape

1st Prize	Joan Cooke	'Wet Rocks on Open Moorland' (Doncaster)
2nd equal	Patricia Kent	'Upper Swaledale, Haytime' (Leyburn)
2nd equal	Lois Chapman	'Dalescape' (Harrogate)

Runner-up Maureen Hindes 'Rank Grass' (Leeds)
 Runner-up Margaret Spencer 'Aysgarth Falls' (Harrogate)
 Runner-up Bobbie Atkinson 'Clints and Grykes in Winter, Malham' (Shipley)

Class II Dales Related Tasks and Activities

1st Prize Anne Burrow 'My Observations of a Dales Livestock Market' (Cowan Bridge)

No 2nd Prize

Runner-up Joan Cooke 'Honeycomb puzzle box, beekeeping in the Dales' (Doncaster)

Runner-up Anne Morrow 'Stumpwork Shepherd' (Wakefield)

Class III Architecture

1st Prize Patricia Kent 'Cubeck in Winter' (Leyburn)

2nd Prize Kathleen Greenwood 'Settle/Carlisle Railway, Arten Gill Viaduct' (Leyburn)

No Runners-up

Class IV Leisure Activities

1st Prize Betty Coleman 'Rambler's Reward' (Bradford)

2nd Prize Marjorie Self 'The Hole in the Wall, People Watching' (Kent)

Runner-up Jane Fielder 'Children Playing, Stepping Stones, Stainforth' (Bingley)

Judges Special Award

Whetley Hill Resource Centre, Group work 'Moonlight over the Dales' (Bradford).

YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY SUMMER EVENTS

After a lovely Spring, perhaps a glorious summer. Join members of the Yorkshire Dales Society for a walk, talk or visit to share an appreciation of what makes the Dales so delightful.

SATURDAY JULY 11th

Meet at Grewelthorpe Village at 2pm for some difficult walking for a 2 mile walkabout at Hackfall Woods & Gardens till about 4pm. The Walk Leader is the Rt Hon. James Ramsden and the cost is £2.50 donation per person, advance booking via Otley Office, tel. Chris Hartley 0943 872511 for details.

SUNDAY JULY 26th

Dalesbus Walk along the Dales Way in Mid Wharfedale from Grassington to Barden, 8 miles of moderate walking. Catch the Dalesbus service 800 which leaves Leeds Central Bus station 0915, Rawdon 0930, Ilkey (Brook Street) 0955 to Grassington; return from Barden on the new 801 service from Barden (Halton Heights road junction) to Ilkey at 1643. Explorer ticket recommended (buy on bus) and bring packed lunch. (Park and ride – Ilkey). Leader Alan Sutcliffe tel 0444 48 3326.

SATURDAY AUGUST 8th

A moderate walk of 8 miles in mid Wensleydale. Meet at 10.30 am at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre with a packed lunch, the walk will finish at about 4.30pm. Tel. Walk Leader Chris Hartley for further details on 0943 872511. Bus 27 from Darlington 7.55am (buy Explorer ticket) then bus 26 from Darlington at 8.30am – alight at Aysgarth Youth Hostel (5 minutes' walk to Falls).

SUNDAY AUGUST 16th

Dalesbus Walk Two Dales Walk – Aysgarth, Castle Bolton and Reeth 9 miles of moderate walking. Catch the new United Dalesbus 799 from Darlington Rail station 1010, Bus Station 1015, Richmond 1045 to Aysgarth Falls Corner, arrive 1133 (or 0915 service 800 from Leeds arr. 1158); meet Aysgarth Falls Corner for walk to Reeth. Return on 803 bus from Reeth depart 1755 for Leeds via Harrogate, or change at Leyburn onto 799 departing at 1820 for Richmond and Darlington. Explorer ticket recommended (buy on bus) and bring packed lunch. (Park and ride Richmond or Darlington.) Leader Colin Speakman tel: 0943 607868.

SATURDAY AUGUST 31st – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27th

'Through Stitch and Thread' Exhibition at Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes tel: 0532 755821. Opening hours: 10am–5pm daily.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6th

Dalesbus Walk Along the Dales Way in Upper Wharfedale from Conistone to Burnsall for a moderate 8 miles. Catch the Dalesbus service 800 as 26th July to

Conistone Bridge for walk to Kettlewell, Starbotton, and Buckden. (Park and ride Ilkley.) Bring packed lunch. Leader Alan Sutcliffe tel 0444 48 3326.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

A Guided Tour of Richmond lead by architectural historian Jane Hatcher for an easy 2 mile walk, starting 2pm at Richmond Town Square. Advance booking via Otley Office, members £1 and non members £2 by September 1st. Joint Event with North Yorks Moors Society who are also asked to book with Otley Office. Approx. finishing time 4pm. Bus 27 from Darlington to 12.55.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3rd

Walk to How Stean and Middlesmoor, an easy 4 miles, meet at Studfield Farm car park, just on left of lane to How Stean for Lofthouse (Grid Ref. 097733) at 1030am. Bring packed lunch or buy light lunch at How Stean Gorge Cafe. Public transport users ring Eric Jackson, Walk Leader, on 0943 366314 to arrange lift from Pateley Bridge bus terminus.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3rd – YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY LECTURE SERIES:

THE NATIONAL PARK TRADITION IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES AND GERMANY

by Fleur and Colin Speakman, at Bishopdale and Bewerley Memorial Hall, Park Road, Pateley Bridge at 2pm. Fleur and Colin's 'Green Guide to Germany' has been published recently, and this illustrated lecture will look at some surprising similarities – and differences – between UK and European landscape and nature conservation, as experienced in the Yorkshire Dales and some National Parks in Germany.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3rd – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st

'Through Stitch and Thread' competition exhibition at Cliffe Castle, Keighley, tel 0535 618230. Opening hours Tue-Sun 10am-5pm.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9th – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20th

'Through Stitch and Thread' Exhibition at Kirkstall Abbey House Museum, Leeds tel: 0532 755821 10am-5pm Mon-Sat, Sun 2pm-5pm.

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CAN YOU HELP?

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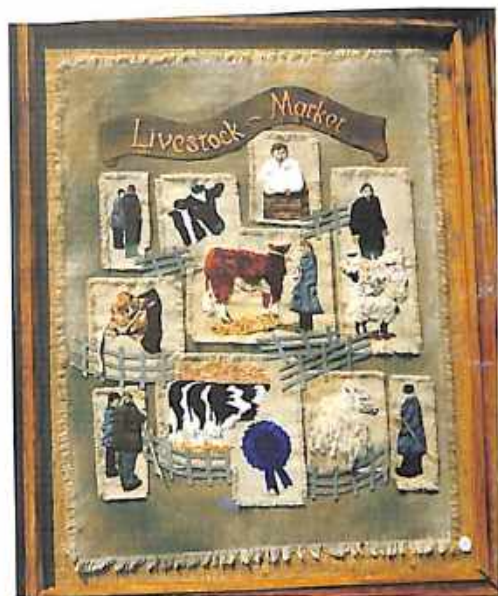
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Class II Dales related tasks Stumpwork shepherd Anne Morrow Wakefield.



Special judges award, Whitley Hill Resource centre Bradford 'Moonlight over the Dales'.

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Walks & Lectures Programme

1992/93

This is the fourth series of our popular Walks & Talks of 1992/93. Members and friends are offered **6 LECTURES BY NOTED SPEAKERS AND 6 GUIDED WALKS BY OUR EXPERIENCED TEAM**, at a changing venue in the Dales on each occasion so that members have a chance to visit different Dales venues, perhaps helping to cut down on travel in some cases. Each occasion is a chance for potential members to see what the society has to offer and if they decide to become Yorkshire Dales Society members, part of their admission fee is refunded. Each lecture costs **MEMBERS £1.00 AND NON-MEMBERS £2.00**. Members will be making a considerable saving at each lecture.

Each walk lasts approximately **TWO HOURS** and members make their own lunch arrangements, followed by the afternoon lecture and a chance to meet other members over light refreshments after each event. Please note that we have included the names and telephone numbers of the Walk leaders or other contact in case you have a particular query. Further walk details will appear in the relevant Yorkshire Dales Review. Offers of help with greeting members, manning stalls and assisting with tea-making are gratefully received. **PLEASE LET US KNOW IN ADVANCE IF YOU ARE DEFINITELY AVAILABLE TO HELP IN THIS RESPECT AT PARTICULAR TIMES.**

Lecture Programme

Saturday, October 3rd

Walk - Leader Eric Jackson Tel: Otley 466314

Meet at Studfield Farm car park, on left of lane at How Stean Gorge for Lofthouse (Grid Ref. 097 733) at 10.30 a.m. for easy 4 mile walk. Packed lunch or light lunch at How Stean Gorge café. Public transport users ring Eric Jackson to arrange for a lift from Pateley Bridge bus terminus.

Lecture - THE NATIONAL PARK TRADITION IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES AND GERMANY by Fleur and Colin Speakman

Fleur and Colin's recently published "Green Guide to Germany" looks at some surprising similarities and differences between the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the German National Parks.

Bewerley and Bishopdale Memorial Hall, Park Road, Pateley Bridge at 2.00 p.m.

Saturday, November 14th

Please note that this particular event starts with the lecture in the morning and is followed by the walk in the afternoon at the request of the speaker.

Lecture - BOLTON ABBEY . . . A HERITAGE ESTATE by John Sheard.

John Sheard is the Agent of the Bolton Abbey Estate. Bolton Abbey Village Hall at 10.30 a.m. Packed lunches to be consumed prior to the afternoon walk.

Walk round the Bolton Abbey Estate with John Sheard; easy walking. Meet 2.00 p.m. at notice board at top end of Bolton Abbey car park. Further details from *Chris Hartley on Guiseley 872511*.

Saturday, December 5th

Walk – Leader Eric Jackson Tel: Olley 466314 – round the Studley Royal Estate. Meet at the new National Trust Visitor Centre at Fountains Abbey at 10.30 a.m. for an easy walk. Bring packed lunch with you.

Lecture - BEFRIENDING THE DALES by Ed Echlin.

Ed Echlin is a conservationist who lives on the edge of the Dales. Hugh Ripley Hall, Ripon, 2.00 p.m.

Saturday, January 9th

Walk – Leader Chris Hartley Tel: Guiseley 872511 – to Lumley Reservoir; a moderate walk with possible pub lunch at Gatley Arms or bring packed lunch. Meet 10.30 a.m. at Grantley village.

Lecture - ROYAL HUNTING FORESTS OF YORKSHIRE by Dr. Maurice Taylor.

Dr. Maurice Taylor is a historian. Grantley Village Hall 2.00 p.m.

Saturday, February 6th

Walk – Leader Colin Speakman Tel: Ilkley 607868 – in the Ilkley area. Meet at Ilkley Railway Station, 10.30 a.m. Either bring packed lunch or pubs and cafés available in Ilkley.

Lecture - THE REALITIES OF DALES FARMING by Peter Knight.

Peter Knight is a retired Dales farming advisor. Addingham Village Hall, 2.00 p.m.

Saturday, March 13th

Walk – Leader Chris Wright Tel: (0937) 573427 – along the Leeds - Liverpool canal. Easy walking; bring packed lunch. Meet Gargrave Village Hall, 10.30 a.m.

Lecture - THE LEEDS-LIVERPOOL CANAL by David Blackburn.

David Blackburn is Area Manager of the Leeds-Liverpool canal. Gargrave Village Hall, 2.00 p.m.

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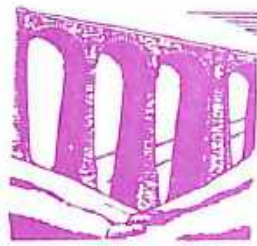
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THE VITAL LINK IN THE BRITISH RAIL NETWORK

A Line for all seasons. The seventy miles from Settle to Carlisle may be not only the most spectacular railway journey in Britain but amongst the most memorable journeys in the world. Through the breathtaking Yorkshire Dales, over the Pennines into the pretty Eden Valley, and on to Carlisle the commanding capital of Cumbria. It's an ever-changing panorama of the scenic splendour of Britain — unspoiled and uncrowded.

NEAREST STATIONS ARE:

Garsdale — for Hawes, Upper Wensleydale and Sedbergh
Garsdale and Kirkby Stephen — for Upper Swaledale

Bus Links

Wensleydale & Swaledale - Garsdale station - Sedbergh - Kendal								
11 May to 27 September								
	Mon-Fri			Saturday			Sunday	
Askrigg	0937	1210	1820	1003	....	1600	....	0950 1640
Bainbridge	0940	1213	1823	1007	....	....	....	0954
Muker	....	....	....	....	....	1620	....	.... 1700
Keld	....	....	....	....	....	1630	....	.... 1710
Hawes	0954	1227	1837	1020	....	1715	....	1007 1755
Garsdale station a.	1012	1245	1855	1040	....	1735	....	1027 1815
train to north	1017	....	1907	1131	....	....	....	1037 1859
train to south	1045	1251	1900	1045	....	1741	....	1101 1821
train from north	....	....	....	1045	....	1741	....	....
train from south	....	....	....	1017	....	....	....	....
Garsdale Station d.	....	....	....	1047	....	1745	....	....
Sedbergh, Main St.	....	....	....	1112	1120	1810	1820	....
Oxenholme, rly. stn.	....	....	....	....	1154	....	1854	....
Kendal	....	....	....	....	1200	....	1900	....
	Mon-Fri			Saturday			Sunday	
Kendal	....	....	....	1030	....	1745	....	....
Oxenholme, rly. stn.	....	....	....	1036	....	1751	....	....
Sedbergh, Main St.	....	....	....	1110	1115	1825	1835	....
Garsdale station a.	....	....	....	....	1140	....	1900	....
train to north	....	....	....	....	1217	....	1907	....
train to south	....	....	....	....	....	....	1928	....
train from north	1045	1251	1900	....	1045	....	1928	.... 1821
train from south	1017	1217	1907	....	1131	....	1907	1037
Garsdale station d.	1050	1300	1910	....	1140	....	1930	1045 1825
Hawes	1108	1318	1928	....	1200	....	1950	1105 1845
Keld	....	....	....	....	1245	....	....	1150
Muker	....	....	....	....	1255	....	....	1200
Bainbridge	1122	1332	1942	....	....	....	2003	.... 1858
Askrigg	1125	1335	1945	....	1315	....	2007	1220 1902

Services may change — please check before travelling

OTHER LOCAL SERVICES INCLUDE:

Postbus (Bedale to Hawes) United Bus Company (various)
Dalesbus (from Leeds) From Sedbergh (some Sundays)

Details from TICs and in *Dales Connections* (50p + large SAE from Elmtree Publications, The Elms, Exelby, Bedale, N. Yorkshire DL8 2HD), or telephone **Settle-Carlisle Helpline** (0228) 812812.